Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development (Brandes) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete lines 249 - 302 and insert:

Section 10. Section 316.85, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

316.85 Autonomous vehicles; operation; compliance with traffic and motor vehicle laws; preemption.—

(1) Notwithstanding any other law, a licensed human operator is not required to operate a fully autonomous vehicle A
person who possesses a valid driver license may operate an
autonomous vehicle in autonomous mode on roads in this state if
the vehicle is equipped with autonomous technology, as defined
in s. 316.003(3) s. 316.003.

(2) A fully autonomous vehicle may operate in this state,
regardless of whether a human operator is physically present in
the vehicle.

(3)(a) For purposes of this chapter, unless the context
otherwise requires, the automated driving system, when engaged,
a person shall be deemed to be the operator of an autonomous
vehicle operating in autonomous mode when the person causes the
vehicle’s autonomous technology to engage, regardless of whether
a person is physically present in the vehicle while the
vehicle is operating with the automated driving system engaged
in autonomous mode.

(b) Unless otherwise provided by law, applicable traffic or
motor vehicle laws of this state may not be construed to:

1. Prohibit the automated driving system from being deemed
the operator of an autonomous vehicle operating with the
automated driving system engaged.

2. Require a licensed human operator to operate a fully
autonomous vehicle.

(4) An on-demand autonomous vehicle network must operate
pursuant to state laws governing the operation of transportation
network companies and transportation network company vehicles as
those terms are defined in s. 627.748, except that any provision
of s. 627.748 which reasonably applies only to a human driver
does not apply to the operation of a fully autonomous vehicle
with the automated driving system engaged in an on-demand
autonomous vehicle network. A fully autonomous vehicle with the automated driving system engaged in an on-demand autonomous vehicle network must meet the insurance requirements in s. 627.749.

(5) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, an autonomous vehicle or a fully autonomous vehicle equipped with a teleoperation system may operate without a human operator physically present in the vehicle when the teleoperation system is engaged. A vehicle that is subject to this subsection must meet the requirements of s. 319.145 and is considered a vehicle that meets the definition of s. 316.003(3)(c) for the purposes of ss. 316.062(5), 316.063(4), 316.065(5), 316.1975(3), and 316.303(1).

(6) It is the intent of the Legislature to provide for

And the title is amended as follows:

Delete lines 34 - 37

and insert:

construction; providing requirements for