By Senator Lee

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1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to motor vehicle insurance; repealing
3	ss. 627.730, 627.731, 627.7311, 627.732, 627.733,
4	627.734, 627.736, 627.737, 627.739, 627.7401,
5	627.7403, and 627.7405, F.S., which comprise the
6	Florida Motor Vehicle No-Fault Law; repealing s.
7	627.7407, F.S., relating to application of the Florida
8	Motor Vehicle No-Fault Law; amending s. 316.646, F.S.;
9	revising a requirement for proof of security on a
10	motor vehicle and the applicability of the
11	requirement; amending s. 318.18, F.S.; conforming a
12	provision to changes made by the act; amending s.
13	320.02, F.S.; revising the motor vehicle insurance
14	coverages that an applicant must show to register
15	certain vehicles with the Department of Highway Safety
16	and Motor Vehicles; conforming a provision to changes
17	made by the act; revising construction; amending s.
18	320.0609, F.S.; conforming a provision to changes made
19	by the act; amending s. 320.27, F.S.; defining the
20	term "garage liability insurance"; revising garage
21	liability insurance requirements for motor vehicle
22	dealer applicants; conforming a provision to changes
23	made by the act; amending s. 320.771, F.S.; revising
24	garage liability insurance requirements for
25	recreational vehicle dealer license applicants;
26	amending ss. 322.251 and 322.34, F.S.; conforming
27	provisions to changes made by the act; amending s.
28	324.011, F.S.; revising legislative intent; amending
29	s. 324.021, F.S.; revising definitions of the terms

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20-00389C-19 20191052 30 "motor vehicle" and "proof of financial 31 responsibility"; revising minimum coverage 32 requirements for proof of financial responsibility for specified motor vehicles; defining the term "for-hire 33 34 passenger transportation vehicle"; conforming 35 provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 36 324.022, F.S.; revising minimum liability coverage 37 requirements for motor vehicle owners or operators; revising authorized methods for meeting such 38 39 requirements; deleting a provision relating to an 40 insurer's duty to defend certain claims; revising the vehicles that are excluded from the definition of the 41 42 term "motor vehicle"; providing security requirements for certain excluded vehicles; conforming provisions 43 44 to changes made by the act; conforming crossreferences; amending s. 324.0221, F.S.; revising 45 46 coverages that subject a policy to certain insurer 47 reporting and notice requirements; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 48 49 324.023, F.S.; conforming cross-references; amending 50 s. 324.031, F.S.; revising the amount of a certificate 51 of deposit required to elect a certain method of proof 52 of financial responsibility; revising excess liability 53 coverage requirements for a person electing to use such method; amending s. 324.032, F.S.; revising 54 financial responsibility requirements for owners or 55 56 lessees of for-hire passenger transportation vehicles; 57 amending ss. 324.051, 324.071, 324.091, and 324.151, 58 F.S.; making technical changes; amending s. 324.161,

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20-00389C-19 20191052 59 F.S.; revising requirements for a certificate of 60 deposit that is required if a person elects a certain 61 method of proving financial responsibility; amending 62 s. 324.171, F.S.; revising the minimum net worth 63 requirements to qualify certain persons as self-64 insurers; conforming provisions to changes made by the 65 act; amending s. 324.251, F.S.; revising the short title and an effective date; amending s. 400.9905, 66 F.S.; revising the definition of the term "clinic"; 67 amending ss. 400.991 and 400.9935, F.S.; conforming 68 69 provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 70 409.901, F.S.; revising the definition of the term 71 "third-party benefit"; amending s. 409.910, F.S.; 72 revising the definition of the term "medical coverage"; amending s. 456.057, F.S.; conforming a 73 74 cross-reference; amending s. 456.072, F.S.; revising 75 specified grounds for discipline for certain health 76 professions; amending s. 626.9541, F.S.; conforming a 77 provision to changes made by the act; revising the 78 type of insurance coverage applicable to a certain prohibited act; amending s. 626.989, F.S.; revising 79 80 the definition of the term "fraudulent insurance act"; amending s. 627.06501, F.S.; revising coverages that 81 82 may provide for a reduction in motor vehicle insurance 83 policy premium charges under certain circumstances; amending s. 627.0652, F.S.; revising coverages that 84 85 must provide a premium charge reduction under certain 86 circumstances; amending s. 627.0653, F.S.; revising 87 coverages subject to premium discounts for specified

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20-00389C-19 20191052 88 motor vehicle equipment; amending s. 627.4132, F.S.; 89 revising the coverages of a motor vehicle policy which 90 are subject to a stacking prohibition; amending s. 91 627.7263, F.S.; revising coverages that are deemed 92 primary, except under certain circumstances, for the lessor of a motor vehicle for lease or rent; revising 93 94 a notice that is required if the lessee's coverage is 95 to be primary; creating s. 627.7265, F.S.; specifying persons whom medical payments coverage must protect; 96 97 requiring medical payments coverage to provide 98 specified medical expense coverage and a specified 99 death benefit; specifying coverage options an insurer must and may offer; providing that motor vehicle 100 101 liability insurance policies are deemed to have 102 medical payments coverage at a certain limit and with 103 no deductible, unless rejected or modified by the 104 policyholder by certain means; specifying requirements 105 for certain forms approved by the Office of Insurance 106 Regulation; requiring insurers to provide 107 policyholders with a certain annual notice; providing 108 construction relating to limits on certain other 109 coverages; requiring insurers, upon receiving a 110 certain notice of an accident, to hold a specified 111 reserve for certain purposes for a specified time; 112 providing that the reserve requirement does not 113 require insurers to establish a claim reserve for 114 accounting purposes; providing that an insurer 115 providing medical payments coverage benefits may not 116 have a lien on a certain recovery and may not have

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20-00389C-19 20191052 117 certain causes of action; amending s. 627.727, F.S.; 118 conforming provisions to changes made by the act; 119 amending s. 627.7275, F.S.; revising required 120 coverages for a motor vehicle insurance policy; 121 conforming provisions to changes made by the act; 122 amending s. 627.728, F.S.; conforming a provision to 123 changes made by the act; amending s. 627.7295, F.S.; 124 revising the definitions of the terms "policy" and 125 "binder"; revising the coverages of a motor vehicle 126 insurance policy for which a licensed general lines agent may charge a specified fee; conforming a 127 128 provision to changes made by the act; amending s. 129 627.7415, F.S.; revising additional liability 130 insurance requirements for commercial motor vehicles; 131 amending s. 627.748, F.S.; revising insurance 132 requirements for transportation network company 133 drivers; conforming provisions to changes made by the 134 act; amending s. 627.8405, F.S.; revising coverages in 135 a policy sold in combination with an accidental death 136 and dismemberment policy which a premium finance 137 company may not finance; revising rulemaking authority 138 of the Financial Services Commission; amending ss. 627.915, 628.909, 705.184, and 713.78, F.S.; 139 140 conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 817.234, F.S.; revising coverages that are 141 142 the basis of specified prohibited false and fraudulent 143 insurance claims; conforming provisions to changes 144 made by the act; defining the term "minimum security requirements"; providing requirements, applicability, 145

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146	and construction relating to motor vehicle insurance
147	policies as of a certain date; requiring insurers to
148	allow certain insureds to make certain coverage
149	changes, subject to certain conditions; requiring an
150	insurer to provide, by a specified date, a specified
151	notice to policyholders relating to requirements under
152	the act; providing that driver license or registration
153	suspensions for failure to maintain required security
154	which were in effect before a specified date remain in
155	full force and effect; providing that such suspended
156	licenses or registrations may be reinstated as
157	provided in a specified section; providing an
158	appropriation; providing effective dates.
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160	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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162	Section 1. <u>Sections 627.730, 627.731, 627.7311, 627.732</u> ,
163	<u>627.733, 627.734, 627.736, 627.737, 627.739, 627.7401, 627.7403,</u>
164	and 627.7405, Florida Statutes, which comprise the Florida Motor
165	Vehicle No-Fault Law, are repealed.
166	Section 2. Section 627.7407, Florida Statutes, is repealed.
167	Section 3. Subsection (1) of section 316.646, Florida
168	Statutes, is amended to read:
169	316.646 Security required; proof of security and display
170	thereof
171	(1) Any person required by s. 324.022 to maintain <u>liability</u>
172	security for property damage, liability security, required by s.
173	324.023 to maintain liability security for bodily injury, or
174	death, or required by s. 627.733 to maintain personal injury
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20-00389C-19 20191052 175 protection security on a motor vehicle shall have in his or her 176 immediate possession at all times while operating such motor 177 vehicle proper proof of maintenance of the required security 178 required under s. 324.021(7). 179 (a) Such proof must shall be in a uniform paper or 180 electronic format, as prescribed by the department, a valid 181 insurance policy, an insurance policy binder, a certificate of 182 insurance, or such other proof as may be prescribed by the 183 department. 184 (b)1. The act of presenting to a law enforcement officer an 185 electronic device displaying proof of insurance in an electronic 186 format does not constitute consent for the officer to access any 187 information on the device other than the displayed proof of 188 insurance. 189 2. The person who presents the device to the officer 190 assumes the liability for any resulting damage to the device. 191 Section 4. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section 192 318.18, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 193 318.18 Amount of penalties.-The penalties required for a 194 noncriminal disposition pursuant to s. 318.14 or a criminal 195 offense listed in s. 318.17 are as follows: 196 (2) Thirty dollars for all nonmoving traffic violations 197 and: (b) For all violations of ss. 320.0605, 320.07(1), 322.065, 198 199 and 322.15(1). A Any person who is cited for a violation of s. 200 320.07(1) shall be charged a delinquent fee pursuant to s. 201 320.07(4). 1. If a person who is cited for a violation of s. 320.0605 202 or s. 320.07 can show proof of having a valid registration at 203

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20-00389C-19 20191052 204 the time of arrest, the clerk of the court may dismiss the case 205 and may assess a dismissal fee of up to \$10. A person who finds 206 it impossible or impractical to obtain a valid registration 207 certificate must submit an affidavit detailing the reasons for 208 the impossibility or impracticality. The reasons may include, 209 but are not limited to, the fact that the vehicle was sold, 210 stolen, or destroyed; that the state in which the vehicle is 211 registered does not issue a certificate of registration; or that 212 the vehicle is owned by another person. 213 2. If a person who is cited for a violation of s. 322.03, 214 s. 322.065, or s. 322.15 can show a driver license issued to him 215 or her and valid at the time of arrest, the clerk of the court 216 may dismiss the case and may assess a dismissal fee of up to \$10. 217 3. If a person who is cited for a violation of s. 316.646 218 219 can show proof of security as required by s. 324.021(7) s. 220 627.733, issued to the person and valid at the time of arrest, 221 the clerk of the court may dismiss the case and may assess a 222 dismissal fee of up to \$10. A person who finds it impossible or 223 impractical to obtain proof of security must submit an affidavit 224 detailing the reasons for the impracticality. The reasons may 225 include, but are not limited to, the fact that the vehicle has 226 since been sold, stolen, or destroyed; that the owner or registrant of the vehicle is not required by s. 627.733 to 227 maintain personal injury protection insurance; or that the 228 229 vehicle is owned by another person. 230 Section 5. Paragraphs (a) and (d) of subsection (5) of 231 section 320.02, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

320.02 Registration required; application for registration;

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234 (5) (a) Proof that bodily injury liability coverage and 235 property damage liability coverage personal injury protection 236 benefits have been purchased if required under s. 324.022, s. 237 324.032, or s. 627.742 s. 627.733, that property damage 238 liability coverage has been purchased as required under s. 239 324.022, that bodily injury liability or death coverage has been purchased if required under s. 324.023, and that combined bodily 240 liability insurance and property damage liability insurance have 241 been purchased if required under s. 627.7415 must shall be 242 243 provided in the manner prescribed by law by the applicant at the 244 time of application for registration of any motor vehicle that 245 is subject to such requirements. The issuing agent may not shall refuse to issue registration if such proof of purchase is not 246 provided. Insurers shall furnish uniform proof-of-purchase cards 247 248 in a paper or electronic format in a form prescribed by the 249 department and include the name of the insured's insurance 250 company, the coverage identification number, and the make, year, 251 and vehicle identification number of the vehicle insured. The 252 card must contain a statement notifying the applicant of the 253 penalty specified under s. 316.646(4). The card or insurance 254 policy, insurance policy binder, or certificate of insurance or 255 a photocopy of any of these; an affidavit containing the name of 256 the insured's insurance company, the insured's policy number, 257 and the make and year of the vehicle insured; or such other 258 proof as may be prescribed by the department constitutes shall 259 constitute sufficient proof of purchase. If an affidavit is 260 provided as proof, it must be in substantially the following 261 form:

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20-00389C-19 20191052 262 263 Under penalty of perjury, I ... (Name of insured) ... do hereby 264 certify that I have ... (bodily injury liability and Personal 265 Injury Protection, property damage liability, and, if required, 266 Bodily Injury Liability) ... insurance currently in effect with 267 ... (Name of insurance company)... under ... (policy number)... 268 covering ... (make, year, and vehicle identification number of 269 vehicle) (Signature of Insured) ... 270 271 Such affidavit must include the following warning: 272 273 WARNING: GIVING FALSE INFORMATION IN ORDER TO OBTAIN A VEHICLE 274 REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE UNDER FLORIDA 275 LAW. ANYONE GIVING FALSE INFORMATION ON THIS AFFIDAVIT IS 276 SUBJECT TO PROSECUTION. 277 278 If an application is made through a licensed motor vehicle 279 dealer as required under s. 319.23, the original or a photocopy 280 photostatic copy of such card, insurance policy, insurance 281 policy binder, or certificate of insurance or the original 282 affidavit from the insured must shall be forwarded by the dealer 283 to the tax collector of the county or the Department of Highway 284 Safety and Motor Vehicles for processing. By executing the 285 aforesaid affidavit, a no licensed motor vehicle dealer is not 286 will be liable in damages for any inadequacy, insufficiency, or falsification of any statement contained therein. A card must 287 288 also indicate the existence of any bodily injury liability 289 insurance voluntarily purchased. 290 (d) The verifying of proof of personal injury protection

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20-00389C-19 20191052 291 insurance, proof of property damage liability insurance, proof 292 of combined bodily liability insurance and property damage 293 liability insurance, or proof of financial responsibility 294 insurance and the issuance or failure to issue the motor vehicle 295 registration under the provisions of this chapter may not be 296 construed in any court as a warranty of the reliability or 297 accuracy of the evidence of such proof, or as meaning that the 298 provisions of any insurance policy furnished as proof of 299 financial responsibility comply with state law. Neither the 300 department nor any tax collector is not liable in damages for 301 any inadequacy, insufficiency, falsification, or unauthorized 302 modification of any item of the proof of personal injury protection insurance, proof of property damage liability 303 304 insurance, proof of combined bodily liability insurance and 305 property damage liability insurance, or proof of financial 306 responsibility before insurance prior to, during, or subsequent 307 to the verification of the proof. The issuance of a motor 308 vehicle registration does not constitute prima facie evidence or 309 a presumption of insurance coverage. 310 Section 6. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section 311 320.0609, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 312 320.0609 Transfer and exchange of registration license 313 plates; transfer fee.-314 (1)315 (b) The transfer of a license plate from a vehicle disposed 316 of to a newly acquired vehicle does not constitute a new 317 registration. The application for transfer shall be accepted without requiring proof of personal injury protection or 318 liability insurance. 319

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20-00389C-19 20191052 320 Section 7. Paragraph (g) is added to subsection (1) of 321 section 320.27, Florida Statutes, and subsection (3) of that 322 section is amended, to read: 323 320.27 Motor vehicle dealers.-324 (1) DEFINITIONS.-The following words, terms, and phrases 325 when used in this section have the meanings respectively 326 ascribed to them in this subsection, except where the context 327 clearly indicates a different meaning: 328 (g) "Garage liability insurance" means, beginning January 329 1, 2020, combined single-limit liability coverage, including 330 property damage and bodily injury liability coverage, in the 331 amount of at least \$60,000. 332 (3) APPLICATION AND FEE. - The application for the license 333 application must shall be in such form as may be prescribed by 334 the department and is shall be subject to such rules with 335 respect thereto as may be so prescribed by the department it. 336 Such application must shall be verified by oath or affirmation 337 and must shall contain a full statement of the name and birth 338 date of the person or persons applying for the license therefor; 339 the name of the firm or copartnership, with the names and places 340 of residence of all members thereof, if such applicant is a firm 341 or copartnership; the names and places of residence of the 342 principal officers, if the applicant is a body corporate or 343 other artificial body; the name of the state under whose laws the corporation is organized; the present and former place or 344 345 places of residence of the applicant; and the prior business in 346 which the applicant has been engaged and its the location 347 thereof. The Such application must shall describe the exact 348 location of the place of business and must shall state whether

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20-00389C-19 20191052 349 the place of business is owned by the applicant and when 350 acquired, or, if leased, a true copy of the lease must shall be 351 attached to the application. The applicant shall certify that 352 the location provides an adequately equipped office and is not a 353 residence; that the location affords sufficient unoccupied space 354 upon and within which adequately to store all motor vehicles 355 offered and displayed for sale; and that the location is a 356 suitable place where the applicant can in good faith carry on 357 such business and keep and maintain books, records, and files 358 necessary to conduct such business, which must shall be 359 available at all reasonable hours to inspection by the 360 department or any of its inspectors or other employees. The 361 applicant shall certify that the business of a motor vehicle 362 dealer is the principal business that will which shall be 363 conducted at that location. The application must shall contain a 364 statement that the applicant is either franchised by a 365 manufacturer of motor vehicles, in which case the name of each 366 motor vehicle that the applicant is franchised to sell must 367 shall be included, or an independent (nonfranchised) motor 368 vehicle dealer. The application must shall contain other 369 relevant information as may be required by the department. The 370 applicant shall furnish, including evidence, in a form approved 371 by the department, that the applicant is insured under a garage 372 liability insurance policy or a general liability insurance policy coupled with a business automobile policy having the 373 374 coverages and limits of the garage liability insurance coverage in accordance with paragraph (1)(g), which shall include, at a 375 376 minimum, \$25,000 combined single-limit liability coverage including bodily injury and property damage protection and 377

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378 \$10,000 personal injury protection. However, a salvage motor 379 vehicle dealer as defined in subparagraph (1)(c)5. is exempt 380 from the requirements for garage liability insurance and 381 personal injury protection insurance on those vehicles that 382 cannot be legally operated on roads, highways, or streets in 383 this state. Franchise dealers must submit a garage liability 384 insurance policy, and all other dealers must submit a garage 385 liability insurance policy or a general liability insurance 386 policy coupled with a business automobile policy. Such policy 387 must shall be for the license period, and evidence of a new or continued policy <u>must</u> shall be delivered to the department at 388 389 the beginning of each license period. Upon making an initial 390 application, the applicant shall pay to the department a fee of 391 \$300 in addition to any other fees required by law. Applicants 392 may choose to extend the licensure period for 1 additional year 393 for a total of 2 years. An initial applicant shall pay to the 394 department a fee of \$300 for the first year and \$75 for the 395 second year, in addition to any other fees required by law. An 396 applicant for renewal shall pay to the department \$75 for a 1-397 year renewal or \$150 for a 2-year renewal, in addition to any 398 other fees required by law. Upon making an application for a 399 change of location, the applicant person shall pay a fee of \$50 400 in addition to any other fees now required by law. The 401 department shall, in the case of every application for initial licensure, verify whether certain facts set forth in the 402 403 application are true. Each applicant, general partner in the 404 case of a partnership, or corporate officer and director in the 405 case of a corporate applicant shall, must file a set of 406 fingerprints with the department for the purpose of determining

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20-00389C-19 20191052 407 any prior criminal record or any outstanding warrants. The 408 department shall submit the fingerprints to the Department of 409 Law Enforcement for state processing and forwarding to the 410 Federal Bureau of Investigation for federal processing. The 411 actual cost of state and federal processing must shall be borne by the applicant and is in addition to the fee for licensure. 412 413 The department may issue a license to an applicant pending the 414 results of the fingerprint investigation, which license is fully revocable if the department subsequently determines that any 415 416 facts set forth in the application are not true or correctly 417 represented. 418 Section 8. Paragraph (j) of subsection (3) of section 419 320.771, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 420 320.771 License required of recreational vehicle dealers.-421 (3) APPLICATION.-The application for such license shall be 422 in the form prescribed by the department and subject to such 423 rules as may be prescribed by it. The application shall be 424 verified by oath or affirmation and shall contain: 425 (j) A statement that the applicant is insured under a 426 garage liability insurance policy in accordance with s. 427 320.27(1)(q), which shall include, at a minimum, \$25,000 428 combined single-limit liability coverage, including bodily 429 injury and property damage protection, and \$10,000 personal

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433 The department shall, if it deems necessary, cause an 434 investigation to be made to ascertain if the facts set forth in 435 the application are true and shall not issue a license to the

 $\frac{1}{1}$ injury protection, if the applicant is to be licensed as a

dealer in, or intends to sell, recreational vehicles.

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436 applicant until it is satisfied that the facts set forth in the 437 application are true. 438 Section 9. Subsections (1) and (2) of section 322.251, 439 Florida Statutes, are amended to read: 440 322.251 Notice of cancellation, suspension, revocation, or 441 disqualification of license.-442 (1) All orders of cancellation, suspension, revocation, or disqualification issued under the provisions of this chapter, 443 444 chapter 318, or chapter 324 must, or ss. 627.732-627.734 shall 445 be given either by personal delivery thereof to the licensee whose license is being canceled, suspended, revoked, or 446 447 disqualified or by deposit in the United States mail in an 448 envelope, first class, postage prepaid, addressed to the 449 licensee at his or her last known mailing address furnished to 450 the department. Such mailing by the department constitutes 451 notification, and any failure by the person to receive the 452 mailed order will not affect or stay the effective date or term 453 of the cancellation, suspension, revocation, or disqualification 454 of the licensee's driving privilege. 455 (2) The giving of notice and an order of cancellation, 456 suspension, revocation, or disqualification by mail is complete 457 upon expiration of 20 days after deposit in the United States 458 mail for all notices except those issued under chapter 324 or 459 ss. 627.732-627.734, which are complete 15 days after deposit in 460 the United States mail. Proof of the giving of notice and an 461 order of cancellation, suspension, revocation, or 462 disqualification in either manner must shall be made by entry in 463 the records of the department that such notice was given. The entry is admissible in the courts of this state and constitutes 464

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465	sufficient proof that such notice was given.
466	Section 10. Paragraph (a) of subsection (8) of section
467	322.34, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
468	322.34 Driving while license suspended, revoked, canceled,
469	or disqualified
470	(8)(a) Upon the arrest of a person for the offense of
471	driving while the person's driver license or driving privilege
472	is suspended or revoked, the arresting officer shall determine:
473	1. Whether the person's driver license is suspended or
474	revoked.
475	2. Whether the person's driver license has remained
476	suspended or revoked since a conviction for the offense of
477	driving with a suspended or revoked license.
478	3. Whether the suspension or revocation was made under s.
479	316.646 or s. 627.733, relating to failure to maintain required
480	security, or under s. 322.264, relating to habitual traffic
481	offenders.
482	4. Whether the driver is the registered owner or coowner of
483	the vehicle.
484	Section 11. Section 324.011, Florida Statutes, is amended
485	to read:
486	324.011 Legislative intent and purpose of chapter.—It is
487	the <u>Legislature's</u> intent of this chapter to <u>ensure that the</u>
488	privilege of owning or operating a motor vehicle in this state
489	is exercised recognize the existing privilege to own or operate
490	a motor vehicle on the public streets and highways of this state
491	when such vehicles are used with due consideration for <u>others'</u>
492	<u>safety</u> others and their property, and to promote safety <u>,</u> and <u>to</u>
493	provide financial security requirements for such owners <u>and</u> or
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20-00389C-19 20191052 494 operators whose responsibility it is to recompense others for 495 injury to person or property caused by the operation of a motor 496 vehicle. Therefore, this chapter requires that every owner or 497 operator of a motor vehicle required to be registered in this 498 state establish, maintain, and it is required herein that the 499 operator of a motor vehicle involved in a crash or convicted of 500 certain traffic offenses meeting the operative provisions of s. 501 324.051(2) shall respond for such damages and show proof of 502 financial ability to respond for damages arising out of the 503 ownership, maintenance, or use of a motor vehicle in future 504 accidents as a requisite to owning or operating a motor vehicle 505 in this state his or her future exercise of such privileges.

506 Section 12. Subsections (1) and (7) and paragraph (c) of 507 subsection (9) of section 324.021, Florida Statutes, are 508 amended, and subsection (12) is added to that section, to read:

509 324.021 Definitions; minimum insurance required.—The 510 following words and phrases when used in this chapter shall, for 511 the purpose of this chapter, have the meanings respectively 512 ascribed to them in this section, except in those instances 513 where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

514 (1) MOTOR VEHICLE.-Every self-propelled vehicle that is 515 designed and required to be licensed for use upon a highway, 516 including trailers and semitrailers designed for use with such 517 vehicles, except traction engines, road rollers, farm tractors, power shovels, and well drillers, and every vehicle that is 518 519 propelled by electric power obtained from overhead wires but not 520 operated upon rails, but not including any personal delivery 521 device or mobile carrier as defined in s. 316.003, bicycle, or moped. However, the term "motor vehicle" does not include a 522

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523 motor vehicle as defined in s. 627.732(3) when the owner of 524 vehicle has complied with the requirements of ss. 627.730- 525 627.7405, inclusive, unless the provisions of s. 324.051 a and, in such case, the applicable proof of insurance provi 527 of s. 320.02 apply. 528 (7) PROOF OF FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY. That Proof of 529 hereit and a set of the se	pply; sions of a
525 627.7405, inclusive, unless the provisions of s. 324.051 a and, in such case, the applicable proof of insurance provi of s. 320.02 apply. (7) PROOF OF FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY.—That Proof of	pply; sions of a
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528 (7) PROOF OF FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY.—That Proof of	
529 ability to respond in damages for liability on account of	
530 crashes arising out of the <u>ownership</u> , <u>maintenance</u> , or use	
531 motor vehicle:	
532 (a) <u>Beginning January 1, 2020</u> , with respect to a moto	r
533 vehicle that is not a commercial motor vehicle, nonpublic	sector
534 bus, or for-hire passenger transportation vehicle, in the	amount
535 of <u>:</u>	
536 <u>1. Twenty-five thousand dollars for</u> \$10,000 because o	£
537 bodily injury to, or the death of, one person in any one c	rash
538 <u>and</u> , +	
539 (b) subject to such limits for one person, in the amo	unt of
540 $\frac{50,000 \text{ for } \$20,000 because of bodily injury to, or the de$	ath
541 of, two or more persons in any one crash; and	
542 <u>2.(c)</u> Ten thousand dollars for damage In the amount o	£
543 \$10,000 because of injury to, or destruction of, property	of
544 others in any one crash <u>.; and</u>	
545 (b) (d) With respect to commercial motor vehicles and	
546 nonpublic sector buses, in the amounts specified in <u>s. 627</u>	.7415
547 ss. 627.7415 and 627.742, respectively.	
548 (c) With respect to nonpublic sector buses, in the am	ounts
549 <u>specified in s. 627.742.</u>	
550 (d) With respect to for-hire passenger transportation	
551 vehicles, in the amounts specified in s. 324.032.	

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(9) OWNER; OWNER/LESSOR.(c) Application.1. The limits on liability in subparagraphs (b)2. and 3. do
not apply to an owner of motor vehicles that are used for
commercial activity in the owner's ordinary course of business,
other than a rental company that rents or leases motor vehicles.
For purposes of this paragraph, the term "rental company"

includes only an entity that is engaged in the business of renting or leasing motor vehicles to the general public and that rents or leases a majority of its motor vehicles to persons with no direct or indirect affiliation with the rental company. The term also includes a motor vehicle dealer that provides temporary replacement vehicles to its customers for up to 10 days. The term "rental company" also includes:

a. A related rental or leasing company that is a subsidiary
of the same parent company as that of the renting or leasing
company that rented or leased the vehicle.

569 b. The holder of a motor vehicle title or an equity 570 interest in a motor vehicle title if the title or equity 571 interest is held pursuant to or to facilitate an asset-backed 572 securitization of a fleet of motor vehicles used solely in the 573 business of renting or leasing motor vehicles to the general 574 public and under the dominion and control of a rental company, 575 as described in this subparagraph, in the operation of such 576 rental company's business.

577 2. Furthermore, with respect to commercial motor vehicles 578 as defined in <u>s. 207.002 or s. 320.01</u> s. 627.732, the limits on 579 liability in subparagraphs (b)2. and 3. do not apply if, at the 580 time of the incident, the commercial motor vehicle is being used

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581	in the transportation of materials found to be hazardous for the
582	purposes of the Hazardous Materials Transportation Authorization
583	Act of 1994, as amended, 49 U.S.C. ss. 5101 et seq., and that is
584	required pursuant to such act to carry placards warning others
585	of the hazardous cargo, unless at the time of lease or rental
586	either:
587	a. The lessee indicates in writing that the vehicle will
588	not be used to transport materials found to be hazardous for the
589	purposes of the Hazardous Materials Transportation Authorization
590	Act of 1994, as amended, 49 U.S.C. ss. 5101 et seq.; or
591	b. The lessee or other operator of the commercial motor
592	vehicle has in effect insurance with limits of at least $\frac{\$5}{2}$
593	million \$5,000,000 combined property damage and bodily injury
594	liability.
595	(12) FOR-HIRE PASSENGER TRANSPORTATION VEHICLEEvery "for-
596	hire vehicle" as defined in s. 320.01(15) which is offered or
597	used to provide transportation for persons, including taxicabs,
598	limousines, and jitneys.
599	Section 13. Section 324.022, Florida Statutes, is amended
600	to read:
601	324.022 Financial responsibility <u>requirements</u> for property
602	damage
603	(1) <u>(a) Beginning January 1, 2020,</u> every owner or operator
604	of a motor vehicle required to be registered in this state shall
605	establish and <u>continuously</u> maintain the ability to respond in
606	damages for liability on account of accidents arising out of the
607	use of the motor vehicle in the amount of:
608	1. Twenty-five thousand dollars for bodily injury to, or
609	the death of, one person in any one crash and, subject to such
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610	limits for one person, in the amount of \$50,000 for bodily
611	injury to, or the death of, two or more persons in any one
612	crash; and
613	2. Ten thousand dollars for \$10,000 because of damage to,
614	or destruction of, property of others in any one crash.
615	(b) The requirements of <u>paragraph (a)</u> this section may be
616	met by one of the methods established in s. 324.031; by self-
617	insuring as authorized by s. 768.28(16); or by maintaining <u>a</u>
618	motor vehicle liability insurance policy that an insurance
619	policy providing coverage for property damage liability in the
620	amount of at least \$10,000 because of damage to, or destruction
621	of, property of others in any one accident arising out of the
622	use of the motor vehicle. The requirements of this section may
623	also be met by having a policy which provides combined property
624	damage liability and bodily injury liability coverage for any
625	one crash arising out of the ownership, maintenance, or use of a
626	motor vehicle which conforms to the requirements of s. 324.151
627	in the amount of at least \$60,000 for every owner or operator
628	subject to the financial responsibility required in paragraph
629	(a) \$30,000 for combined property damage liability and bodily
630	injury liability for any one crash arising out of the use of the
631	motor vehicle. The policy, with respect to coverage for property
632	damage liability, must meet the applicable requirements of s.
633	324.151, subject to the usual policy exclusions that have been
634	approved in policy forms by the Office of Insurance Regulation.
635	No insurer shall have any duty to defend uncovered claims
636	irrespective of their joinder with covered claims.
637	(2) As used in this section, the term:
638	(a) "Motor vehicle" means any self-propelled vehicle that

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639	has four or more wheels and that is of a type designed and
640	required to be licensed for use on the highways of this state,
641	and any trailer or semitrailer designed for use with such
642	vehicle. The term does not include the following:
643	1. A mobile home as defined in s. 320.01.
644	2. A motor vehicle that is used in mass transit and
645	designed to transport more than five passengers, exclusive of
646	the operator of the motor vehicle, and that is owned by a
647	municipality, transit authority, or political subdivision of the
648	state.
649	3. A school bus as defined in s. 1006.25, which must
650	maintain security as required under s. 316.615.
651	4. A commercial motor vehicle as defined in s. 207.002 or
652	s. 320.01, which must maintain security as required under ss.
653	324.031 and 627.7415.
654	5. A nonpublic sector bus, which must maintain security as
655	required under ss. 324.031 and 627.742.
656	<u>6.4.</u> A vehicle providing for-hire <u>passenger</u> transportation
657	vehicle, which must that is subject to the provisions of s.
658	324.031. A taxicab shall maintain security as required under <u>s.</u>
659	<u>324.032</u> s. 324.032(1) .
660	7.5. A personal delivery device as defined in s. 316.003.
661	(b) "Owner" means the person who holds legal title to a
662	motor vehicle or the debtor or lessee who has the right to
663	possession of a motor vehicle that is the subject of a security
664	agreement or lease with an option to purchase.
665	(3) Each nonresident owner or registrant of a motor vehicle
666	that, whether operated or not, has been physically present
667	within this state for more than 90 days during the preceding 365

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692 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
693 324.0221 Reports by insurers to the department; suspension

694 of driver license and vehicle registrations; reinstatement.-

(1) (a) Each insurer that has issued a policy providing
 personal injury protection coverage or property damage liability

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20-00389C-19 20191052 697 coverage shall report the cancellation or nonrenewal thereof to 698 the department within 10 days after the processing date or 699 effective date of each cancellation or nonrenewal. Upon the 700 issuance of a policy providing personal injury protection 701 coverage or property damage liability coverage to a named 702 insured not previously insured by the insurer during that 703 calendar year, the insurer shall report the issuance of the new 704 policy to the department within 10 days. The report must shall 705 be in the form and format and contain any information required 706 by the department and must be provided in a format that is 707 compatible with the data processing capabilities of the 708 department. Failure by an insurer to file proper reports with 709 the department as required by this subsection constitutes a 710 violation of the Florida Insurance Code. These records may shall be used by the department only for enforcement and regulatory 711 712 purposes, including the generation by the department of data 713 regarding compliance by owners of motor vehicles with the 714 requirements for financial responsibility coverage.

715 (b) With respect to an insurance policy providing personal 716 injury protection coverage or property damage liability 717 coverage, each insurer shall notify the named insured, or the 718 first-named insured in the case of a commercial fleet policy, in 719 writing that any cancellation or nonrenewal of the policy will 720 be reported by the insurer to the department. The notice must 721 also inform the named insured that failure to maintain bodily 722 injury liability personal injury protection coverage and 723 property damage liability coverage on a motor vehicle when 724 required by law may result in the loss of registration and 725 driving privileges in this state and inform the named insured of

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20-00389C-19 20191052 726 the amount of the reinstatement fees required by this section. 727 This notice is for informational purposes only, and an insurer is not civilly liable for failing to provide this notice. 728 729 (2) The department shall suspend, after due notice and an 730 opportunity to be heard, the registration and driver license of 731 any owner or registrant of a motor vehicle for with respect to 732 which security is required under s. 324.022, s. 324.032, s. 627.7415, or s. 627.742 ss. 324.022 and 627.733 upon: 733 734 (a) The department's records showing that the owner or 735 registrant of such motor vehicle did not have the in full force 736 and effect when required security in full force and effect that 737 complies with the requirements of ss. 324.022 and 627.733; or 738 (b) Notification by the insurer to the department, in a 739 form approved by the department, of cancellation or termination 740 of the required security. 741 Section 15. Section 324.023, Florida Statutes, is amended 742 to read: 743 324.023 Financial responsibility for bodily injury or 744 death.-In addition to any other financial responsibility 745 required by law, every owner or operator of a motor vehicle that 746 is required to be registered in this state, or that is located 747 within this state, and who, regardless of adjudication of guilt, 748 has been found quilty of or entered a plea of quilty or nolo 749 contendere to a charge of driving under the influence under s. 750 316.193 after October 1, 2007, shall, by one of the methods 751 established in s. 324.031(1)(a) or (b) s. 324.031(1) or (2), 752 establish and maintain the ability to respond in damages for 753 liability on account of accidents arising out of the use of a 754 motor vehicle in the amount of \$100,000 because of bodily injury

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20-00389C-19 20191052 755 to, or death of, one person in any one crash and, subject to 756 such limits for one person, in the amount of \$300,000 because of 757 bodily injury to, or death of, two or more persons in any one 758 crash and in the amount of \$50,000 because of property damage in 759 any one crash. If the owner or operator chooses to establish and 760 maintain such ability by furnishing a certificate of deposit 761 pursuant to s. 324.031(1)(b) s. 324.031(2), such certificate of 762 deposit must be at least \$350,000. Such higher limits must be 763 carried for a minimum period of 3 years. If the owner or 764 operator has not been convicted of driving under the influence 765 or a felony traffic offense for a period of 3 years from the 766 date of reinstatement of driving privileges for a violation of 767 s. 316.193, the owner or operator shall be exempt from this 768 section. 769 Section 16. Section 324.031, Florida Statutes, is amended 770 to read: 771 324.031 Manner of proving financial responsibility.-772 (1) The owner or operator of a taxicab, limousine, jitney, 773 or any other for-hire passenger transportation vehicle may prove 774 financial responsibility by providing satisfactory evidence of 775 holding a motor vehicle liability policy as defined in s. 776 324.021(8) or s. 324.151, which policy is issued by an insurance 777 carrier which is a member of the Florida Insurance Guaranty 778 Association. The operator or owner of a motor vehicle other than 779 a for-hire passenger transportation vehicle any other vehicle 780 may prove his or her financial responsibility by:

781 (a) (1) Furnishing satisfactory evidence of holding a motor 782 vehicle liability policy as defined in ss. 324.021(8) and 783 324.151;

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784	<u>(b)</u> Furnishing a certificate of self-insurance showing a
785	deposit of cash in accordance with s. 324.161; or
786	<u>(c)</u> Furnishing a certificate of self-insurance issued by
787	the department in accordance with s. 324.171.
788	(2)(a) Beginning January 1, 2020, any person , including any
789	firm, partnership, association, corporation, or other person,
790	other than a natural person, electing to use the method of proof
791	specified in <u>paragraph (1)(b)</u> subsection (2) shall furnish a
792	certificate of deposit equal to the number of vehicles owned
793	times <u>\$60,000</u> \$30,000 , to a maximum of <u>\$240,000.</u> \$120,000;
794	(b) In addition, any such person , other than a natural
795	person, shall maintain insurance providing coverage <u>conforming</u>
796	to the requirements of s. 324.151 in excess of the amount of the
797	certificate of deposit, with limits of at least:
798	1. One hundred twenty-five thousand dollars for bodily
799	injury to, or the death of, one person in any one crash and,
800	subject to such limits for one person, in the amount of \$250,000
801	for bodily injury to, or the death of, two or more persons in
802	any one crash, and \$50,000 for damage to, or destruction of,
803	property of others in any one crash; or
804	2. Three hundred thousand dollars for combined bodily
805	injury liability and property damage liability for any one crash
806	\$10,000/20,000/10,000 or \$30,000 combined single limits, and
807	such excess insurance shall provide minimum limits of
808	\$125,000/250,000/50,000 or \$300,000 combined single limits.
809	These increased limits shall not affect the requirements for
810	proving financial responsibility under s. 324.032(1).
811	Section 17. Section 324.032, Florida Statutes, is amended
812	to read:
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813	324.032 Manner of proving Financial responsibility <u>for</u> ;
814	for-hire passenger transportation vehicles. Notwithstanding the
815	provisions of s. 324.031:
816	(1) An owner or lessee of a for-hire passenger
817	transportation vehicle that is required to be registered in this
818	state shall establish and continuously maintain the ability to
819	respond in damages for liability on account of accidents arising
820	out of the ownership, maintenance, or use of the for-hire
821	passenger transportation vehicle, in the amount of:
822	(a) One hundred twenty-five thousand dollars for bodily
823	injury to, or the death of, one person in any one crash and,
824	subject to such limits for one person, in the amount of \$250,000
825	for bodily injury to, or the death of, two or more persons in
826	any one crash; and A person who is either the owner or a lessee
827	required to maintain insurance under s. 627.733(1)(b) and who
828	operates one or more taxicabs, limousines, jitneys, or any other
829	for-hire passenger transportation vehicles may prove financial
830	responsibility by furnishing satisfactory evidence of holding a
831	motor vehicle liability policy, but with minimum limits of
832	\$125,000/250,000/50,000.
833	(b) Fifty thousand dollars for damage to, or destruction
834	of, property of others in any one crash A person who is either
835	the owner or a lessee required to maintain insurance under s.
836	324.021(9)(b) and who operates limousines, jitneys, or any other
837	for-hire passenger vehicles, other than taxicabs, may prove
838	financial responsibility by furnishing satisfactory evidence of
839	holding a motor vehicle liability policy as defined in s.
840	324.031 .
841	(2) Except as provided in subsection (3), the requirements
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842	of this section must be met by the owner or lessee providing
843	satisfactory evidence of holding a motor vehicle liability
844	policy conforming to the requirements of s. 324.151 which is
845	issued by an insurance carrier that is a member of the Florida
846	Insurance Guaranty Association.
847	(3) (2) An owner or a lessee who is required to maintain
848	insurance under s. 324.021(9)(b) and who operates at least 300
849	taxicabs, limousines, jitneys, or any other for-hire passenger
850	transportation vehicles may provide financial responsibility by
851	complying with the provisions of s. 324.171, <u>which must</u> such
852	compliance to be demonstrated by maintaining at its principal
853	place of business an audited financial statement, prepared in
854	accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and
855	providing to the department a certification issued by a
856	certified public accountant that the applicant's net worth is at
857	least equal to the requirements of s. 324.171 as determined by
858	the Office of Insurance Regulation of the Financial Services
859	Commission, including claims liabilities in an amount certified
860	as adequate by a Fellow of the Casualty Actuarial Society.
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862	Upon request by the department, the applicant <u>shall</u> must provide
863	the department at the applicant's principal place of business in
864	this state access to the applicant's underlying financial
865	information and financial statements that provide the basis of
866	the certified public accountant's certification. The applicant
867	shall reimburse the requesting department for all reasonable
868	costs incurred by it in reviewing the supporting information.
869	The maximum amount of self-insurance permissible under this
870	subsection is \$300,000 and must be stated on a per-occurrence

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871	basis, and the applicant shall maintain adequate excess
872	insurance issued by an authorized or eligible insurer licensed
873	or approved by the Office of Insurance Regulation. All risks
874	self-insured shall remain with the owner or lessee providing it,
875	and the risks are not transferable to any other person, unless a
876	policy complying with <u>subsections (1) and (2)</u> subsection (1) is
877	obtained.
878	Section 18. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section
879	324.051, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
880	324.051 Reports of crashes; suspensions of licenses and
881	registrations
882	(2)
883	(b) This subsection <u>does</u> shall not apply:
884	1. To such operator or owner if such operator or owner had
885	in effect at the time of such crash or traffic conviction \underline{a}
886	motor vehicle an automobile liability policy with respect to all
887	of the registered motor vehicles owned by such operator or
888	owner.
889	2. To such operator, if not the owner of such motor
890	vehicle, if there was in effect at the time of such crash or
891	traffic conviction <u>a motor vehicle</u> an automobile liability
892	policy or bond with respect to his or her operation of motor
893	vehicles not owned by him or her.
894	3. To such operator or owner if the liability of such
895	operator or owner for damages resulting from such crash is, in
896	the judgment of the department, covered by any other form of
897	liability insurance or bond.
898	4. To any person who has obtained from the department a
899	certificate of self-insurance, in accordance with s. 324.171, or
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900	to any person operating a motor vehicle for such self-insurer.
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902	No such policy or bond shall be effective under this subsection
903	unless it contains limits of not less than those specified in s.
904	324.021(7).
905	Section 19. Section 324.071, Florida Statutes, is amended
906	to read:
907	324.071 Reinstatement; renewal of license; reinstatement
908	fee.— <u>An</u> Any operator or owner whose license or registration has
909	been suspended pursuant to s. 324.051(2), s. 324.072, s.
910	324.081, or s. 324.121 may effect its reinstatement upon
911	compliance with the provisions of s. 324.051(2)(a)3. or 4., or
912	s. 324.081(2) and (3), as the case may be, and with one of the
913	provisions of s. 324.031 and upon payment to the department of a
914	nonrefundable reinstatement fee of \$15. Only one such fee \underline{may}
915	shall be paid by any one person <u>regardless</u> irrespective of the
916	number of licenses and registrations to be then reinstated or
917	issued to such person. All Such fees must shall be deposited to
918	a department trust fund. If $rak{When}$ the reinstatement of any
919	license or registration is effected by compliance with s.
920	324.051(2)(a)3. or 4., the department <u>may</u> shall not renew the
921	license or registration within a period of 3 years <u>after</u> from
922	such reinstatement, nor <u>may</u> $\frac{1}{2}$ shall any other license or
923	registration be issued in the name of such person, unless the
924	operator <u>continues</u> is continuing to comply with one of the
925	provisions of s. 324.031.
926	Section 20. Subsection (1) of section 324.091, Florida
927	Statutes, is amended to read:
928	324.091 Notice to department; notice to insurer

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20-00389C-19 20191052 929 (1) Each owner and operator involved in a crash or 930 conviction case within the purview of this chapter shall furnish 931 evidence of automobile liability insurance or motor vehicle 932 liability insurance within 14 days after the date of the mailing 933 of notice of crash by the department in the form and manner as 934 it may designate. Upon receipt of evidence that a an automobile 935 liability policy or motor vehicle liability policy was in effect 936 at the time of the crash or conviction case, the department 937 shall forward to the insurer such information for verification in a method as determined by the department. The insurer shall 938 939 respond to the department within 20 days after the notice as to 940 whether or not such information is valid. If the department 941 determines that a an automobile liability policy or motor 942 vehicle liability policy was not in effect and did not provide 943 coverage for both the owner and the operator, it must shall take 944 action as it is authorized to do under this chapter. 945 Section 21. Section 324.151, Florida Statutes, is amended 946 to read: 947 324.151 Motor vehicle liability policies; required 948 provisions.-949 (1) A motor vehicle liability policy that serves as to be 950 proof of financial responsibility under s. 324.031(1)(a) must s. 951 324.031(1), shall be issued to owners or operators of motor 952 vehicles under the following provisions: 953 (a) A motor vehicle An owner's liability insurance policy 954 issued to an owner of a motor vehicle registered in this state 955 must shall designate by explicit description or by appropriate 956 reference all motor vehicles for with respect to which coverage

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is thereby granted. The policy must and shall insure the person

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20-00389C-19 20191052 958 or persons owner named therein and any other person as operator 959 using such motor vehicle or motor vehicles with the express or 960 implied permission of such owner against loss from the liability 961 imposed by law for damage arising out of the ownership, 962 maintenance, or use of any such motor vehicle or motor vehicles 963 within the United States or the Dominion of Canada, subject to 964 limits, exclusive of interest and costs with respect to each 965 such motor vehicle, as is provided for under s. 324.021(7). 966 Insurers may make available, with respect to property damage 967 liability coverage, a deductible amount not to exceed \$500. In 968 the event of a property damage loss covered by a policy 969 containing a property damage deductible provision, the insurer 970 shall pay to the third-party claimant the amount of any property 971 damage liability settlement or judgment, subject to policy 972 limits, as if no deductible existed.

973 (b) An operator's motor vehicle liability policy of 974 insurance must shall insure the person or persons named therein 975 against loss from the liability imposed upon him or her by law 976 for damages arising out of the use by the person of any motor 977 vehicle not owned by him or her, with the same territorial 978 limits and subject to the same limits of liability as referred 979 to above with respect to an owner's policy of liability 980 insurance.

(c) All such motor vehicle liability policies <u>must</u> shall state the name and address of the named insured, the coverage afforded by the policy, the premium charged therefor, the policy period, <u>and</u> the limits of liability, and <u>must</u> shall contain an agreement or be endorsed that insurance is provided in accordance with the coverage defined in this chapter as respects

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20-00389C-19 20191052 987 bodily injury and death or property damage or both and is 988 subject to all provisions of this chapter. The Said policies 989 must shall also contain a provision that the satisfaction by an 990 insured of a judgment for such injury or damage may shall not be 991 a condition precedent to the right or duty of the insurance 992 carrier to make payment on account of such injury or damage, and 993 must shall also contain a provision that bankruptcy or 994 insolvency of the insured or of the insured's estate may shall 995 not relieve the insurance carrier of any of its obligations 996 under the said policy. 997 (2) The provisions of This section is shall not be 998 applicable to any motor vehicle automobile liability policy 999 unless and until it is furnished as proof of financial 1000 responsibility for the future pursuant to s. 324.031, and then 1001 applies only from and after the date the said policy is so 1002 furnished. 1003 Section 22. Section 324.161, Florida Statutes, is amended 1004 to read: 1005 324.161 Proof of financial responsibility; deposit.-If a 1006 person elects to prove his or her financial responsibility under 1007 the method of proof specified in s. 324.031(1)(b), he or she 1008 annually must obtain and submit to the department proof of a 1009 certificate of deposit in the amount required under s. 1010 324.031(2) from a financial institution insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or the National Credit Union 1011 1012 Administration Annually, before any certificate of insurance may 1013 be issued to a person, including any firm, partnership, 1014 association, corporation, or other person, other than a natural person, proof of a certificate of deposit of \$30,000 issued and 1015

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1016 held by a financial institution must be submitted to the 1017 department. A power of attorney will be issued to and held by 1018 the department and may be executed upon a judgment issued 1019 against such person making the deposit, for damages <u>for</u> because

1019 against such person making the deposit, for damages for because 1020 of bodily injury to or death of any person or for damages for because of injury to or destruction of property resulting from 1021 1022 the use or operation of any motor vehicle occurring after such 1023 deposit was made. Money so deposited is shall not be subject to attachment or execution unless such attachment or execution 1024 1025 arises shall arise out of a lawsuit suit for such damages as 1026 aforesaid.

1027 Section 23. Subsections (1) and (2) of section 324.171, 1028 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

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324.171 Self-insurer.-

(1) <u>A</u> Any person may qualify as a self-insurer by obtaining a certificate of self-insurance from the department. which may, in its discretion and Upon application of such a person, <u>the</u> department may issue <u>a</u> said certificate of self-insurance <u>to an</u> applicant who satisfies when such person has satisfied the requirements of this section. Effective January 1, 2020 to qualify as a self-insurer under this section:

1037 (a) A private individual with private passenger vehicles
1038 shall possess a net unencumbered worth of at least \$100,000
1039 \$40,000.

1040 (b) A person, including any firm, partnership, association, 1041 corporation, or other person, other than a natural person, 1042 shall:

10431. Possess a net unencumbered worth of at least $\frac{$100,000}{$40,000}$ 1044 $\frac{$40,000}{$20,000}$ for the first motor vehicle and $\frac{$50,000}{$20,000}$ for each

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1045 additional motor vehicle; or

2. Maintain sufficient net worth, in an amount determined 1046 1047 by the department, to be financially responsible for potential 1048 losses. The department annually shall determine the minimum net 1049 worth sufficient to satisfy this subparagraph as determined 1050 annually by the department, pursuant to rules adopted 1051 promulgated by the department, with the assistance of the Office 1052 of Insurance Regulation of the Financial Services Commission, to 1053 be financially responsible for potential losses. The rules must 1054 consider any shall take into consideration excess insurance 1055 carried by the applicant. The department's determination must 1056 shall be based upon reasonable actuarial principles considering 1057 the frequency, severity, and loss development of claims incurred 1058 by casualty insurers writing coverage on the type of motor 1059 vehicles for which a certificate of self-insurance is desired.

1060 (c) The owner of a commercial motor vehicle, as defined in 1061 s. 207.002 or s. 320.01, may qualify as a self-insurer subject 1062 to the standards provided for in subparagraph (b)2.

1063 (2) The self-insurance certificate <u>must</u> shall provide 1064 limits of liability insurance in the amounts specified under s. 1065 324.021(7) or s. 627.7415 and shall provide personal injury 1066 protection coverage under s. 627.733(3)(b).

1067 Section 24. Section 324.251, Florida Statutes, is amended 1068 to read:

1069 324.251 Short title.—This chapter may be cited as the 1070 "Financial Responsibility Law of <u>2019</u> 1955" and <u>is shall become</u> 1071 effective at 12:01 a.m., <u>January 1, 2020</u> October 1, 1955.

1072 Section 25. Subsection (4) of section 400.9905, Florida 1073 Statutes, is amended to read:

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400.9905 Definitions.-

(4) (a) "Clinic" means an entity where health care services are provided to individuals and which tenders charges for reimbursement for such services, including a mobile clinic and a portable equipment provider. As used in this part, the term does not include and the licensure requirements of this part do not apply to:

<u>1.(a)</u> Entities licensed or registered by the state under chapter 395; entities licensed or registered by the state and providing only health care services within the scope of services authorized under their respective licenses under ss. 383.30-383.332, chapter 390, chapter 394, chapter 397, this chapter except part X, chapter 429, chapter 463, chapter 465, chapter 466, chapter 478, chapter 484, or chapter 651; end-stage renal disease providers authorized under 42 C.F.R. part 405, subpart U; providers certified under 42 C.F.R. part 485, subpart B or subpart H; or any entity that provides neonatal or pediatric hospital-based health care services or other health care services by licensed practitioners solely within a hospital licensed under chapter 395.

1094 <u>2.(b)</u> Entities that own, directly or indirectly, entities 1095 licensed or registered by the state pursuant to chapter 395; 1096 entities that own, directly or indirectly, entities licensed or 1097 registered by the state and providing only health care services 1098 within the scope of services authorized pursuant to their 1099 respective licenses under ss. 383.30-383.332, chapter 390, 1100 chapter 394, chapter 397, this chapter except part X, chapter 1101 429, chapter 463, chapter 465, chapter 466, chapter 478, chapter 1102 484, or chapter 651; end-stage renal disease providers

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20-00389C-19 20191052 1103 authorized under 42 C.F.R. part 405, subpart U; providers 1104 certified under 42 C.F.R. part 485, subpart B or subpart H; or 1105 any entity that provides neonatal or pediatric hospital-based health care services by licensed practitioners solely within a 1106 1107 hospital licensed under chapter 395. 1108 3.(c) Entities that are owned, directly or indirectly, by 1109 an entity licensed or registered by the state pursuant to chapter 395; entities that are owned, directly or indirectly, by 1110 an entity licensed or registered by the state and providing only 1111 1112 health care services within the scope of services authorized 1113 pursuant to their respective licenses under ss. 383.30-383.332, chapter 390, chapter 394, chapter 397, this chapter except part 1114 1115 X, chapter 429, chapter 463, chapter 465, chapter 466, chapter 478, chapter 484, or chapter 651; end-stage renal disease 1116 1117 providers authorized under 42 C.F.R. part 405, subpart U; providers certified under 42 C.F.R. part 485, subpart B or 1118 1119 subpart H; or any entity that provides neonatal or pediatric 1120 hospital-based health care services by licensed practitioners 1121 solely within a hospital under chapter 395. 1122 4.(d) Entities that are under common ownership, directly or indirectly, with an entity licensed or registered by the state 1123 1124 pursuant to chapter 395; entities that are under common 1125 ownership, directly or indirectly, with an entity licensed or 1126 registered by the state and providing only health care services 1127 within the scope of services authorized pursuant to their respective licenses under ss. 383.30-383.332, chapter 390, 1128

1129 chapter 394, chapter 397, this chapter except part X, chapter
1130 429, chapter 463, chapter 465, chapter 466, chapter 478, chapter
1131 484, or chapter 651; end-stage renal disease providers

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20-00389C-19 20191052 1132 authorized under 42 C.F.R. part 405, subpart U; providers 1133 certified under 42 C.F.R. part 485, subpart B or subpart H; or 1134 any entity that provides neonatal or pediatric hospital-based health care services by licensed practitioners solely within a 1135 1136 hospital licensed under chapter 395. 1137 5.(e) An entity that is exempt from federal taxation under 26 U.S.C. s. 501(c)(3) or (4), an employee stock ownership plan 1138 under 26 U.S.C. s. 409 that has a board of trustees at least 1139 two-thirds of which are Florida-licensed health care 1140 1141 practitioners and provides only physical therapy services under physician orders, any community college or university clinic, 1142 1143 and any entity owned or operated by the federal or state government, including agencies, subdivisions, or municipalities 1144 1145 thereof. 1146 6.(f) A sole proprietorship, group practice, partnership, or corporation that provides health care services by physicians 1147 1148 covered by s. 627.419, that is directly supervised by one or 1149 more of such physicians, and that is wholly owned by one or more of those physicians or by a physician and the spouse, parent, 1150 1151 child, or sibling of that physician. 1152 7. (g) A sole proprietorship, group practice, partnership, 1153 or corporation that provides health care services by licensed 1154 health care practitioners under chapter 457, chapter 458, 1155 chapter 459, chapter 460, chapter 461, chapter 462, chapter 463, 1156 chapter 466, chapter 467, chapter 480, chapter 484, chapter 486, chapter 490, chapter 491, or part I, part III, part X, part 1157 XIII, or part XIV of chapter 468, or s. 464.012, and that is 1158 1159 wholly owned by one or more licensed health care practitioners, 1160 or the licensed health care practitioners set forth in this

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20-00389C-19 20191052 1161 paragraph and the spouse, parent, child, or sibling of a 1162 licensed health care practitioner if one of the owners who is a 1163 licensed health care practitioner is supervising the business activities and is legally responsible for the entity's 1164 1165 compliance with all federal and state laws. However, a health 1166 care practitioner may not supervise services beyond the scope of 1167 the practitioner's license, except that, for the purposes of this part, a clinic owned by a licensee in s. 456.053(3)(b) 1168 which provides only services authorized pursuant to s. 1169 1170 456.053(3)(b) may be supervised by a licensee specified in s. 1171 456.053(3)(b). 1172 8.(h) Clinical facilities affiliated with an accredited 1173

1172 medical school at which training is provided for medical
1174 students, residents, or fellows.

1175 <u>9.(i)</u> Entities that provide only oncology or radiation 1176 therapy services by physicians licensed under chapter 458 or 1177 chapter 459 or entities that provide oncology or radiation 1178 therapy services by physicians licensed under chapter 458 or 1179 chapter 459 which are owned by a corporation whose shares are 1180 publicly traded on a recognized stock exchange.

1181 <u>10.(j)</u> Clinical facilities affiliated with a college of 1182 chiropractic accredited by the Council on Chiropractic Education 1183 at which training is provided for chiropractic students.

1184 <u>11.(k)</u> Entities that provide licensed practitioners to 1185 staff emergency departments or to deliver anesthesia services in 1186 facilities licensed under chapter 395 and that derive at least 1187 90 percent of their gross annual revenues from the provision of 1188 such services. Entities claiming an exemption from licensure 1189 under this paragraph must provide documentation demonstrating

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1190 compliance.

1191 12.(1) Orthotic, prosthetic, pediatric cardiology, or 1192 perinatology clinical facilities or anesthesia clinical 1193 facilities that are not otherwise exempt under subparagraph 1. 1194 or subparagraph 11. paragraph (a) or paragraph (k) and that are 1195 a publicly traded corporation or are wholly owned, directly or 1196 indirectly, by a publicly traded corporation. As used in this 1197 paragraph, a publicly traded corporation is a corporation that issues securities traded on an exchange registered with the 1198 1199 United States Securities and Exchange Commission as a national 1200 securities exchange.

1201 13. (m) Entities that are owned by a corporation that has 1202 \$250 million or more in total annual sales of health care 1203 services provided by licensed health care practitioners where 1204 one or more of the persons responsible for the operations of the 1205 entity is a health care practitioner who is licensed in this 1206 state and who is responsible for supervising the business 1207 activities of the entity and is responsible for the entity's 1208 compliance with state law for purposes of this part.

1209 14.(n) Entities that employ 50 or more licensed health care 1210 practitioners licensed under chapter 458 or chapter 459 where 1211 the billing for medical services is under a single tax 1212 identification number. The application for exemption under this 1213 subsection must include shall contain information that includes: 1214 the name, residence, and business address and telephone phone 1215 number of the entity that owns the practice; a complete list of 1216 the names and contact information of all the officers and 1217 directors of the corporation; the name, residence address, 1218 business address, and medical license number of each licensed

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20-00389C-19 20191052 1219 Florida health care practitioner employed by the entity; the 1220 corporate tax identification number of the entity seeking an 1221 exemption; a listing of health care services to be provided by 1222 the entity at the health care clinics owned or operated by the 1223 entity; and a certified statement prepared by an independent 1224 certified public accountant which states that the entity and the 1225 health care clinics owned or operated by the entity have not 1226 received payment for health care services under medical payments 1227 personal injury protection insurance coverage for the preceding 1228 year. If the agency determines that an entity that which is 1229 exempt under this subsection has received payments for medical 1230 services under medical payments personal injury protection 1231 insurance coverage, the agency may deny or revoke the exemption from licensure under this subsection. 1232 1233 (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a) this subsection, an 1234 entity is shall be deemed a clinic and must be licensed under 1235 this part in order to receive medical payments coverage 1236 reimbursement under s. 627.7265 unless the entity is: the 1237 Florida Motor Vehicle No-Fault Law, ss. 627.730-627.7405, unless 1238 exempted under s. 627.736(5)(h). 1239 1. Wholly owned by a physician licensed under chapter 458 1240 or chapter 459, or by the physician and the spouse, parent, 1241 child, or sibling of the physician; 1242 2. Wholly owned by a dentist licensed under chapter 466, or by the dentist and the spouse, parent, child, or sibling of the 1243 1244 dentist;

1245 <u>3. Wholly owned by a chiropractic physician licensed under</u> 1246 <u>chapter 460, or by the chiropractic physician and the spouse,</u> 1247 parent, child, or sibling of the chiropractic physician;

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1248	4. A hospital or ambulatory surgical center licensed under
1249	chapter 395;
1250	5. An entity that wholly owns or is wholly owned, directly
1251	or indirectly, by a hospital or hospitals licensed under chapter
1252	<u>395;</u>
1253	6. A clinical facility affiliated with an accredited
1254	medical school at which training is provided for medical
1255	students, residents, or fellows;
1256	7. Certified under 42 C.F.R. part 485, subpart H; or
1257	8. Owned by a publicly traded corporation, either directly
1258	or indirectly through its subsidiaries, which has \$250 million
1259	or more in total annual sales of health care services provided
1260	by licensed health care practitioners, if one or more of the
1261	persons responsible for the operations of the entity are health
1262	care practitioners who are licensed in this state and are
1263	responsible for supervising the business activities of the
1264	entity and the entity's compliance with state law for purposes
1265	of this section.
1266	Section 26. Subsection (6) of section 400.991, Florida
1267	Statutes, is amended to read:
1268	400.991 License requirements; background screenings;
1269	prohibitions
1270	(6) All agency forms for licensure application or exemption
1271	from licensure under this part must contain the following
1272	statement:
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1274	INSURANCE FRAUD NOTICEA person <u>commits a fraudulent</u>
1275	insurance act, as defined in s. 626.989, Florida
1276	Statutes, if the person who knowingly submits a false,
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1277	misleading, or fraudulent application or other
1278	document when applying for licensure as a health care
1279	clinic, seeking an exemption from licensure as a
1280	health care clinic, or demonstrating compliance with
1281	part X of chapter 400, Florida Statutes, with the
1282	intent to use the license, exemption from licensure,
1283	or demonstration of compliance to provide services or
1284	seek reimbursement under <u>a motor vehicle liability</u>
1285	insurance policy's medical payments coverage the
1286	Florida Motor Vehicle No-Fault Law, commits a
1287	fraudulent insurance act, as defined in s. 626.989,
1288	Florida Statutes. A person who presents a claim for
1289	benefits under medical payments coverage, personal
1290	injury protection benefits knowing that the payee
1291	knowingly submitted such health care clinic
1292	application or document, commits insurance fraud, as
1293	defined in s. 817.234, Florida Statutes.
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1295	Section 27. Paragraph (g) of subsection (1) of section
1296	400.9935, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
1297	400.9935 Clinic responsibilities
1298	(1) Each clinic shall appoint a medical director or clinic
1299	director who shall agree in writing to accept legal
1300	responsibility for the following activities on behalf of the
1301	clinic. The medical director or the clinic director shall:
1302	(g) Conduct systematic reviews of clinic billings to ensure
1303	that the billings are not fraudulent or unlawful. Upon discovery
1304	of an unlawful charge, the medical director or clinic director
1305	shall take immediate corrective action. If the clinic performs

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20-00389C-19 20191052 1306 only the technical component of magnetic resonance imaging, 1307 static radiographs, computed tomography, or positron emission 1308 tomography, and provides the professional interpretation of such 1309 services, in a fixed facility that is accredited by a national 1310 accrediting organization that is approved by the Centers for 1311 Medicare and Medicaid Services for magnetic resonance imaging 1312 and advanced diagnostic imaging services and if, in the preceding quarter, the percentage of scans performed by that 1313 clinic which was billed to motor vehicle all personal injury 1314 1315 protection insurance carriers under medical payments coverage 1316 was less than 15 percent, the chief financial officer of the 1317 clinic may, in a written acknowledgment provided to the agency, 1318 assume the responsibility for the conduct of the systematic reviews of clinic billings to ensure that the billings are not 1319 1320 fraudulent or unlawful. 1321 Section 28. Subsection (28) of section 409.901, Florida 1322 Statutes, is amended to read: 1323 409.901 Definitions; ss. 409.901-409.920.-As used in ss. 1324 409.901-409.920, except as otherwise specifically provided, the 1325 term:

1326 (28) "Third-party benefit" means any benefit that is or may 1327 be available at any time through contract, court award, judgment, settlement, agreement, or any arrangement between a 1328 1329 third party and any person or entity, including, without 1330 limitation, a Medicaid recipient, a provider, another third party, an insurer, or the agency, for any Medicaid-covered 1331 injury, illness, goods, or services, including costs of medical 1332 services related thereto, for bodily personal injury or for 1333 1334 death of the recipient, but specifically excluding policies of

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20-00389C-19 20191052 1335 life insurance policies on the recipient, unless available under 1336 terms of the policy to pay medical expenses before prior to 1337 death. The term includes, without limitation, collateral, as defined in this section; τ health insurance; τ any benefit under a 1338 1339 health maintenance organization, a preferred provider arrangement, a prepaid health clinic, liability insurance, 1340 1341 uninsured motorist insurance, or medical payments coverage; or personal injury protection coverage, medical benefits under 1342 1343 workers' compensation, and any obligation under law or equity to 1344 provide medical support. Section 29. Paragraph (f) of subsection (11) of section 1345 1346 409.910, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 409.910 Responsibility for payments on behalf of Medicaid-1347 1348 eligible persons when other parties are liable.-1349 (11) The agency may, as a matter of right, in order to 1350 enforce its rights under this section, institute, intervene in, 1351 or join any legal or administrative proceeding in its own name 1352 in one or more of the following capacities: individually, as 1353 subrogee of the recipient, as assignee of the recipient, or as 1354 lienholder of the collateral. 1355 (f) Notwithstanding any provision in this section to the 1356 contrary, in the event of an action in tort against a third 1357 party in which the recipient or his or her legal representative 1358 is a party which results in a judgment, award, or settlement 1359 from a third party, the amount recovered shall be distributed as 1360 follows:

1361 1. After <u>attorney</u> attorney's fees and taxable costs as 1362 defined by the Florida Rules of Civil Procedure, one-half of the 1363 remaining recovery shall be paid to the agency up to the total

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20-00389C-19 20191052 1364 amount of medical assistance provided by Medicaid. 1365 2. The remaining amount of the recovery shall be paid to 1366 the recipient. 1367 3. For purposes of calculating the agency's recovery of 1368 medical assistance benefits paid, the fee for services of an 1369 attorney retained by the recipient or his or her legal 1370 representative shall be calculated at 25 percent of the 1371 judgment, award, or settlement. 4. Notwithstanding any other provision of this section to 1372 1373 the contrary, the agency shall be entitled to all medical 1374 coverage benefits up to the total amount of medical assistance 1375 provided by Medicaid. For purposes of this paragraph, the term 1376 "medical coverage" means any benefits under health insurance, a 1377 health maintenance organization, a preferred provider 1378 arrangement, or a prepaid health clinic, and the portion of 1379 benefits designated for medical payments under coverage for workers' compensation coverage, motor vehicle insurance 1380 coverage, personal injury protection, and casualty coverage. 1381 1382 Section 30. Paragraph (k) of subsection (2) of section 1383 456.057, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 456.057 Ownership and control of patient records; report or 1384 1385 copies of records to be furnished; disclosure of information.-1386 (2) As used in this section, the terms "records owner," 1387 "health care practitioner," and "health care practitioner's 1388 employer" do not include any of the following persons or 1389 entities; furthermore, the following persons or entities are not 1390 authorized to acquire or own medical records, but are authorized 1391 under the confidentiality and disclosure requirements of this

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section to maintain those documents required by the part or

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1393	chapter under which they are licensed or regulated:
1394	(k) Persons or entities practicing under <u>s. 627.7265</u> s.
1395	627.736(7) .
1396	Section 31. Paragraphs (ee) and (ff) of subsection (1) of
1397	section 456.072, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
1398	456.072 Grounds for discipline; penalties; enforcement
1399	(1) The following acts shall constitute grounds for which
1400	the disciplinary actions specified in subsection (2) may be
1401	taken:
1402	(ee) With respect to making a medical payments coverage
1403	personal injury protection claim <u>under s. 627.7265</u> as required
1404	by s. 627.736, intentionally submitting a claim, statement, or
1405	bill that has been upcoded. As used in this paragraph, the term
1406	"upcoded" means an action that submits a billing code that would
1407	result in payment greater in amount than would be paid using a
1408	billing code that accurately describes the services performed.
1409	The term does not include an otherwise lawful bill by a magnetic
1410	resonance imaging facility, which globally combines both
1411	technical and professional components, if the amount of the
1412	global bill is not more than the components if billed
1413	separately; however, payment of such a bill constitutes payment
1414	in full for all components of such service <i>``upcoded" as defined</i>
1415	in s. 627.732.
1416	(ff) With respect to making a medical payments coverage
1417	personal injury protection claim as required <u>under s. 627.7265</u>
1418	by s. 627.736, intentionally submitting a claim, statement, or
1419	bill for payment of services that were not rendered.
1420	Section 32. Paragraphs (i) and (o) of subsection (1) of
1421	section 626.9541, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
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20-00389C-19 20191052 1422 626.9541 Unfair methods of competition and unfair or 1423 deceptive acts or practices defined.-(1) UNFAIR METHODS OF COMPETITION AND UNFAIR OR DECEPTIVE 1424 1425 ACTS.-The following are defined as unfair methods of competition 1426 and unfair or deceptive acts or practices: 1427 (i) Unfair claim settlement practices.-1428 1. Attempting to settle claims on the basis of an 1429 application, when serving as a binder or intended to become a 1430 part of the policy, or any other material document which was 1431 altered without notice to, or knowledge or consent of, the 1432 insured; 1433 2. A material misrepresentation made to an insured or any 1434 other person having an interest in the proceeds payable under 1435 such contract or policy, for the purpose and with the intent of 1436 effecting settlement of such claims, loss, or damage under such 1437 contract or policy on less favorable terms than those provided 1438 in, and contemplated by, such contract or policy; or 1439 3. Committing or performing with such frequency as to 1440 indicate a general business practice any of the following: 1441 a. Failing to adopt and implement standards for the proper investigation of claims; 1442 1443 b. Misrepresenting pertinent facts or insurance policy 1444 provisions relating to coverages at issue; c. Failing to acknowledge and act promptly upon 1445 communications with respect to claims; 1446 1447 d. Denying claims without conducting reasonable investigations based upon available information; 1448 1449 e. Failing to affirm or deny full or partial coverage of 1450 claims, and, as to partial coverage, the dollar amount or extent Page 50 of 95

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      of coverage, or failing to provide a written statement that the
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      claim is being investigated, upon the written request of the
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      insured within 30 days after proof-of-loss statements have been
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      completed;
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           f. Failing to promptly provide a reasonable explanation in
      writing to the insured of the basis in the insurance policy, in
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      relation to the facts or applicable law, for denial of a claim
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      or for the offer of a compromise settlement;
           g. Failing to promptly notify the insured of any additional
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      information necessary for the processing of a claim; or
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           h. Failing to clearly explain the nature of the requested
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      information and the reasons why such information is necessary.
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           i. Failing to pay personal injury protection insurance
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      claims within the time periods required by s. 627.736(4)(b). The
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      office may order the insurer to pay restitution to a
      policyholder, medical provider, or other claimant, including
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      interest at a rate consistent with the amount set forth in s.
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      55.03(1), for the time period within which an insurer fails to
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      pay claims as required by law. Restitution is in addition to any
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      other penalties allowed by law, including, but not limited to,
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      the suspension of the insurer's certificate of authority.
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           4. Failing to pay undisputed amounts of partial or full
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      benefits owed under first-party property insurance policies
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      property insurance claim, determines the amounts of partial or
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      undisputed benefits is prevented by an act of God, prevented by
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(0) Illegal dealings in premiums; excess or reduced charges
 for insurance.-

1484 1. Knowingly collecting any sum as a premium or charge for 1485 insurance, which is not then provided, or is not in due course 1486 to be provided, subject to acceptance of the risk by the 1487 insurer, by an insurance policy issued by an insurer as 1488 permitted by this code.

1489 2. Knowingly collecting as a premium or charge for 1490 insurance any sum in excess of or less than the premium or 1491 charge applicable to such insurance, in accordance with the 1492 applicable classifications and rates as filed with and approved 1493 by the office, and as specified in the policy; or, in cases when 1494 classifications, premiums, or rates are not required by this 1495 code to be so filed and approved, premiums and charges collected 1496 from a Florida resident in excess of or less than those 1497 specified in the policy and as fixed by the insurer. 1498 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, this provision shall 1499 not be deemed to prohibit the charging and collection, by 1500 surplus lines agents licensed under part VIII of this chapter, 1501 of the amount of applicable state and federal taxes, or fees as 1502 authorized by s. 626.916(4), in addition to the premium required 1503 by the insurer or the charging and collection, by licensed 1504 agents, of the exact amount of any discount or other such fee 1505 charged by a credit card facility in connection with the use of 1506 a credit card, as authorized by subparagraph (g)3., in addition 1507 to the premium required by the insurer. This subparagraph shall 1508 not be construed to prohibit collection of a premium for a

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20-00389C-19 20191052 1509 universal life or a variable or indeterminate value insurance policy made in accordance with the terms of the contract. 1510 1511 3.a. Imposing or requesting an additional premium for 1512 bodily injury liability coverage, property damage liability 1513 coverage a policy of motor vehicle liability, personal injury 1514 protection, medical payments coverage payment, or collision 1515 coverage in a motor vehicle liability insurance policy insurance 1516 or any combination thereof or refusing to renew the policy 1517 solely because the insured was involved in a motor vehicle accident unless the insurer's file contains information from 1518 1519 which the insurer in good faith determines that the insured was 1520 substantially at fault in the accident. 1521 b. An insurer which imposes and collects such a surcharge

or which refuses to renew such policy shall, in conjunction with the notice of premium due or notice of nonrenewal, notify the named insured that he or she is entitled to reimbursement of such amount or renewal of the policy under the conditions listed below and will subsequently reimburse him or her or renew the policy, if the named insured demonstrates that the operator involved in the accident was:

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(I) Lawfully parked;

(II) Reimbursed by, or on behalf of, a person responsiblefor the accident or has a judgment against such person;

(III) Struck in the rear by another vehicle headed in the same direction and was not convicted of a moving traffic violation in connection with the accident;

1535 (IV) Hit by a "hit-and-run" driver, if the accident was 1536 reported to the proper authorities within 24 hours after 1537 discovering the accident;

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1538	(V) Not convicted of a moving traffic violation in
1539	connection with the accident, but the operator of the other
1540	automobile involved in such accident was convicted of a moving
1541	traffic violation;
1542	(VI) Finally adjudicated not to be liable by a court of
1543	competent jurisdiction;
1544	(VII) In receipt of a traffic citation which was dismissed
1545	or nolle prossed; or
1546	(VIII) Not at fault as evidenced by a written statement
1547	from the insured establishing facts demonstrating lack of fault
1548	which are not rebutted by information in the insurer's file from
1549	which the insurer in good faith determines that the insured was
1550	substantially at fault.
1551	c. In addition to the other provisions of this
1552	subparagraph, an insurer may not fail to renew a policy if the
1553	insured has had only one accident in which he or she was at
1554	fault within the current 3-year period. However, an insurer may
1555	nonrenew a policy for reasons other than accidents in accordance
1556	with s. 627.728. This subparagraph does not prohibit nonrenewal
1557	of a policy under which the insured has had three or more
1558	accidents, regardless of fault, during the most recent 3-year
1559	period.
1560	4. Imposing or requesting an additional premium for, or
1561	refusing to renew, a policy for motor vehicle insurance solely
1562	because the insured committed a noncriminal traffic infraction
1563	as described in s. 318.14 unless the infraction is:
1561	a A second infraction committed within an 18-month period

a. A second infraction committed within an 18-month period, or a third or subsequent infraction committed within a 36-month period.

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b. A violation of s. 316.183, when such violation is a result of exceeding the lawful speed limit by more than 15 miles per hour.

5. Upon the request of the insured, the insurer and licensed agent shall supply to the insured the complete proof of fault or other criteria which justifies the additional charge or cancellation.

6. No insurer shall impose or request an additional premium for motor vehicle insurance, cancel or refuse to issue a policy, or refuse to renew a policy because the insured or the applicant is a handicapped or physically disabled person, so long as such handicap or physical disability does not substantially impair such person's mechanically assisted driving ability.

580 7. No insurer may cancel or otherwise terminate any 581 insurance contract or coverage, or require execution of a 582 consent to rate endorsement, during the stated policy term for 583 the purpose of offering to issue, or issuing, a similar or 584 identical contract or coverage to the same insured with the same 585 exposure at a higher premium rate or continuing an existing 586 contract or coverage with the same exposure at an increased 587 premium.

1588 8. No insurer may issue a nonrenewal notice on any 1589 insurance contract or coverage, or require execution of a 1590 consent to rate endorsement, for the purpose of offering to 1591 issue, or issuing, a similar or identical contract or coverage 1592 to the same insured at a higher premium rate or continuing an 1593 existing contract or coverage at an increased premium without 1594 meeting any applicable notice requirements.

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9. No insurer shall, with respect to premiums charged for

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1596	motor vehicle insurance, unfairly discriminate solely on the
1597	basis of age, sex, marital status, or scholastic achievement.
1598	10. Imposing or requesting an additional premium for motor
1599	vehicle comprehensive or uninsured motorist coverage solely
1600	because the insured was involved in a motor vehicle accident or
1601	was convicted of a moving traffic violation.
1602	11. No insurer shall cancel or issue a nonrenewal notice on
1603	any insurance policy or contract without complying with any
1604	applicable cancellation or nonrenewal provision required under
1605	the Florida Insurance Code.
1606	12. No insurer shall impose or request an additional
1607	premium, cancel a policy, or issue a nonrenewal notice on any
1608	insurance policy or contract because of any traffic infraction
1609	when adjudication has been withheld and no points have been
1610	assessed pursuant to s. 318.14(9) and (10). However, this
1611	subparagraph does not apply to traffic infractions involving
1612	accidents in which the insurer has incurred a loss due to the
1613	fault of the insured.
1614	Section 33. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section
1615	626.989, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
1616	626.989 Investigation by department or Division of
1617	Investigative and Forensic Services; compliance; immunity;
1618	confidential information; reports to division; division
1619	investigator's power of arrest
1620	(1) For the purposes of this section:
1621	(a) A person commits a "fraudulent insurance act" if the
1622	person:

1. Knowingly and with intent to defraud presents, causes to be presented, or prepares with knowledge or belief that it will

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20-00389C-19 20191052 1625 be presented, to or by an insurer, self-insurer, self-insurance 1626 fund, servicing corporation, purported insurer, broker, or any 1627 agent thereof, any written statement as part of, or in support of, an application for the issuance of, or the rating of, any 1628 1629 insurance policy, or a claim for payment or other benefit 1630 pursuant to any insurance policy, which the person knows to 1631 contain materially false information concerning any fact material thereto or if the person conceals, for the purpose of 1632 1633 misleading another, information concerning any fact material 1634 thereto. 1635 2. Knowingly submits: 1636 a. A false, misleading, or fraudulent application or other 1637 document when applying for licensure as a health care clinic, 1638 seeking an exemption from licensure as a health care clinic, or 1639 demonstrating compliance with part X of chapter 400 with an 1640 intent to use the license, exemption from licensure, or 1641 demonstration of compliance to provide services or seek 1642 reimbursement under a motor vehicle liability insurance policy's

1643 medical payments coverage the Florida Motor Vehicle No-Fault
1644 Law.

1645 b. A claim for payment or other benefit under medical 1646 payments coverage pursuant to a personal injury protection 1647 insurance policy under the Florida Motor Vehicle No-Fault Law if the person knows that the payee knowingly submitted a false, 1648 1649 misleading, or fraudulent application or other document when 1650 applying for licensure as a health care clinic, seeking an 1651 exemption from licensure as a health care clinic, or demonstrating compliance with part X of chapter 400. 1652 1653 Section 34. Subsection (1) of section 627.06501, Florida

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(1) Any rates, rating schedules, or rating manuals for the 1673 1674 liability, medical payments personal injury protection, and 1675 collision coverages of a motor vehicle insurance policy filed 1676 with the office must shall provide for an appropriate reduction 1677 in premium charges as to such coverages if when the principal 1678 operator on the covered vehicle is an insured 55 years of age or 1679 older who has successfully completed a motor vehicle accident 1680 prevention course approved by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles. Any discount used by an insurer is presumed 1681 to be appropriate unless credible data demonstrates otherwise. 1682

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           Section 36. Subsections (1), (3), and (6) of section
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      627.0653, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
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           627.0653 Insurance discounts for specified motor vehicle
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      equipment.-
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            (1) Any rates, rating schedules, or rating manuals for the
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      liability, medical payments personal injury protection, and
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      collision coverages of a motor vehicle insurance policy filed
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      with the office must shall provide a premium discount if the
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      insured vehicle is equipped with factory-installed, four-wheel
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      antilock brakes.
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            (3) Any rates, rating schedules, or rating manuals for
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      personal injury protection coverage and medical payments
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      coverage, if offered, of a motor vehicle insurance policy filed
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      with the office must shall provide a premium discount if the
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      insured vehicle is equipped with one or more air bags that which
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      are factory installed.
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            (6) The Office of Insurance Regulation may approve a
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1700 premium discount to any rates, rating schedules, or rating 1701 manuals for the liability, medical payments personal injury 1702 protection, and collision coverages of a motor vehicle insurance 1703 policy filed with the office if the insured vehicle is equipped 1704 with autonomous driving technology or electronic vehicle 1705 collision avoidance technology that is factory installed or a 1706 retrofitted system and that complies with National Highway 1707 Traffic Safety Administration standards.

1708 Section 37. Section 627.4132, Florida Statutes, is amended 1709 to read:

1710 627.4132 Stacking of coverages prohibited.—If an insured or 1711 named insured is protected by any type of motor vehicle

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20-00389C-19 20191052 1712 insurance policy for bodily injury and property damage 1713 liability, personal injury protection, or other coverage, the 1714 policy must shall provide that the insured or named insured is 1715 protected only to the extent of the coverage she or he has on 1716 the vehicle involved in the accident. However, if none of the insured's or named insured's vehicles are is involved in the 1717 accident, coverage is available only to the extent of coverage 1718 1719 on any one of the vehicles with applicable coverage. Coverage on any other vehicles may shall not be added to or stacked upon 1720 1721 that coverage. This section does not apply: 1722 (1) To uninsured motorist coverage that which is separately 1723 governed by s. 627.727. 1724 (2) To reduce the coverage available by reason of insurance 1725 policies insuring different named insureds. 1726 Section 38. Section 627.7263, Florida Statutes, is amended 1727 to read: 1728 627.7263 Rental and leasing driver's insurance to be 1729 primary; exception.-(1) The valid and collectible liability insurance and 1730 1731 medical payments coverage or personal injury protection 1732 insurance providing coverage for the lessor of a motor vehicle 1733 for rent or lease is primary unless otherwise stated in at least 1734 10-point type on the face of the rental or lease agreement. Such 1735 insurance is primary for the limits of liability and personal 1736 injury protection coverage as required by s. 324.021(7) and the 1737 medical payments coverage limit specified under s. 627.7265 ss. 1738 324.021(7) and 627.736. 1739 (2) If the lessee's coverage is to be primary, the rental or lease agreement must contain the following language, in at 1740

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1741	least 10-point type:
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1743	"The valid and collectible liability insurance and
1744	medical payments coverage personal injury protection
1745	insurance of an any authorized rental or leasing
1746	driver is primary for the limits of liability and
1747	personal injury protection coverage required under
1748	section 324.021(7), Florida Statutes, and the medical
1749	payments coverage limit specified under section
1750	<u>627.7265</u> by ss. 324.021(7) and 627.736, Florida
1751	Statutes."
1752	Section 39. Section 627.7265, Florida Statutes, is created
1753	to read:
1754	627.7265 Motor vehicle insurance; medical payments
1755	coverage
1756	(1) Medical payments coverage must protect the named
1757	insured, resident relatives, persons operating the insured motor
1758	vehicle, passengers in the insured motor vehicle, and persons
1759	who are struck by the insured motor vehicle and suffer bodily
1760	injury while not an occupant of a self-propelled motor vehicle
1761	at a limit of at least \$5,000 for medical expense incurred due
1762	to bodily injury, sickness, or disease arising out of the
1763	ownership, maintenance, or use of a motor vehicle. The coverage
1764	must provide an additional death benefit of at least \$5,000.
1765	(a) Before issuing a motor vehicle liability insurance
1766	policy that is furnished as proof of financial responsibility
1767	under s. 324.031, the insurer must offer medical payments
1768	coverage at limits of \$5,000 and \$10,000. The insurer may also
1769	offer medical payments coverage at limits greater than \$5,000.

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1770	(b) The medical payments coverage must be offered with an
1771	option with no deductible. The insurer may also offer medical
1772	payments coverage with a deductible not to exceed \$500.
1773	(c) Each motor vehicle liability insurance policy that is
1774	furnished as proof of financial responsibility under s. 324.0031
1775	is deemed to have:
1776	1. Medical payments coverage to a limit of \$10,000, unless
1777	the insurer obtains the policyholder's written refusal of
1778	medical payments coverage or written selection of medical
1779	payments coverage at a limit other than \$10,000. The rejection
1780	or selection of coverage at a limit other than \$10,000 must be
1781	made on a form approved by the office.
1782	2. No medical payments coverage deductible, unless the
1783	insurer obtains the policyholder's written selection of a
1784	deductible of up to \$500. The selection of a deductible must be
1785	made on a form approved by the office.
1786	(d)1. The forms in subparagraphs (c)1. and 2. must fully
1787	advise the applicant of the nature of the coverage being
1788	rejected or the policy limit or deductible being selected. If
1789	such form is signed by a named insured, it is conclusively
1790	presumed that there was an informed, knowing rejection of the
1791	coverage or election of the policy limit or deductible selected.
1792	2. Unless the policyholder requests in writing the coverage
1793	specified in this section, it need not be provided in or
1794	supplemental to any other policy that renews, insures, extends,
1795	changes, supersedes, or replaces an existing policy if the
1796	policyholder has rejected the coverage specified in this section
1797	or has selected an alternative coverage limit or deductible. At
1798	least annually, the insurer shall provide the policyholder with

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1799	a notice of the availability of such coverage in a form approved
1800	by the office. Such notice must be part of, and attached to, the
1801	notice of premium and must provide for a means to allow the
1802	insured to request medical payments coverage at the limits and
1803	deductibles required to be offered under this section. The
1804	notice must be given in a manner approved by the office. Receipt
1805	of this notice does not constitute an affirmative waiver of the
1806	insured's right to medical payments coverage if the insured has
1807	not signed a selection or rejection form.
1808	(e) This section may not be construed to limit any other
1809	coverage made available by an insurer.
1810	(2) Upon receiving notice of an accident that is
1811	potentially covered by medical payments coverage benefits, the
1812	insurer must reserve \$5,000 of medical payments coverage
1813	benefits for payment to physicians licensed under chapter 458 or
1814	chapter 459 or dentists licensed under chapter 466 who provide
1815	emergency services and care, as defined in s. 395.002, or who
1816	provide hospital inpatient care. The amount required to be held
1817	in reserve may be used only to pay claims from such physicians
1818	or dentists until 30 days after the date the insurer receives
1819	notice of the accident. After the 30-day period, any amount of
1820	the reserve for which the insurer has not received notice of
1821	such claims may be used by the insurer to pay other claims. This
1822	subsection does not require an insurer to establish a claim
1823	reserve for insurance accounting purposes.
1824	(3) An insurer providing medical payments coverage benefits
1825	may not have a:
1826	(a) Lien on any recovery in tort by judgment, settlement,
1827	or otherwise for medical payments coverage benefits, whether

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1828	suit has been filed or settlement has been reached without suit;
1829	(b) Cause of action against an alleged tortfeasor for
1830	benefits paid under medical payments coverage; or
1831	(c) Cause of action against a person to whom or for whom
1832	medical payments coverage benefits were paid, except when
1833	medical payments coverage benefits are paid by reason of fraud
1834	by such person.
1835	Section 40. Subsections (1) and (7) of section 627.727,
1836	Florida Statutes, are amended, and present subsections (8), (9),
1837	and (10) of that section are redesignated as subsections (7),
1838	(8), and (9), respectively, to read:
1839	627.727 Motor vehicle insurance; uninsured and underinsured
1840	vehicle coverage; insolvent insurer protection
1841	(1) <u>A</u> No motor vehicle liability insurance policy that
1842	which provides bodily injury liability coverage <u>may not</u> shall be
1843	delivered or issued for delivery in this state with respect to
1844	any specifically insured or identified motor vehicle registered
1845	or principally garaged in this state <u>,</u> unless uninsured motor
1846	vehicle coverage is provided therein or supplemental thereto for
1847	the protection of persons insured thereunder who are legally
1848	entitled to recover damages from owners or operators of
1849	uninsured motor vehicles because of bodily injury, sickness, or
1850	disease, including death, resulting therefrom. However, the
1851	coverage required under this section is not applicable <u>if</u> when,
1852	or to the extent that, an insured named in the policy makes a
1853	written rejection of the coverage on behalf of all insureds
1854	under the policy. If $rak{When}$ a motor vehicle is leased for a period
1855	m of 1 year or longer and the lessor of such vehicle, by the terms
1856	of the lease contract, provides liability coverage on the leased

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1857	vehicle, the lessee of such vehicle <u>has</u> shall have the sole
1858	privilege to reject uninsured motorist coverage or to select
1859	lower limits than the bodily injury liability limits, regardless
1860	of whether the lessor is qualified as a self-insurer pursuant to
1861	s. 324.171. Unless an insured, or <u>a</u> lessee having the privilege
1862	of rejecting uninsured motorist coverage, requests such coverage
1863	or requests higher uninsured motorist limits in writing, the
1864	coverage or such higher uninsured motorist limits need not be
1865	provided in or supplemental to any other policy <u>that</u> which
1866	renews, extends, changes, supersedes, or replaces an existing
1867	policy with the same bodily injury liability limits when an
1868	insured or lessee had rejected the coverage. When an insured or
1869	lessee has initially selected limits of uninsured motorist
1870	coverage lower than her or his bodily injury liability limits,
1871	higher limits of uninsured motorist coverage need not be
1872	provided in or supplemental to any other policy that which
1873	renews, extends, changes, supersedes, or replaces an existing
1874	policy with the same bodily injury liability limits unless an
1875	insured requests higher uninsured motorist coverage in writing.
1876	The rejection or selection of lower limits <u>must</u> shall be made on
1877	a form approved by the office. The form $\underline{must}\ \underline{shall}$ fully advise
1878	the applicant of the nature of the coverage and $\underline{must}\ \underline{shall}$ state
1879	that the coverage is equal to bodily injury liability limits
1880	unless lower limits are requested or the coverage is rejected.
1881	The heading of the form must shall be in 12-point bold type and
1882	<u>must</u> shall state: "You are electing not to purchase certain
1883	valuable coverage <u>that</u> which protects you and your family or you
1884	are purchasing uninsured motorist limits less than your bodily
1885	injury liability limits when you sign this form. Please read
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20-00389C-19 20191052 1886 carefully." If this form is signed by a named insured, it will 1887 be conclusively presumed that there was an informed, knowing 1888 rejection of coverage or election of lower limits on behalf of 1889 all insureds. The insurer shall notify the named insured at 1890 least annually of her or his options as to the coverage required by this section. Such notice must shall be part of, and attached 1891 1892 to, the notice of premium, must shall provide for a means to 1893 allow the insured to request such coverage, and must shall be 1894 given in a manner approved by the office. Receipt of this notice does not constitute an affirmative waiver of the insured's right 1895 1896 to uninsured motorist coverage if where the insured has not 1897 signed a selection or rejection form. The coverage described 1898 under this section must shall be over and above, but may shall 1899 not duplicate, the benefits available to an insured under any 1900 workers' compensation law, personal injury protection benefits, 1901 disability benefits law, or similar law; under any automobile 1902 medical payments expense coverage; under any motor vehicle 1903 liability insurance coverage; or from the owner or operator of 1904 the uninsured motor vehicle or any other person or organization 1905 jointly or severally liable together with such owner or operator 1906 for the accident, + and such coverage must shall cover the 1907 difference, if any, between the sum of such benefits and the 1908 damages sustained, up to the maximum amount of such coverage 1909 provided under this section. The amount of coverage available under this section may shall not be reduced by a setoff against 1910 1911 any coverage, including liability insurance. Such coverage does 1912 shall not inure directly or indirectly to the benefit of any workers' compensation or disability benefits carrier or any 1913 person or organization qualifying as a self-insurer under any 1914

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1915	workers' compensation or disability benefits law or similar law.
1916	(7) The legal liability of an uninsured motorist coverage
1917	insurer does not include damages in tort for pain, suffering,
1918	mental anguish, and inconvenience unless the injury or disease
1919	is described in one or more of paragraphs (a)-(d) of s.
1920	627.737(2).
1921	Section 41. Subsection (1) and paragraphs (a) and (b) of
1922	subsection (2) of section 627.7275, Florida Statutes, are
1923	amended to read:
1924	627.7275 Motor vehicle liability
1925	(1) A motor vehicle insurance policy providing personal
1926	injury protection as set forth in s. 627.736 may not be
1927	delivered or issued for delivery in this state <u>for a</u> with
1928	respect to any specifically insured or identified motor vehicle
1929	registered or principally garaged in this state <u>must provide</u>
1930	bodily injury liability coverage and unless the policy also
1931	provides coverage for property damage liability <u>coverage</u> as
1932	required <u>under</u> by s. 324.022.
1933	(2)(a) Insurers writing motor vehicle insurance in this
1934	state shall make available, subject to the insurers' usual
1935	underwriting restrictions:
1936	1. Coverage under policies as described in subsection (1)
1937	to an applicant for private passenger motor vehicle insurance
1938	coverage who is seeking the coverage in order to reinstate the
1939	applicant's driving privileges in this state if the driving
1940	privileges were revoked or suspended pursuant to s. 316.646 or
1941	s. 324.0221 due to the failure of the applicant to maintain
1942	required security.

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2. Coverage under policies as described in subsection (1),

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1955 (b) The policies described in paragraph (a) must shall be 1956 issued for at least 6 months and, as to the minimum coverages 1957 required under this section, may not be canceled by the insured 1958 for any reason or by the insurer after 60 days, during which 1959 period the insurer is completing the underwriting of the policy. 1960 After the insurer has completed underwriting the policy, the 1961 insurer shall notify the Department of Highway Safety and Motor 1962 Vehicles that the policy is in full force and effect and is not 1963 cancelable for the remainder of the policy period. A premium 1964 must shall be collected and the coverage is in effect for the 1965 60-day period during which the insurer is completing the 1966 underwriting of the policy, whether or not the person's driver license, motor vehicle tag, and motor vehicle registration are 1967 1968 in effect. Once the noncancelable provisions of the policy 1969 become effective, the bodily injury liability and property 1970 damage liability coverages for bodily injury, property damage, 1971 and personal injury protection may not be reduced below the minimum limits required under s. 324.021 or s. 324.023 during 1972

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1973	the policy period.
1974	Section 42. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section
1975	627.728, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
1976	627.728 Cancellations; nonrenewals
1977	(1) As used in this section, the term:
1978	(a) "Policy" means the bodily injury and property damage
1979	liability, personal injury protection, medical payments,
1980	comprehensive, collision, and uninsured motorist coverage
1981	portions of a policy of motor vehicle insurance delivered or
1982	issued for delivery in this state:
1983	1. Insuring a natural person as named insured or one or
1984	more related individuals <u>who are residents</u> resident of the same
1985	household; and
1986	2. Insuring only a motor vehicle of the private passenger
1987	type or station wagon type which is not used as a public or
1988	livery conveyance for passengers or rented to others; or
1989	insuring any other four-wheel motor vehicle having a load
1990	capacity of 1,500 pounds or less which is not used in the
1991	occupation, profession, or business of the insured other than
1992	farming; other than any policy issued under an automobile
1993	insurance assigned risk plan or covering garage, automobile
1994	sales agency, repair shop, service station, or public parking
1995	place operation hazards.
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1997	The term "policy" does not include a binder as defined in s.
1998	627.420 unless the duration of the binder period exceeds 60
1999	days.
2000	Section 43. Subsection (1), paragraph (a) of subsection
2001	(5), and subsections (6) and (7) of section 627.7295, Florida

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2002	Statutes, are amended to read:
2003	627.7295 Motor vehicle insurance contracts
2004	(1) As used in this section, the term:
2005	(a) "Policy" means a motor vehicle insurance policy that
2006	provides bodily injury liability personal injury protection
2007	coverage and, property damage liability coverage, or both.
2008	(b) "Binder" means a binder that provides motor vehicle
2009	bodily injury liability coverage personal injury protection and
2010	property damage liability coverage.
2011	(5)(a) A licensed general lines agent may charge a per-
2012	policy fee <u>up to</u> not to exceed \$10 to cover the administrative
2013	costs of the agent associated with selling the motor vehicle
2014	insurance policy if the policy covers only <u>bodily injury</u>
2015	<u>liability</u> coverage personal injury protection coverage as
2016	provided by s. 627.736 and property damage liability coverage as
2017	provided by s. 627.7275 and if no other insurance is sold or
2018	issued in conjunction with or collateral to the policy. The fee
2019	is not considered part of the premium.
2020	(6) If a motor vehicle owner's driver license, license
2021	plate, and registration have previously been suspended pursuant
2022	to s. 316.646 or s. 627.733 , an insurer may cancel a new policy
2023	only as provided in s. 627.7275.
2024	(7) A policy of private passenger motor vehicle insurance
2025	or a binder for such a policy may be initially issued in this
2026	state only if, before the effective date of such binder or
2027	policy, the insurer or agent has collected from the insured an
2028	amount equal to 2 months' premium <u>from the insured</u> . An insurer,
2029	agent, or premium finance company may not, directly or
2030	indirectly, take any action <u>that results</u> resulting in the
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2031	insured <u>paying</u> having paid from the insured's own funds an amount less than the 2 months' premium required by this
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	subsection. This subsection applies without regard to whether
2034	the premium is financed by a premium finance company or is paid
2035	pursuant to a periodic payment plan of an insurer or an
2036	insurance agent.
2037	<u>(a)</u> This subsection does not apply <u>:</u>
2038	<u>1.</u> If an insured or member of the insured's family is
2039	renewing or replacing a policy or a binder for such policy
2040	written by the same insurer or a member of the same insurer
2041	group. This subsection does not apply
2042	2. To an insurer that issues private passenger motor
2043	vehicle coverage primarily to active duty or former military
2044	personnel or their dependents. This subsection does not apply
2045	3. If all policy payments are paid pursuant to a payroll
2046	deduction plan, an automatic electronic funds transfer payment
2047	plan from the policyholder, or a recurring credit card or debit
2048	card agreement with the insurer.
2049	(b) This subsection and subsection (4) do not apply if:
2050	1. All policy payments to an insurer are paid pursuant to
2051	an automatic electronic funds transfer payment plan from an
2052	agent, a managing general agent, or a premium finance company
2053	and if the policy includes, at a minimum, bodily injury
2054	liability coverage and personal injury protection pursuant to
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2056	coverage pursuant to s. 627.7275; or and bodily injury liability
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2058	or death of, one person in any one accident and in the amount of
2059	\$20,000 because of bodily injury to, or death of, two or more
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      persons in any one accident. This subsection and subsection (4)
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      do not apply if
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           2. An insured has had a policy in effect for at least 6
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      months, the insured's agent is terminated by the insurer that
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      issued the policy, and the insured obtains coverage on the
      policy's renewal date with a new company through the terminated
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      agent.
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           Section 44. Section 627.7415, Florida Statutes, is amended
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      to read:
           627.7415 Commercial motor vehicles; additional liability
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      insurance coverage.-Beginning January 1, 2020, commercial motor
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      vehicles, as defined in s. 207.002 or s. 320.01, operated upon
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      the roads and highways of this state must shall be insured with
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      the following minimum levels of combined bodily liability
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      insurance and property damage liability insurance in addition to
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      any other insurance requirements:
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            (1) Sixty Fifty thousand dollars per occurrence for a
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      commercial motor vehicle with a gross vehicle weight of 26,000
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      pounds or more, but less than 35,000 pounds.
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            (2) One hundred twenty thousand dollars per occurrence for
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      a commercial motor vehicle with a gross vehicle weight of 35,000
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      pounds or more, but less than 44,000 pounds.
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            (3) Three hundred thousand dollars per occurrence for a
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      commercial motor vehicle with a gross vehicle weight of 44,000
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      pounds or more.
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            (4) All commercial motor vehicles subject to regulations of
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      the United States Department of Transportation, 49 C.F.R. part
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      387, subpart A, and as may be hereinafter amended, shall be
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insured in an amount equivalent to the minimum levels of

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2089	financial responsibility as set forth in such regulations.
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2091	A violation of this section is a noncriminal traffic infraction,
2092	punishable as a nonmoving violation as provided in chapter 318.
2093	Section 45. Paragraphs (b), (c), and (g) of subsection (7)
2094	and paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (8) of section 627.748,
2095	Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
2096	627.748 Transportation network companies
2097	(7) TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANY AND TNC DRIVER INSURANCE
2098	REQUIREMENTS
2099	(b) The following automobile insurance requirements apply
2100	while a participating TNC driver is logged on to the digital
2101	network but is not engaged in a prearranged ride:
2102	1. Automobile insurance that provides:
2103	a. A primary automobile liability coverage of at least
2104	\$50,000 for death and bodily injury per person, \$100,000 for
2105	death and bodily injury per incident, and \$25,000 for property
2106	damage; and
2107	b. Personal injury protection benefits that meet the
2108	minimum coverage amounts required under ss. 627.730-627.7405;
2109	and
2110	c. Uninsured and underinsured vehicle coverage as required
2111	by s. 627.727.
2112	2. The coverage requirements of this paragraph may be
2113	satisfied by any of the following:
2114	a. Automobile insurance maintained by the TNC driver;
2115	b. Automobile insurance maintained by the TNC; or
2116	c. A combination of sub-subparagraphs a. and b.
2117	(c) The following automobile insurance requirements apply
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2118	while a TNC driver is engaged in a prearranged ride:
2119	1. Automobile insurance that provides:
2120	a. A primary automobile liability coverage of at least \$1
2121	million for death, bodily injury, and property damage; and
2122	b. Personal injury protection benefits that meet the
2123	minimum coverage amounts required of a limousine under ss.
2124	627.730-627.7405; and
2125	c. Uninsured and underinsured vehicle coverage as required
2126	by s. 627.727.
2127	2. The coverage requirements of this paragraph may be
2128	satisfied by any of the following:
2129	a. Automobile insurance maintained by the TNC driver;
2130	b. Automobile insurance maintained by the TNC; or
2131	c. A combination of sub-subparagraphs a. and b.
2132	(g) Insurance satisfying the requirements under this
2133	subsection is deemed to satisfy the financial responsibility
2134	requirement for a motor vehicle under chapter 324 and the
2135	security required under s. 627.733 for any period when the TNC
2136	driver is logged onto the digital network or engaged in a
2137	prearranged ride.
2138	(8) TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANY AND INSURER; DISCLOSURE;
2139	EXCLUSIONS
2140	(a) Before a TNC driver is allowed to accept a request for
2141	a prearranged ride on the digital network, the TNC must disclose
2142	in writing to the TNC driver:
2143	1. The insurance coverage, including the types of coverage
2144	and the limits for each coverage, which the TNC provides while
2145	the TNC driver uses a TNC vehicle in connection with the TNC's
2146	digital network.
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20-00389C-19 20191052 2147 2. That the TNC driver's own automobile insurance policy 2148 might not provide any coverage while the TNC driver is logged on 2149 to the digital network or is engaged in a prearranged ride, 2150 depending on the terms of the TNC driver's own automobile 2151 insurance policy. 2152 3. That the provision of rides for compensation which are 2153 not prearranged rides subjects the driver to the coverage 2154 requirements imposed under s. 324.032(1) and (2) and that 2155 failure to meet such coverage requirements subjects the TNC 2156 driver to penalties provided in s. 324.221, up to and including 2157 a misdemeanor of the second degree. 2158 (b)1. An insurer that provides an automobile liability 2159 insurance policy under this part may exclude any and all 2160 coverage afforded under the policy issued to an owner or 2161 operator of a TNC vehicle while driving that vehicle for any 2162 loss or injury that occurs while a TNC driver is logged on to a 2163 digital network or while a TNC driver provides a prearranged 2164 ride. Exclusions imposed under this subsection are limited to 2165 coverage while a TNC driver is logged on to a digital network or 2166 while a TNC driver provides a prearranged ride. This right to 2167 exclude all coverage may apply to any coverage included in an 2168 automobile insurance policy, including, but not limited to: 2169 a. Liability coverage for bodily injury and property 2170 damage; 2171 b. Uninsured and underinsured motorist coverage; 2172 c. Medical payments coverage; 2173 d. Comprehensive physical damage coverage; and 2174 e. Collision physical damage coverage; and 2175 f. Personal injury protection.

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2176 2. The exclusions described in subparagraph 1. apply 2177 notwithstanding any requirement under chapter 324. These 2178 exclusions do not affect or diminish coverage otherwise 2179available for permissive drivers or resident relatives under the 2180 personal automobile insurance policy of the TNC driver or owner 2181 of the TNC vehicle who are not occupying the TNC vehicle at the 2182 time of loss. This section does not require that a personal 2183 automobile insurance policy provide coverage while the TNC 2184 driver is logged on to a digital network, while the TNC driver 2185 is engaged in a prearranged ride, or while the TNC driver 2186 otherwise uses a vehicle to transport riders for compensation.

3. This section must not be construed to require an insurer to use any particular policy language or reference to this section in order to exclude any and all coverage for any loss or injury that occurs while a TNC driver is logged on to a digital network or while a TNC driver provides a prearranged ride.

2192 4. This section does not preclude an insurer from providing 2193 primary or excess coverage for the TNC driver's vehicle by 2194 contract or endorsement.

2195 Section 46. Section 627.8405, Florida Statutes, is amended 2196 to read:

2197 627.8405 Prohibited acts; financing companies.—<u>A</u> No premium 2198 finance company shall, in a premium finance agreement or other 2199 agreement, <u>may not</u> finance the cost of or otherwise provide for 2200 the collection or remittance of dues, assessments, fees, or 2201 other periodic payments of money for the cost of:

(1) A membership in an automobile club. The term automobile club" means a legal entity <u>that</u> which, in consideration of dues, assessments, or periodic payments of

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20-00389C-19 20191052 2205 money, promises its members or subscribers to assist them in 2206 matters relating to the ownership, operation, use, or 2207 maintenance of a motor vehicle; however, the term this 2208 definition of "automobile club" does not include persons, 2209 associations, or corporations which are organized and operated 2210 solely for the purpose of conducting, sponsoring, or sanctioning 2211 motor vehicle races, exhibitions, or contests upon racetracks, 2212 or upon racecourses established and marked as such for the 2213 duration of such particular events. The term words "motor 2214 vehicle" used herein has have the same meaning as defined in 2215 chapter 320. 2216 (2) An accidental death and dismemberment policy sold in 2217 combination with a policy providing only bodily injury liability 2218 coverage personal injury protection and property damage 2219 liability coverage only policy. 2220 (3) Any product not regulated under the provisions of this 2221 insurance code. 2222 2223 This section also applies to premium financing by any insurance 2224 agent or insurance company under part XVI. The commission shall 2225 adopt rules to assure disclosure, at the time of sale, of 2226 coverages financed with personal injury protection and shall 2227 prescribe the form of such disclosure. 2228 Section 47. Subsection (1) of section 627.915, Florida 2229 Statutes, is amended to read: 2230 627.915 Insurer experience reporting.-2231 (1) Each insurer transacting private passenger automobile 2232 insurance in this state shall report certain information 2233 annually to the office. The information will be due on or before

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20-00389C-19 20191052 2234 July 1 of each year. The information must shall be divided into 2235 the following categories: bodily injury liability; property 2236 damage liability; uninsured motorist; personal injury protection 2237 benefits; medical payments; and comprehensive and collision. The 2238 information given must shall be on direct insurance writings in 2239 the state alone and shall represent total limits data. The 2240 information set forth in paragraphs (a) - (f) is applicable to 2241 voluntary private passenger and Joint Underwriting Association 2242 private passenger writings and must shall be reported for each 2243 of the latest 3 calendar-accident years, with an evaluation date 2244 of March 31 of the current year. The information set forth in 2245 paragraphs (g)-(j) is applicable to voluntary private passenger 2246 writings and must shall be reported on a calendar-accident year 2247 basis ultimately seven times at seven different stages of 2248 development. (a) Premiums earned for the latest 3 calendar-accident 2249 2250 years. 2251 (b) Loss development factors and the historic development 2252 of those factors. 2253 (c) Policyholder dividends incurred. 2254 (d) Expenses for other acquisition and general expense. 2255 (e) Expenses for agents' commissions and taxes, licenses, 2256 and fees. 2257 (f) Profit and contingency factors as utilized in the 2258 insurer's automobile rate filings for the applicable years. 2259 (q) Losses paid. 2260 (h) Losses unpaid. 2261 (i) Loss adjustment expenses paid. 2262 (j) Loss adjustment expenses unpaid.

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2263	Section 48. Subsections (2) and (3) of section 628.909,
2264	Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
2265	628.909 Applicability of other laws
2266	(2) The following provisions of the Florida Insurance Code
2267	apply to captive insurance companies <u>that</u> who are not industrial
2268	insured captive insurance companies to the extent that such
2269	provisions are not inconsistent with this part:
2270	(a) Chapter 624, except for ss. 624.407, 624.408, 624.4085,
2271	624.40851, 624.4095, 624.411, 624.425, and 624.426.
2272	(b) Chapter 625, part II.
2273	(c) Chapter 626, part IX.
2274	(d) Sections 627.730-627.7405, when no-fault coverage is
2275	provided.
2276	(e) Chapter 628.
2277	(3) The following provisions of the Florida Insurance Code
2278	shall apply to industrial insured captive insurance companies to
2279	the extent that such provisions are not inconsistent with this
2280	part:
2281	(a) Chapter 624, except for ss. 624.407, 624.408, 624.4085,
2282	624.40851, 624.4095, 624.411, 624.425, 624.426, and 624.609(1).
2283	(b) Chapter 625, part II, if the industrial insured captive
2284	insurance company is incorporated in this state.
2285	(c) Chapter 626, part IX.
2286	(d) Sections 627.730-627.7405 when no-fault coverage is
2287	provided.
2288	(e) Chapter 628, except for ss. 628.341, 628.351, and
2289	628.6018.
2290	Section 49. Subsections (2), (6), and (7) of section
2291	705.184, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

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2292 705.184 Derelict or abandoned motor vehicles on the 2293 premises of public-use airports.-2294 (2) The airport director or the director's designee shall 2295 contact the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to 2296 notify that department that the airport has possession of the 2297 abandoned or derelict motor vehicle and to determine the name 2298 and address of the owner of the motor vehicle, the insurance 2299 company insuring the motor vehicle, notwithstanding the 2300 provisions of s. 627.736, and any person who has filed a lien on 2301 the motor vehicle. Within 7 business days after receipt of the 2302 information, the director or the director's designee shall send 2303 notice by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the owner 2304 of the motor vehicle, the insurance company insuring the motor 2305 vehicle, notwithstanding the provisions of s. 627.736, and all 2306 persons of record claiming a lien against the motor vehicle. The 2307 notice must shall state the fact of possession of the motor 2308 vehicle, that charges for reasonable towing, storage, and 2309 parking fees, if any, have accrued and the amount thereof, that 2310 a lien as provided in subsection (6) will be claimed, that the 2311 lien is subject to enforcement pursuant to law, that the owner 2312 or lienholder, if any, has the right to a hearing as set forth 2313 in subsection (4), and that any motor vehicle which, at the end 2314 of 30 calendar days after receipt of the notice, has not been 2315 removed from the airport upon payment in full of all accrued 2316 charges for reasonable towing, storage, and parking fees, if 2317 any, may be disposed of as provided in s. 705.182(2)(a), (b), 2318 (d), or (e), including, but not limited to, the motor vehicle 2319 being sold free of all prior liens after 35 calendar days after 2320 the time the motor vehicle is stored if any prior liens on the

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20-00389C-19 20191052 2321 motor vehicle are more than 5 years of age or after 50 calendar 2322 days after the time the motor vehicle is stored if any prior 2323 liens on the motor vehicle are 5 years of age or less. 2324 (6) The airport pursuant to this section or, if used, a 2325 licensed independent wrecker company pursuant to s. 713.78 shall 2326 have a lien on an abandoned or derelict motor vehicle for all 2327 reasonable towing, storage, and accrued parking fees, if any, 2328 except that no storage fee may shall be charged if the motor vehicle is stored less than 6 hours. As a prerequisite to 2329 2330 perfecting a lien under this section, the airport director or 2331 the director's designee must serve a notice in accordance with 2332 subsection (2) on the owner of the motor vehicle, the insurance 2333 company insuring the motor vehicle, notwithstanding the 2334 provisions of s. 627.736, and all persons of record claiming a 2335 lien against the motor vehicle. If attempts to notify the owner, 2336 the insurance company insuring the motor vehicle, 2337 notwithstanding the provisions of s. 627.736, or lienholders are 2338 not successful, the requirement of notice by mail shall be 2339 considered met. Serving of the notice does not dispense with 2340 recording the claim of lien. 2341 (7) (a) For the purpose of perfecting its lien under this 2342 section, the airport shall record a claim of lien which states 2343 shall state:

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1. The name and address of the airport.

2345 2. The name of the owner of the motor vehicle, the 2346 insurance company insuring the motor vehicle, notwithstanding 2347 the provisions of s. 627.736, and all persons of record claiming 2348 a lien against the motor vehicle.

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3. The costs incurred from reasonable towing, storage, and

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2350	parking fees, if any.
2351	4. A description of the motor vehicle sufficient for
2352	identification.
2353	(b) The claim of lien <u>must</u> shall be signed and sworn to or
2354	affirmed by the airport director or the director's designee.
2355	(c) The claim of lien <u>is</u> shall be sufficient if it is in
2356	substantially the following form:
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2358	CLAIM OF LIEN
2359	State of
2360	County of
2361	Before me, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared
2362	, who was duly sworn and says that he/she is the
2363	of, whose address is; and that the
2364	following described motor vehicle:
2365	(Description of motor vehicle)
2366	owned by, whose address is, has accrued
2367	\$ in fees for a reasonable tow, for storage, and for
2368	parking, if applicable; that the lienor served its notice to the
2369	owner, the insurance company insuring the motor vehicle
2370	notwithstanding the provisions of s. 627.736, Florida Statutes,
2371	and all persons of record claiming a lien against the motor
2372	vehicle on,(year), by
2373	(Signature)
2374	Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me this \ldots day of
2375	,(year), by(name of person making statement)
2376	(Signature of Notary Public)(Print, Type, or Stamp
2377	Commissioned name of Notary Public)
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However, the negligent inclusion or omission of any information in this claim of lien which does not prejudice the owner does not constitute a default that operates to defeat an otherwise valid lien.

2384 (d) The claim of lien must shall be served on the owner of 2385 the motor vehicle, the insurance company insuring the motor 2386 vehicle, notwithstanding the provisions of s. 627.736, and all 2387 persons of record claiming a lien against the motor vehicle. If 2388 attempts to notify the owner, the insurance company insuring the 2389 motor vehicle notwithstanding the provisions of s. 627.736, or 2390 lienholders are not successful, the requirement of notice by 2391 mail shall be considered met. The claim of lien must shall be so served before recordation. 2392

(e) The claim of lien <u>must</u> shall be recorded with the clerk of court in the county where the airport is located. The recording of the claim of lien shall be constructive notice to all persons of the contents and effect of such claim. The lien <u>attaches</u> shall attach at the time of recordation and <u>takes</u> shall take priority as of that time.

2399 Section 50. Subsection (4) of section 713.78, Florida 2400 Statutes, is amended to read:

2401 713.78 Liens for recovering, towing, or storing vehicles 2402 and vessels.—

(4) (a) Any person regularly engaged in the business of recovering, towing, or storing vehicles or vessels who comes into possession of a vehicle or vessel pursuant to subsection (2), and who claims a lien for recovery, towing, or storage services, shall give notice to the registered owner, the

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2408 insurance company insuring the vehicle notwithstanding the 2409 provisions of s. 627.736, and to all persons claiming a lien 2410 thereon, as disclosed by the records in the Department of 2411 Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles or as disclosed by the records 2412 of any corresponding agency in any other state in which the 2413 vehicle is identified through a records check of the National 2414 Motor Vehicle Title Information System or an equivalent 2415 commercially available system as being titled or registered.

(b) If a Whenever any law enforcement agency authorizes the 2416 2417 removal of a vehicle or vessel or if a whenever any towing 2418 service, garage, repair shop, or automotive service, storage, or 2419 parking place notifies the law enforcement agency of possession 2420 of a vehicle or vessel pursuant to s. 715.07(2)(a)2., the law 2421 enforcement agency of the jurisdiction where the vehicle or 2422 vessel is stored shall contact the Department of Highway Safety 2423 and Motor Vehicles, or the appropriate agency of the state of 2424 registration, if known, within 24 hours through the medium of 2425 electronic communications, giving the full description of the 2426 vehicle or vessel. Upon receipt of the full description of the 2427 vehicle or vessel, the department shall search its files to 2428 determine the owner's name, the insurance company insuring the 2429 vehicle or vessel, and whether any person has filed a lien upon 2430 the vehicle or vessel as provided in s. 319.27(2) and (3) and 2431 notify the applicable law enforcement agency within 72 hours. 2432 The person in charge of the towing service, garage, repair shop, 2433 or automotive service, storage, or parking place shall obtain 2434 such information from the applicable law enforcement agency 2435 within 5 days after the date of storage and shall give notice 2436 pursuant to paragraph (a). The department may release the

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20-00389C-19 20191052 2437 insurance company information to the requestor notwithstanding 2438 the provisions of s. 627.736. 2439 (c) Notice by certified mail must shall be sent within 7 2440 business days after the date of storage of the vehicle or vessel 2441 to the registered owner, the insurance company insuring the vehicle notwithstanding the provisions of s. 627.736, and all 2442 2443 persons of record claiming a lien against the vehicle or vessel. 2444 The notice must It shall state the fact of possession of the 2445 vehicle or vessel, that a lien as provided in subsection (2) is 2446 claimed, that charges have accrued and the amount thereof, that 2447 the lien is subject to enforcement pursuant to law, and that the 2448 owner or lienholder, if any, has the right to a hearing as set 2449 forth in subsection (5), and that any vehicle or vessel which

2450 remains unclaimed, or for which the charges for recovery, 2451 towing, or storage services remain unpaid, may be sold free of 2452 all prior liens after 35 days if the vehicle or vessel is more 2453 than 3 years of age or after 50 days if the vehicle or vessel is 2454 3 years of age or less.

2455 (d) If attempts to locate the name and address of the owner 2456 or lienholder prove unsuccessful, the towing-storage operator 2457 must shall, after 7 working days, excluding Saturday and Sunday, 2458 of the initial tow or storage, notify the public agency of 2459 jurisdiction where the vehicle or vessel is stored in writing by 2460 certified mail or acknowledged hand delivery that the towing-2461 storage company has been unable to locate the name and address of the owner or lienholder and a physical search of the vehicle 2462 2463 or vessel has disclosed no ownership information and a good faith effort has been made, including records checks of the 2464 2465 Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles database and the

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2466	National Motor Vehicle Title Information System or an equivalent
2467	commercially available system. As used in For purposes of this
2468	paragraph and subsection (9), the term "good faith effort" means
2469	that the following checks have been performed by the company to
2470	establish prior state of registration and for title:
2471	1. Check of the Department of Highway Safety and Motor
2472	Vehicles database for the owner and any lienholder.
2473	2. Check of the electronic National Motor Vehicle Title
2474	Information System or an equivalent commercially available
2475	system to determine the state of registration when there is not
2476	a current registration record for the vehicle on file with the
2477	Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles.
2478	3. Check of vehicle or vessel for any type of tag, tag
2479	record, temporary tag, or regular tag.
2480	4. Check of law enforcement report for tag number or other
2481	information identifying the vehicle or vessel, if the vehicle or
2482	vessel was towed at the request of a law enforcement officer.
2483	5. Check of trip sheet or tow ticket of tow truck operator
2484	to see if a tag was on vehicle or vessel at beginning of tow, if
2485	private tow.
2486	6. If there is no address of the owner on the impound
2487	report, check of law enforcement report to see if an out-of-
2488	state address is indicated from driver license information.
2489	7. Check of vehicle or vessel for inspection sticker or
2490	other stickers and decals that may indicate a state of possible
2491	registration.
2492	8. Check of the interior of the vehicle or vessel for any
2493	papers that may be in the glove box, trunk, or other areas for a
2494	state of registration.
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           9. Check of vehicle for vehicle identification number.
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           10. Check of vessel for vessel registration number.
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           11. Check of vessel hull for a hull identification number
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      which should be carved, burned, stamped, embossed, or otherwise
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      permanently affixed to the outboard side of the transom or, if
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      there is no transom, to the outmost seaboard side at the end of
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      the hull that bears the rudder or other steering mechanism.
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           Section 51. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1), paragraph (c)
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      of subsection (7), paragraphs (a), (b), and (c) of subsection
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      (8), and subsections (9) and (10) of section 817.234, Florida
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      Statutes, are amended to read:
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           817.234 False and fraudulent insurance claims.-
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            (1) (a) A person commits insurance fraud punishable as
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      provided in subsection (11) if that person, with the intent to
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      injure, defraud, or deceive any insurer:
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           1. Presents or causes to be presented any written or oral
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      statement as part of, or in support of, a claim for payment or
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      other benefit pursuant to an insurance policy or a health
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      maintenance organization subscriber or provider contract,
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      knowing that such statement contains any false, incomplete, or
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      misleading information concerning any fact or thing material to
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      such claim;
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           2. Prepares or makes any written or oral statement that is
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      intended to be presented to an any insurer in connection with,
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      or in support of, any claim for payment or other benefit
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      pursuant to an insurance policy or a health maintenance
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      organization subscriber or provider contract, knowing that such
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information concerning any fact or thing material to such claim;

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20-00389C-19 20191052 2524 3.a. Knowingly presents, causes to be presented, or 2525 prepares or makes with knowledge or belief that it will be 2526 presented to an any insurer, purported insurer, servicing 2527 corporation, insurance broker, or insurance agent, or any 2528 employee or agent thereof, any false, incomplete, or misleading 2529 information or a written or oral statement as part of, or in 2530 support of, an application for the issuance of, or the rating 2531 of, any insurance policy, or a health maintenance organization 2532 subscriber or provider contract; or 2533 b. Knowingly conceals information concerning any fact 2534 material to such application; or 2535 4. Knowingly presents, causes to be presented, or prepares 2536 or makes with knowledge or belief that it will be presented to 2537 any insurer a claim for payment or other benefit under medical 2538 payments coverage in a motor vehicle a personal injury 2539 protection insurance policy if the person knows that the payee 2540 knowingly submitted a false, misleading, or fraudulent 2541 application or other document when applying for licensure as a 2542 health care clinic, seeking an exemption from licensure as a 2543 health care clinic, or demonstrating compliance with part X of 2544 chapter 400. 2545 (7) 2546 (c) An insurer, or any person acting at the direction of or

2546 (c) An insurer, or any person deting at the direction of or 2547 on behalf of an insurer, may not change an opinion in a mental 2548 or physical report prepared under s. 627.736(7) or direct the 2549 physician preparing the report to change such opinion; however, 2550 this provision does not preclude the insurer from calling to the 2551 attention of the physician errors of fact in the report based 2552 upon information in the claim file. Any person who violates this

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20-00389C-19 20191052 2553 paragraph commits a felony of the third degree, punishable as 2554 provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084. 2555 (8) (a) It is unlawful for any person intending to defraud 2556 any other person to solicit or cause to be solicited any 2557 business from a person involved in a motor vehicle accident for 2558 the purpose of making, adjusting, or settling motor vehicle tort 2559 claims or claims for benefits under medical payments coverage in 2560 a motor vehicle insurance policy personal injury protection 2561 benefits required by s. 627.736. Any person who violates the provisions of this paragraph commits a felony of the second 2562 2563 degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 2564 775.084. A person who is convicted of a violation of this 2565 subsection shall be sentenced to a minimum term of imprisonment 2566 of 2 years.

2567 (b) A person may not solicit or cause to be solicited any 2568 business from a person involved in a motor vehicle accident by 2569 any means of communication other than advertising directed to 2570 the public for the purpose of making motor vehicle tort claims 2571 or claims for benefits under medical payments coverage in a 2572 motor vehicle insurance policy personal injury protection 2573 benefits required by s. 627.736, within 60 days after the 2574 occurrence of the motor vehicle accident. Any person who 2575 violates this paragraph commits a felony of the third degree, 2576 punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

(c) A lawyer, health care practitioner as defined in s.
456.001, or owner or medical director of a clinic required to be
licensed pursuant to s. 400.9905 may not, at any time after 60
days have elapsed from the occurrence of a motor vehicle
accident, solicit or cause to be solicited any business from a

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20-00389C-19 20191052 2582 person involved in a motor vehicle accident by means of in 2583 person or telephone contact at the person's residence, for the 2584 purpose of making motor vehicle tort claims or claims for 2585 benefits under medical payments coverage in a motor vehicle 2586 insurance policy personal injury protection benefits required by 2587 s. 627.736. Any person who violates this paragraph commits a 2588 felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 2589 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084. 2590 (9) A person may not organize, plan, or knowingly 2591 participate in an intentional motor vehicle crash or a scheme to 2592 create documentation of a motor vehicle crash that did not occur 2593 for the purpose of making motor vehicle tort claims or claims 2594 for benefits under medical payments coverage in a motor vehicle 2595 insurance policy personal injury protection benefits as required 2596 by s. 627.736. Any person who violates this subsection commits a 2597 felony of the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 2598 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084. A person who is convicted of 2599 a violation of this subsection shall be sentenced to a minimum 2600 term of imprisonment of 2 years. 2601 (10) A licensed health care practitioner who is found 2602 guilty of insurance fraud under this section for an act relating 2603 to a motor vehicle personal injury protection insurance policy 2604 loses his or her license to practice for 5 years and may not receive reimbursement under medical payments coverage in a motor 2605 2606 vehicle insurance policy for personal injury protection benefits 2607 for 10 years. 2608 Section 52. Applicability and construction; notice to 2609 policyholders.-(1) As used in this section, the term "minimum security 2610

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requirements" means security that enables a person to respond in
damages for liability on account of crashes arising out of the
ownership, maintenance, or use of a motor vehicle, in the
amounts required by s. 324.021(7), Florida Statutes.
(2) Effective January 1, 2020:
(a) Motor vehicle insurance policies issued or renewed on
or after that date may not include personal injury protection.
(b) All persons subject to s. 324.022, s. 324.032, s.
627.7415, or s. 627.742, Florida Statutes, must maintain at
least minimum security requirements.
(c) Any new or renewal motor vehicle insurance policy
delivered or issued for delivery in this state must provide
coverage that complies with minimum security requirements.
(d) An existing motor vehicle insurance policy issued
before that date which provides personal injury protection and
property damage liability coverage that meets the requirements
of s. 324.022, Florida Statutes, on December 31, 2019, but which
does not meet minimum security requirements on or after January
1, 2020, is deemed to meet the security requirements of s.
324.022, Florida Statutes, until such policy is renewed,
nonrenewed, or canceled on or after January 1, 2020. Sections
<u>627.730-627.7405, 400.9905, 400.991, 456.057, 456.072, 627.7263,</u>
627.727, 627.748, 627.9541(1)(i), and 817.234, Florida Statutes
2018, remain in full force and effect for motor vehicle
accidents covered under a policy issued under the Florida Motor
Vehicle No-Fault Law before January 1, 2020, until the policy is
renewed, nonrenewed, or canceled.
(3) Each insurer shall allow each insured who has a new or
renewal policy providing personal injury protection which

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2640	becomes effective before January 1, 2020, and whose policy does
2641	not meet minimum security requirements on or after January 1,
2642	2020, to change coverages so as to eliminate personal injury
2643	protection and obtain coverage providing minimum security
2644	requirements, which shall be effective on or after January 1,
2645	2020. The insurer is not required to provide coverage complying
2646	with minimum security requirements in such policies if the
2647	insured does not pay the required premium, if any, by January 1,
2648	2020, or such later date as the insurer may allow. The insurer
2649	must also offer each insured medical payments coverage pursuant
2650	to s. 627.7265, Florida Statutes. Any reduction in the premium
2651	must be refunded by the insurer. The insurer may not impose on
2652	the insured an additional fee or charge that applies solely to a
2653	change in coverage; however, the insurer may charge an
2654	additional required premium that is actuarially indicated.
2655	(4) By September 1, 2019, each motor vehicle insurer shall
2656	provide notice of this section to each motor vehicle
2657	policyholder who is subject to this section. The notice is
2658	subject to approval by the Office of Insurance Regulation and
2659	must clearly inform the policyholder that:
2660	(a) The Florida Motor Vehicle No-Fault Law is repealed,
2661	effective January 1, 2020, and that on or after that date, the
2662	insured is no longer required to maintain personal injury
2663	protection insurance coverage, that personal injury protection
2664	coverage is no longer available for purchase in this state, and
2665	that all new or renewal policies issued on or after that date
2666	will not contain such coverage.
2667	(b) Effective January 1, 2020, a person subject to the
2668	financial responsibility requirements of s. 324.022, Florida

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2669	Statutes, must maintain minimum security requirements that
2670	enable the person to respond to damages for liability on account
2671	of accidents arising out of the use of a motor vehicle in the
2672	following amounts:
2673	1. Twenty-five thousand dollars for bodily injury to, or
2674	the death of, one person in any one crash and, subject to such
2675	limits for one person, in the amount of \$50,000 for bodily
2676	injury to, or the death of, two or more persons in any one
2677	crash; and
2678	2. Ten thousand dollars for damage to, or destruction of,
2679	the property of others in any one crash.
2680	(c) Bodily injury liability coverage protects the insured,
2681	up to the coverage limits, against loss if the insured is
2682	legally responsible for the death of or bodily injury to others
2683	in a motor vehicle accident.
2684	(d) Effective January 1, 2020, each policyholder of motor
2685	vehicle liability insurance purchased as proof of financial
2686	responsibility must be offered medical payments coverage
2687	benefits that comply with s. 627.7265, Florida Statutes. The
2688	insurer must offer medical payments coverage at limits of \$5,000
2689	and \$10,000 without a deductible. The insurer may also offer
2690	medical payments coverage at other limits greater than \$5,000,
2691	and may offer coverage with a deductible of up to \$500. Medical
2692	payments coverage pays covered medical expenses, up to the
2693	limits of such coverage, for injuries sustained in a motor
2694	vehicle crash by the named insured, resident relatives, persons
2695	operating the insured motor vehicle, passengers in the insured
2696	motor vehicle, and persons who are struck by the insured motor
2697	vehicle and suffer bodily injury while not an occupant of a

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2698	self-propelled motor vehicle as provided in s. 627.7265, Florida
2699	Statutes. Medical payments coverage also provides a death
2700	benefit of at least \$5,000.
2701	(e) The policyholder may obtain uninsured and underinsured
2702	motorist coverage, which provides benefits, up to the limits of
2703	such coverage, to a policyholder or other insured entitled to
2704	recover damages for bodily injury, sickness, disease, or death
2705	resulting from a motor vehicle accident with an uninsured or
2706	underinsured owner or operator of a motor vehicle.
2707	(f) If the policyholder's new or renewal motor vehicle
2708	insurance policy is effective before January 1, 2020, and
2709	contains personal injury protection and property damage
2710	liability coverage as required by state law before January 1,
2711	2020, but does not meet minimum security requirements on or
2712	after January 1, 2020, the policy is deemed to meet minimum
2713	security requirements until it is renewed, nonrenewed, or
2714	canceled on or after January 1, 2020.
2715	(g) A policyholder whose new or renewal policy becomes
2716	effective before January 1, 2020, but does not meet minimum
2717	security requirements on or after January 1, 2020, may change
2718	coverages under the policy so as to eliminate personal injury
2719	protection and to obtain coverage providing minimum security
2720	requirements, including bodily injury liability coverage, which
2721	are effective on or after January 1, 2020.
2722	(h) If the policyholder has any questions, he or she should
2723	contact the person named at the telephone number provided in the
2724	notice.
2725	(5) This section takes effect upon this act becoming a law.
2726	Section 53. Application of suspensions for failure to

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2727	maintain security; reinstatement.—All suspensions for failure to
2728	maintain required security as required by law in effect before
2729	January 1, 2020, remain in full force and effect after January
2730	1, 2020. A driver may reinstate a suspended driver license or
2731	registration as provided under s. 324.0221, Florida Statutes.
2732	Section 54. For the 2019-2020 fiscal year, the sum of
2733	\$83,651 in nonrecurring funds is appropriated from the Insurance
2734	Regulatory Trust Fund to the Office of Insurance Regulation for
2735	the purpose of implementing this act.
2736	Section 55. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this
2737	act and except for this section, which shall take effect upon
2738	this act becoming a law, this act shall take effect January 1,
2739	2020.

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