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Proposed Committee Substitute by the Committee on Appropriations (Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development)

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to electric vehicles and devices; amending s. 316.003, F.S.; revising definitions; authorizing the Department of Transportation to adopt rules; amending s. 334.046, F.S.; revising the principles relating to mobility which the department's goals are required to address; creating s. 339.0802, F.S.; requiring that certain funds be used for specified purposes relating to the Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Grant Program, beginning in a specified year; providing for future expiration; creating s. 339.286, F.S.; requiring the department to establish the Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Grant Program; providing the purpose of the program; providing for the distribution of grants to certain entities to install electric vehicle charging infrastructure; providing grant requirements; providing requirements for equipment installed using grant funds; requiring the department to develop and publish criteria for the prioritization of grant applications and to maintain a prioritized list of approved applications; requiring the department to continually review emerging research, policies, and standards; requiring the department to publish certain information; authorizing the department to develop a model plan for specified entities; requiring the department to adopt rules;



amending s. 339.287, F.S.; requiring the department to coordinate, develop, and recommend a supplemental master plan to address innovations in electric vehicle charging station infrastructure and the development of high-powered charging infrastructure for electric aircraft; requiring the department to submit the plan to the Governor and the Legislature by a specified date; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; requiring the department to file a second status report with the Governor and the Legislature by a specified date; amending s. 366.94, F.S.; prohibiting certain rules adopted by the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services from requiring specific methods of sale for electric vehicle charging equipment used and services provided in this state; providing effective dates.

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Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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Section 1. Subsections (2) and (56) of section 316.003, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

316.003 Definitions.-The following words and phrases, when used in this chapter, shall have the meanings respectively ascribed to them in this section, except where the context otherwise requires:

(2) AUTOCYCLE.-A three-wheeled motorcycle that has two wheels in the front and one wheel in the back; is equipped with a roll cage or roll hoops, a seat belt for each occupant, antilock brakes that meet the requirements of Federal Motor



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83 84 Vehicle Safety Standard No. 122, a steering mechanism wheel, and seating that does not require the operator to straddle or sit astride it; and is manufactured in accordance with the applicable federal motorcycle safety standards in 49 C.F.R. part 571 by a manufacturer registered with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

- (56) PERSONAL DELIVERY DEVICE.—An electrically powered device that:
- (a) Is operated on sidewalks and crosswalks and intended primarily for transporting property;
- (b) Has a weight that does not exceed the maximum weight established by Department of Transportation rule Weighs less than 80 pounds, excluding cargo;
- (c) Has a maximum speed of 10 miles per hour or, if the Department of Transportation establishes by rule a maximum speed, has a speed that does not exceed that maximum; and
- (d) Is equipped with technology to allow for operation of the device with or without the active control or monitoring of a natural person.

A personal delivery device is not considered a vehicle unless expressly defined by law as a vehicle. A mobile carrier is not considered a personal delivery device. The Department of Transportation may adopt rules to implement this subsection.

Section 2. Paragraph (c) of subsection (4) of section 334.046, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

- 334.046 Department mission, goals, and objectives.-
- (4) At a minimum, the department's goals shall address the following prevailing principles.



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(c) Mobility.—Ensuring a cost-effective, statewide, interconnected transportation system. Improvement of travel choices to ensure mobility includes planning and establishment of infrastructure for innovative technologies, including electric vehicle charging infrastructure.

Section 3. Effective upon SB 140 or other similar legislation being enacted in the 2021 Regular Session or an extension thereof and becoming a law, section 339.0802, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

339.0802 Allocation of increased license tax revenues from licensure of electric and hybrid vehicles.-Funds that result from increased revenues to the State Transportation Trust Fund derived under s. 320.08001(2) and (3) must be used as set forth in this section, notwithstanding any other provision of law. Beginning in the 2023-2024 fiscal year, all increased revenues must be used to fund the Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Grant Program created by s. 339.286. This section expires on December 31, 2030.

Section 4. Section 339.286, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

- 339.286 Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Grant Program.-
- (1) The department shall establish the Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Grant Program. The purpose of the program is to provide financial assistance to encourage the installation of electric vehicle charging infrastructure.
- (2) State agencies, public universities, public transit agencies, ports, airports, and local governments, including local housing authorities and libraries, may apply to the department for grants for the purpose of installing publicly



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- available electric vehicle charging infrastructure on public or private property.
  - (3) A grant may be awarded for:
- (a) Technical assistance for the development and adoption of:
- 1. A local or regional plan that establishes an electric vehicle charging infrastructure;
- 2. Any action plans necessary to address any infrastructure gaps; and
  - 3. Steps necessary to complete the infrastructure plan.

A plan must address actions to deploy the necessary infrastructure in high-density housing areas and low-income to moderate-income areas.

- (b) Assistance with the purchase of related equipment and the costs of installation of that equipment to provide electric vehicle charging. Such equipment must be capable of collecting and reporting data, use standard connectors, and be available to the public.
- (4) (a) An applicant may apply for a grant for both technical assistance and equipment purchase and installation. A grant for technical assistance requires a minimum match of funds from the applicant of 30 percent of the grant award, but such match is not required for an applicant that is located in a fiscally constrained county as described in s. 218.67(1). A grant for equipment purchase and installation requires a minimum match of funds from the applicant in the amount of 60 percent of the total project cost for alternating-current, Level 2 charging infrastructure; 20 percent of the total project cost for direct-



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current, fast-charging infrastructure; or 20 percent of the total project cost for high-powered charging infrastructure for electric aircraft, including, but not limited to, electric vertical takeoff and landing aircraft, and semi-trucks. The matching funds must be from nonstate resources, but may include private funds provided through a partnership with a private entity or in-kind contributions such as the donation of equipment, services, or land or use of land for establishment of the electric vehicle charging infrastructure. Grant funds may not subsidize the cost for the use of electricity. Twenty percent of the funds available under the grant program must be reserved for applicants or projects in fiscally constrained counties as described in s. 218.67(1). An applicant may partner with a private sector entity to install charging infrastructure on private property in the same county or local jurisdiction as the applicant.

- (b) The department shall develop and publish criteria for prioritizing the grant applications and shall maintain a prioritized list of approved grant applications. The prioritized list must include recommended funding levels for each application and, if staged implementation is appropriate, must provide funding requirements for each stage. Grants must be prioritized based on the extent to which the activities of the grant will encourage growth in the use of electric vehicles and increase the availability of charging locations along evacuation routes. A grant for equipment purchase and installation that will immediately and most effectively serve those who currently own or operate electric vehicles may receive priority.
  - (5) The department shall continually review emerging



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research, policies, and standards related to electric vehicle infrastructure and innovations in the use of electric vehicles. Using such information, the department shall publish best practices for the establishment of electric vehicle charging infrastructure, model infrastructure plan development and components, and other significant information for the implementation and use of electric vehicle charging infrastructure. The department may develop a model plan that state agencies, public universities, public transit agencies, ports, airports, and local governments may use as a guide to establish an electric vehicle charging infrastructure plan.

(6) The department shall adopt rules to administer this section.

Section 5. Subsection (2) of section 339.287, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

339.287 Electric vehicle charging stations; infrastructure plan development.-

- (2) (a) The department shall coordinate, develop, and recommend a master plan and a supplemental master plan for current and future plans for the development of electric vehicle charging station infrastructure along the State Highway System, as defined in s. 334.03(24). The plans must include recommendations for legislation and may include other recommendations as determined by the department.
- 1. The department shall develop the recommended master plan and submit the recommended master plan it to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by July 1, 2021. The plan must include recommendations for legislation and may include other



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## recommendations as determined by the department.

- 2. The department shall submit the recommended supplemental master plan to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by July 1, 2023. The supplemental master plan must address innovations in electric vehicle charging station infrastructure occurring since the submission of the recommended master plan and the development of high-powered charging infrastructure for electric aircraft. The supplemental master plan also must make recommendations related to charging station infrastructure along the State Highway System and at airports, seaports, and other ports in light of these innovations.
- (b) The department, in consultation with the Public Service Commission and the Office of Energy within the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, and any other public or private entities as necessary or appropriate, shall be primarily responsible for the following goals and objectives in developing the plans plan:
- 1. Identifying the types or characteristics of possible locations for electric vehicle charging station infrastructure along the State Highway System to support a supply of electric vehicle charging stations that will:
  - a. Accomplish the goals and objectives of this section;
- b. Support both short-range and long-range electric vehicle travel;
- c. Encourage the expansion of electric vehicle use in this state; and
  - d. Adequately serve evacuation routes in this state.
  - 2. Identifying any barriers to the use of electric vehicles



and electric vehicle charging station infrastructure both for short-range and long-range electric vehicle travel along the State Highway System.

- 3. Identifying an implementation strategy for expanding electric vehicle and charging station infrastructure use in this state.
- 4. Quantifying the loss of revenue to the State Transportation Trust Fund due to the current and projected future use of electric vehicles in this state and summarizing efforts of other states to address such revenue loss.
- (c) The Public Service Commission, in consultation with the department and the Office of Energy within the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, and any other public or private entities as necessary or appropriate, shall be primarily responsible for the following goals and objectives in developing the <u>plans</u> plan:
- 1. Projecting the increase in the use of electric vehicles in this state over the next 20 years and determining how to ensure an adequate supply of reliable electric vehicle charging stations to support and encourage this growth in a manner supporting a competitive market with ample consumer choice.
- 2. Evaluating and comparing the types of electric vehicle charging stations available at present and which may become available in the future, including the technology and infrastructure incorporated in such stations, along with the circumstances within which each type of station and infrastructure is typically used, including fleet charging, for the purpose of identifying any advantages to developing particular types or uses of these stations.



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- 3. Considering strategies to develop this supply of charging stations, including, but not limited to, methods of building partnerships with local governments, other state and federal entities, electric utilities, the business community, and the public in support of electric vehicle charging stations.
- 4. Identifying the type of regulatory structure necessary for the delivery of electricity to electric vehicles and charging station infrastructure, including competitive neutral policies and the participation of public utilities in the marketplace.
- (d) The Public Service Commission, in consultation with the Office of Energy within the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, shall review emerging technologies in the electric and alternative vehicle market, including alternative fuel sources.
- (e) The department, the Public Service Commission, and the Office of Energy within the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services may agree to explore other issues deemed necessary or appropriate for purposes of the plans report required by in paragraph (a).
- (f) By December 1, 2021 December 1, 2020, the department shall file a second status report with the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives containing any preliminary recommendations, including recommendations for legislation.
- Section 6. Section 366.94, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
  - 366.94 Electric vehicle charging stations.-
  - (1) The provision of electric vehicle charging to the



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public by a nonutility is not the retail sale of electricity for the purposes of this chapter. The rates, terms, and conditions of electric vehicle charging services by a nonutility are not subject to regulation under this chapter. This section does not affect the ability of individuals, businesses, or governmental entities to acquire, install, or use an electric vehicle charger for their own vehicles.

- (2) The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services shall adopt rules to provide definitions, methods of sale, labeling requirements, and price-posting requirements for electric vehicle charging stations to allow for consistency for consumers and the industry. Rules implemented under this subsection may not require specific methods of sale for electric vehicle charging equipment used in, and electrical vehicle charging services provided in, this state.
- (3)(a) It is unlawful for a person to stop, stand, or park a vehicle that is not capable of using an electrical recharging station within any parking space specifically designated for charging an electric vehicle.
- (b) If a law enforcement officer or parking enforcement specialist finds a motor vehicle in violation of this subsection, the officer or specialist shall charge the operator or other person in charge of the vehicle in violation with a noncriminal traffic infraction, punishable as provided in s. 316.008(4) or s. 318.18.
- Section 7. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this act, this act shall take effect July 1, 2021.