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. 316.2122,
9	F.S.; conforming a provision to changes made by the
10	act; amending s. 316.646, F.S.; revising a requirement
11	for proof of security on a motor vehicle and the
12	applicability of the requirement; amending s. 318.18,
13	F.S.; conforming a provision to changes made by the
14	act; amending s. 320.02, F.S.; revising the motor
15	vehicle insurance coverages that an applicant must
16	show to register certain vehicles with the Department
17	of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles; conforming a
18	provision to changes made by the act; revising
19	construction; amending s. 320.0609, F.S.; conforming a
20	provision to changes made by the act; amending s.
21	320.27, F.S.; defining the term "garage liability
22	insurance"; revising garage liability insurance
23	requirements for motor vehicle dealer license
24	applicants; conforming a provision to changes made by
25	the act; making technical changes; amending s.

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26 320.771, F.S.; revising garage liability insurance 27 requirements for recreational vehicle dealer license 28 applicants; amending ss. 322.251 and 322.34, F.S.; 29 conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 324.011, F.S.; revising legislative 30 31 purpose and intent; amending s. 324.021, F.S.; 32 revising definitions; revising minimum coverage 33 requirements for proof of financial responsibility for 34 specified motor vehicles; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; defining the term "for-hire 35 36 passenger transportation vehicle"; amending s. 37 324.022, F.S.; revising minimum liability coverage 38 requirements for motor vehicle owners or operators; 39 revising authorized methods for meeting such requirements; deleting a provision relating to an 40 41 insurer's duty to defend certain claims; revising the 42 vehicles that are excluded from the definition of the 43 term "motor vehicle"; providing security requirements 44 for certain excluded vehicles; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 324.0221, 45 46 F.S.; revising coverages that subject a policy to 47 certain insurer reporting and notice requirements; 48 conforming provisions to changes made by the act; 49 creating s. 324.0222, F.S.; providing that driver license or motor vehicle registration suspensions for 50

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51 failure to maintain required security which are in 52 effect before a specified date remain in full force 53 and effect; providing that such suspended licenses or 54 registrations may be reinstated as provided in a specified section; amending s. 324.023, F.S.; 55 56 conforming cross-references; amending s. 324.031, 57 F.S.; specifying a method of proving financial 58 responsibility by owners or operators of motor 59 vehicles other than for-hire passenger transportation vehicles; revising the amount of a certificate of 60 61 deposit required to elect a certain method of proof of 62 financial responsibility; revising liability coverage 63 requirements for a person electing to use such method; amending s. 324.032, F.S.; revising financial 64 65 responsibility requirements for owners or lessees of 66 for-hire passenger transportation vehicles; amending s. 324.051, F.S.; making technical changes; specifying 67 68 that motor vehicles include motorcycles for purposes 69 of the section; amending ss. 324.071 and 324.091, 70 F.S.; making technical changes; amending s. 324.151, 71 F.S.; revising requirements for motor vehicle 72 liability insurance policies relating to coverage, and 73 exclusion from coverage, for certain drivers and 74 vehicles; conforming provisions to changes made by the 75 act; making technical changes; defining terms;

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76 amending s. 324.161, F.S.; revising requirements for a 77 certificate of deposit that is required if a person 78 elects a certain method of proving financial 79 responsibility; amending s. 324.171, F.S.; revising the minimum net worth requirements to qualify certain 80 persons as self-insurers; conforming provisions to 81 82 changes made by the act; amending s. 324.251, F.S.; 83 revising a short title and an effective date; amending 84 s. 400.9905, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "clinic"; conforming provisions to changes made by the 85 act; amending ss. 400.991 and 400.9935, F.S.; 86 87 conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 409.901, F.S.; revising the definition of 88 the term "third-party benefit"; amending s. 409.910, 89 F.S.; revising the definition of the term "medical 90 91 coverage"; amending s. 456.057, F.S.; conforming a provision to changes made by the act; amending s. 92 93 456.072, F.S.; revising specified grounds for 94 discipline for certain health professions; defining 95 the term "upcode"; conforming a provision to changes 96 made by the act; amending s. 626.9541, F.S.; 97 conforming a provision to changes made by the act; 98 revising certain prohibited acts related to specified 99 insurance coverage payment requirements; amending s. 626.989, F.S.; revising the definition of the term 100

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101 "fraudulent insurance act"; amending s. 627.06501, 102 F.S.; revising coverages that may provide for a 103 reduction in motor vehicle insurance policy premium 104 charges under certain circumstances; amending s. 105 627.0651, F.S.; specifying requirements for rate 106 filings for motor vehicle liability policies that 107 implement requirements in effect on a specified date; 108 requiring that such filings be approved through a 109 certain process; amending s. 627.0652, F.S.; revising coverages that must provide a premium charge reduction 110 111 under certain circumstances; amending s. 627.0653, 112 F.S.; revising coverages that are subject to premium 113 discounts for specified motor vehicle equipment; 114 amending s. 627.4132, F.S.; revising coverages that 115 are subject to a stacking prohibition; amending s. 116 627.4137, F.S.; requiring insurers to disclose certain 117 information at the request of a claimant's attorney; 118 authorizing a claimant to file an action under certain 119 circumstances; providing for the award of reasonable 120 attorney fees and costs under certain circumstances; 121 amending s. 627.7263, F.S.; revising coverages that 122 are deemed primary, except under certain 123 circumstances, for the lessor of a motor vehicle for 124 lease or rent; revising a notice that is required if 125 the lessee's coverage is to be primary; creating s.

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126 627.7265, F.S.; requiring that medical payments 127 coverage must protect specified persons; specifying 128 the minimum medical expense limits; specifying 129 coverage options that an insurer is required and 130 authorized to offer; providing construction relating 131 to limits on certain other coverages; requiring 132 insurers, upon receiving certain notice of an 133 accident, to hold a specified reserve for certain 134 purposes for a certain timeframe; providing that the reserve requirement does not require insurers to 135 136 establish a claim reserve for accounting purposes; 137 prohibiting an insurer providing medical payments 138 coverage benefits from seeking a lien on a certain 139 recovery or bringing a certain cause of action; 140 authorizing insurers to include policy provisions 141 allowing for subrogation, under certain circumstances, 142 for medical payments benefits paid; providing 143 construction; specifying a requirement for an insured 144 for repayment of medical payments benefits under 145 certain circumstances; amending s. 627.727, F.S.; 146 conforming provisions to changes made by the act; 147 revising the legal liability of an uninsured motorist 148 coverage insurer; amending s. 627.7275, F.S.; revising 149 required coverages for a motor vehicle insurance policy; conforming provisions to changes made by the 150

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151 act; creating s. 627.72761, F.S.; requiring that motor 152 vehicle insurance policies provide death benefits; 153 specifying requirements for the death benefits; 154 specifying persons to whom death benefits may and may 155 not be paid; prohibiting the insurer from claiming any 156 right of subrogation for any death benefit paid; 157 creating s. 627.7278, F.S.; defining the term "minimum security requirements"; providing a prohibition, 158 159 requirements, applicability, and construction relating to motor vehicle insurance policies as of a certain 160 161 date; requiring insurers to allow certain insureds to make certain coverage changes, subject to certain 162 163 conditions; requiring an insurer to provide, by a 164 specified date, a specified notice to policyholders 165 relating to requirements under the act; amending s. 166 627.728, F.S.; conforming a provision to changes made 167 by the act; amending s. 627.7295, F.S.; revising the 168 definitions of the terms "policy" and "binder"; 169 revising the coverages of a motor vehicle insurance 170 policy for which a licensed general lines agent may 171 charge a specified fee; conforming provisions to 172 changes made by the act; amending s. 627.7415, F.S.; 173 revising additional liability insurance requirements 174 for commercial motor vehicles; amending s. 627.747, 175 F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the

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190 191	conforming provisions to changes made by the act;
т90	promotocal failed and fradatione insurance craims,
1 0 0	prohibited false and fraudulent insurance claims;
189	revising coverages that are the basis of specified
188	changes made by the act; amending s. 817.234, F.S.;
187	705.184, and 713.78, F.S.; conforming provisions to
186	Services Commission; amending ss. 627.915, 628.909,
185	revising rulemaking authority of the Financial
184	which a premium finance company may not finance;
183	with an accidental death and dismemberment policy
182	revising coverages in a policy sold in combination
	changes made by the act; amending s. 627.8405, F.S.;
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180	627.7483 and 627.749, F.S.; conforming provisions to
179	act; conforming cross-references; amending ss.
178	drivers; conforming provisions to changes made by the
177	requirements for transportation network company
176	act; amending s. 627.748, F.S.; revising insurance

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201	Section 2. <u>Section 627.7407, Florida Statutes, is</u>	
202	repealed.	
203	Section 3. Paragraph (e) of subsection (2) of section	
204	316.2122, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:	
205	316.2122 Operation of a low-speed vehicle, mini truck, or	
206	low-speed autonomous delivery vehicle on certain roadways	
207	(2) The operation of a low-speed autonomous delivery	
208	vehicle on any road is authorized with the following	
209	restrictions:	
210	(e) A low-speed autonomous delivery vehicle must be	
211	covered by a policy of automobile insurance which provides the	
212	coverage required by s. 627.749(2)(a)1. and $ au$ 2., and 3. The	
213	coverage requirements of this paragraph may be satisfied by	
214	automobile insurance maintained by the owner of a low-speed	
215	autonomous delivery vehicle, the owner of the teleoperation	
216	system, the remote human operator, or a combination thereof.	
217	Section 4. Subsection (1) of section 316.646, Florida	
218	Statutes, is amended to read:	
219	316.646 Security required; proof of security and display	
220	thereof	
221	(1) <u>A</u> Any person required by s. 324.022, s. 324.023, s.	
222	<u>324.032, s. 627.7415, s. 627.742, s. 627.748, or s. 627.7483</u> to	
223	maintain <u>liability security for</u> property damage <u>, <del>liability</del></u>	
224	security, required by s. 324.023 to maintain liability security	
225	for bodily injury, or death <u>must</u> , or required by s. 627.733 to	
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226 maintain personal injury protection security on a motor vehicle 227 shall have in his or her immediate possession at all times while 228 operating <u>a such</u> motor vehicle proper proof of maintenance of 229 the required security.

(a) Such proof <u>must shall</u> be in a uniform paper or
electronic format, as prescribed by the department, a valid
insurance policy, an insurance policy binder, a certificate of
insurance, or such other proof as may be prescribed by the
department.

(b)1. The act of presenting to a law enforcement officer an electronic device displaying proof of insurance in an electronic format does not constitute consent for the officer to access any information on the device other than the displayed proof of insurance.

240 2. The person who presents the device to the officer241 assumes the liability for any resulting damage to the device.

242 Section 5. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section 243 318.18, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

244 318.18 Amount of penalties.—The penalties required for a 245 noncriminal disposition pursuant to s. 318.14 or a criminal 246 offense listed in s. 318.17 are as follows:

247 (2) Thirty dollars for all nonmoving traffic violations
248 and:

(b) For all violations of ss. 320.0605, 320.07(1),
 322.065, and 322.15(1). <u>A</u> Any person who is cited for a

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251 violation of s. 320.07(1) <u>must shall</u> be charged a delinquent fee 252 pursuant to s. 320.07(4).

253 If a person who is cited for a violation of s. 320.06051. 254 or s. 320.07 can show proof of having a valid registration at 255 the time of arrest, the clerk of the court may dismiss the case 256 and may assess a dismissal fee of up to \$10, from which the 257 clerk shall remit \$2.50 to the Department of Revenue for deposit 258 into the General Revenue Fund. A person who finds it impossible 259 or impractical to obtain a valid registration certificate must 260 submit an affidavit detailing the reasons for the impossibility 261 or impracticality. The reasons may include, but are not limited 262 to, the fact that the vehicle was sold, stolen, or destroyed; that the state in which the vehicle is registered does not issue 263 264 a certificate of registration; or that the vehicle is owned by 265 another person.

2. If a person who is cited for a violation of s. 322.03, s. 322.065, or s. 322.15 can show a driver license issued to him or her and valid at the time of arrest, the clerk of the court may dismiss the case and may assess a dismissal fee of up to \$10, from which the clerk shall remit \$2.50 to the Department of Revenue for deposit into the General Revenue Fund.

3. If a person who is cited for a violation of s. 316.646 can show proof of security as required by <u>s. 324.021(7)</u> <del>s.</del>  $\frac{627.733}{1000}$ , issued to the person and valid at the time of arrest, the clerk of the court may dismiss the case and may assess a

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276 dismissal fee of up to \$10, from which the clerk shall remit 277 \$2.50 to the Department of Revenue for deposit into the General 278 Revenue Fund. A person who finds it impossible or impractical to obtain proof of security must submit an affidavit detailing the 279 280 reasons for the impracticality. The reasons may include, but are 281 not limited to, the fact that the vehicle has since been sold, 282 stolen, or destroyed; that the owner or registrant of the vehicle is not required by s. 627.733 to maintain personal 283 284 injury protection insurance; or that the vehicle is owned by 285 another person. 286 Section 6. Paragraphs (a) and (d) of subsection (5) of 287 section 320.02, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

288 320.02 Registration required; application for 289 registration; forms.-

290 (5)(a) Proof that bodily injury liability coverage and property damage liability coverage personal injury protection 291 292 benefits have been purchased if required under s. 324.022, s. 293 324.032, or s. 627.742 s. 627.733, that property damage 294 liability coverage has been purchased as required under 295 324.022, that bodily injury liability or death coverage has been purchased if required under s. 324.023, and that combined bodily 296 297 liability insurance and property damage liability insurance have 298 been purchased if required under s. 627.7415 must shall be 299 provided in the manner prescribed by law by the applicant at the time of application for registration of any motor vehicle that 300

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301 is subject to such requirements. The issuing agent may not shall 302 refuse to issue registration if such proof of purchase is not 303 provided. Insurers shall furnish uniform proof-of-purchase cards 304 in a paper or electronic format in a form prescribed by the 305 department and include the name of the insured's insurance 306 company, the coverage identification number, and the make, year, 307 and vehicle identification number of the vehicle insured. The 308 card must contain a statement notifying the applicant of the 309 penalty specified under s. 316.646(4). The card or insurance 310 policy, insurance policy binder, or certificate of insurance or a photocopy of any of these; an affidavit containing the name of 311 312 the insured's insurance company, the insured's policy number, and the make and year of the vehicle insured; or such other 313 314 proof as may be prescribed by the department constitutes shall 315 constitute sufficient proof of purchase. If an affidavit is 316 provided as proof, it must be in substantially the following 317 form: 318 319 Under penalty of perjury, I ... (Name of insured) ... do hereby 320 certify that I have ... (bodily injury liability and Personal 321 Injury Protection, property damage liability, and, if required, 322 Bodily Injury Liability)... insurance currently in effect with 323 ... (Name of insurance company) ... under ... (policy number) ...

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covering ... (make, year, and vehicle identification number of

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vehicle).... (Signature of Insured)...

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326 327 Such affidavit must include the following warning: 328 329 WARNING: GIVING FALSE INFORMATION IN ORDER TO OBTAIN A VEHICLE 330 REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE UNDER FLORIDA 331 LAW. ANYONE GIVING FALSE INFORMATION ON THIS AFFIDAVIT IS 332 SUBJECT TO PROSECUTION. 333 334 If an application is made through a licensed motor vehicle 335 dealer as required under s. 319.23, the original or a photocopy 336 photostatic copy of such card, insurance policy, insurance 337 policy binder, or certificate of insurance or the original 338 affidavit from the insured must shall be forwarded by the dealer 339 to the tax collector of the county or the Department of Highway 340 Safety and Motor Vehicles for processing. By executing the 341 aforesaid affidavit, a no licensed motor vehicle dealer is not 342 will be liable in damages for any inadequacy, insufficiency, or 343 falsification of any statement contained therein. A card must 344 also indicate the existence of any bodily injury 345 insurance voluntarily purchased. 346 (d) The verifying of proof of personal injury protection 347 insurance, proof of property damage liability insurance, proof 348 combined bodily liability insurance and property damage <del>of</del> 349 liability insurance, or proof of financial responsibility insurance and the issuance or failure to issue the motor vehicle 350

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351	registration under <del>the provisions of</del> this chapter may not be
352	construed in any court as a warranty of the reliability or
353	accuracy of the evidence of such proof or as meaning that the
354	provisions of any insurance policy furnished as proof of
355	financial responsibility comply with state law. Neither the
356	department nor any tax collector is liable in damages for any
357	inadequacy, insufficiency, falsification, or unauthorized
358	modification of any item of <del>the proof of personal injury</del>
359	protection insurance, proof of property damage liability
360	insurance, proof of combined bodily liability insurance and
361	property damage liability insurance, or proof of financial
362	responsibility <u>before</u> <del>insurance prior to</del> , during, or subsequent
363	to the verification of the proof. The issuance of a motor
364	vehicle registration does not constitute prima facie evidence or
365	a presumption of insurance coverage.
366	Section 7. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section
367	320.0609, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
368	320.0609 Transfer and exchange of registration license
369	plates; transfer fee
370	(1)
371	(b) The transfer of a license plate from a vehicle
372	disposed of to a newly acquired vehicle does not constitute a
373	new registration. The application for transfer <u>must</u> shall be
374	accepted without requiring proof of personal injury protection
375	<del>or</del> liability insurance.
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376 Section 8. Subsection (3) of section 320.27, Florida 377 Statutes, is amended, and paragraph (g) is added to subsection 378 (1) of that section, to read: 379 320.27 Motor vehicle dealers.-380 DEFINITIONS.-The following words, terms, and phrases (1)381 when used in this section have the meanings respectively 382 ascribed to them in this subsection, except where the context 383 clearly indicates a different meaning: 384 (q) "Garage liability insurance" means, beginning July 1, 385 2025, combined single-limit liability coverage, including 386 property damage and bodily injury liability coverage, in the 387 amount of at least \$60,000. (3) APPLICATION AND FEE. - The application for the license 388 389 application must shall be in such form as may be prescribed by 390 the department and is shall be subject to such rules with 391 respect thereto as may be so prescribed by the department it. 392 Such application must shall be verified by oath or affirmation 393 and must shall contain a full statement of the name and birth 394 date of the person or persons applying for the license therefor; 395 the name of the firm or copartnership, with the names and places 396 of residence of all members thereof, if such applicant is a firm or copartnership; the names and places of residence of the 397 398 principal officers, if the applicant is a body corporate or 399 other artificial body; the name of the state under whose laws the corporation is organized; the present and former place or 400

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401 places of residence of the applicant; and the prior business in 402 which the applicant has been engaged and its the location 403 thereof. The Such application must shall describe the exact 404 location of the place of business and must shall state whether 405 the place of business is owned by the applicant and when 406 acquired, or, if leased, a true copy of the lease must shall be 407 attached to the application. The applicant shall certify that the location provides an adequately equipped office and is not a 408 409 residence; that the location affords sufficient unoccupied space upon and within which adequately to store all motor vehicles 410 offered and displayed for sale; and that the location is a 411 412 suitable place where the applicant can in good faith carry on 413 such business and keep and maintain books, records, and files 414 necessary to conduct such business, which must shall be 415 available at all reasonable hours to inspection by the 416 department or any of its inspectors or other employees. The 417 applicant shall certify that the business of a motor vehicle 418 dealer is the principal business that will which shall be 419 conducted at that location. The application must shall contain a 420 statement that the applicant is either franchised by a manufacturer of motor vehicles, in which case the name of each 421 422 motor vehicle that the applicant is franchised to sell must 423 shall be included, or an independent (nonfranchised) motor 424 vehicle dealer. The application must shall contain other 425 relevant information as may be required by the department. The

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applicant shall furnish, including evidence, in a form approved by the department, that the applicant is insured under a garage liability insurance policy or a general liability insurance policy coupled with a business automobile policy <u>having the</u> coverages and limits of garage liability insurance coverage in accordance with paragraph (1)(g), which shall include, at a minimum, \$25,000 combined single-limit liability coverage including bodily injury and property damage protection and \$10,000 personal injury protection. However, a salvage motor vehicle dealer as defined in subparagraph (1)(c)5. is exempt from the requirements for garage liability insurance <del>and</del> personal injury protection insurance on those vehicles that cannot be legally operated on roads highways or streets in

435 vehicle dealer as defined in subparagraph (1)(c)5. is exempt 436 from the requirements for garage liability insurance and 437 personal injury protection insurance on those vehicles that 438 cannot be legally operated on roads, highways, or streets in 439 this state. Franchise dealers must submit a garage liability 440 insurance policy, and all other dealers must submit a garage 441 liability insurance policy or a general liability insurance 442 policy coupled with a business automobile policy. Such policy 443 must shall be for the license period, and evidence of a new or 444 continued policy must shall be delivered to the department at 445 the beginning of each license period. A licensee shall deliver 446 to the department, in the manner prescribed by the department, 447 within 10 calendar days after any renewal or continuation of or change in such policy or within 10 calendar days after any 448 issuance of a new policy, a copy of the renewed, continued, 449 changed, or new policy. Upon making an initial application, the 450

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451 applicant shall pay to the department a fee of \$300 in addition 452 to any other fees required by law. Applicants may choose to 453 extend the licensure period for 1 additional year for a total of 454 2 years. An initial applicant shall pay to the department a fee 455 of \$300 for the first year and \$75 for the second year, in 456 addition to any other fees required by law. An applicant for 457 renewal shall pay to the department \$75 for a 1-year renewal or 458 \$150 for a 2-year renewal, in addition to any other fees 459 required by law. Upon making an application for a change of 460 location, the applicant person shall pay a fee of \$50 in addition to any other fees now required by law. The department 461 462 shall, in the case of every application for initial licensure, 463 verify whether certain facts set forth in the application are 464 true. Each applicant, general partner in the case of a 465 partnership, or corporate officer and director in the case of a 466 corporate applicant shall, must file a set of fingerprints with 467 the department for the purpose of determining any prior criminal 468 record or any outstanding warrants. The department shall submit 469 the fingerprints to the Department of Law Enforcement for state 470 processing and forwarding to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for federal processing. The actual cost of state and federal 471 472 processing must shall be borne by the applicant and is in 473 addition to the fee for licensure. The department may issue a 474 license to an applicant pending the results of the fingerprint 475 investigation, which license is fully revocable if the

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476	department subsequently determines that any facts set forth in
477	the application are not true or correctly represented.
478	Section 9. Paragraph (j) of subsection (3) of section
479	320.771, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
480	320.771 License required of recreational vehicle dealers
481	(3) APPLICATIONThe application for such license shall be
482	in the form prescribed by the department and subject to such
483	rules as may be prescribed by it. The application shall be
484	verified by oath or affirmation and shall contain:
485	(j) Evidence that the applicant is insured under a garage
486	liability insurance policy <u>as defined in s. 320.27(1)(g)</u> , which
487	shall include, at a minimum, \$25,000 combined single-limit
488	liability coverage, including bodily injury and property damage
489	protection, and \$10,000 personal injury protection, if the
490	applicant is to be licensed as a dealer in, or intends to sell,
491	recreational vehicles. Such policy must be for the license
492	period. Within 10 calendar days after any renewal or
493	continuation of or material change in such policy or issuance of
494	a new policy, the licensee shall deliver to the department, in a
495	manner prescribed by the department, a copy of such renewed,
496	continued, changed, or new policy. However, a garage liability
497	policy is not required for the licensure of a mobile home dealer
498	who sells only park trailers.
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500	The department shall, if it deems necessary, cause an
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501 investigation to be made to ascertain if the facts set forth in 502 the application are true and shall not issue a license to the 503 applicant until it is satisfied that the facts set forth in the 504 application are true.

505 Section 10. Subsections (1) and (2) of section 322.251, 506 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

507 322.251 Notice of cancellation, suspension, revocation, or 508 disqualification of license.-

509 (1)All orders of cancellation, suspension, revocation, or 510 disqualification issued under the provisions of this chapter, 511 chapter 318, or chapter 324 must, or ss. 627.732-627.734 shall 512 be given either by personal delivery thereof to the licensee whose license is being canceled, suspended, revoked, or 513 514 disqualified or by deposit in the United States mail in an 515 envelope, first class, postage prepaid, addressed to the 516 licensee at his or her last known mailing address furnished to 517 the department. Such mailing by the department constitutes 518 notification, and any failure by the person to receive the 519 mailed order will not affect or stay the effective date or term 520 of the cancellation, suspension, revocation, or disqualification 521 of the licensee's driving privilege.

522 (2) The giving of notice and an order of cancellation,
523 suspension, revocation, or disqualification by mail is complete
524 upon expiration of 20 days after deposit in the United States
525 mail for all notices except those issued under chapter 324 or

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526 ss. 627.732-627.734, which are complete 15 days after deposit in 527 the United States mail. Proof of the giving of notice and an 528 order of cancellation, suspension, revocation, or 529 disqualification in either manner <u>must</u> shall be made by entry in 530 the records of the department that such notice was given. The 531 entry is admissible in the courts of this state and constitutes 532 sufficient proof that such notice was given.

533 Section 11. Paragraph (a) of subsection (8) of section 534 322.34, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

535 322.34 Driving while license suspended, revoked, canceled, 536 or disqualified.-

(8) (a) Upon the arrest of a person for the offense of
driving while the person's driver license or driving privilege
is suspended or revoked, the arresting officer shall determine:

540 1. Whether the person's driver license is suspended or 541 revoked, or the person is under suspension or revocation 542 equivalent status.

543 2. Whether the person's driver license has remained 544 suspended or revoked, or the person has been under suspension or 545 revocation equivalent status, since a conviction for the offense 546 of driving with a suspended or revoked license.

3. Whether the suspension, revocation, or suspension or revocation equivalent status was made under s. 316.646 or s. 627.733, relating to failure to maintain required security, or under s. 322.264, relating to habitual traffic offenders.

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551 Whether the driver is the registered owner or co-owner 4. of the vehicle. 552 553 Section 12. Section 324.011, Florida Statutes, is amended 554 to read: 555 Legislative intent; purpose of chapter.-324.011 556 It is the intent of the Legislature that this chapter: (1) 557 (a) Ensure that the privilege of owning or operating a 558 motor vehicle in this state is exercised to recognize the 559 existing privilege to own or operate a motor vehicle on the 560 public streets and highways of this state when such vehicles are 561 used with due consideration for the safety of others and their 562 property., and to 563 (b) Promote safety. and 564 (c) Provide financial security requirements for such 565 owners and or operators whose responsibility it is to recompense 566 others for injury to person or property caused by the operation 567 of a motor vehicle. 568 (2) The purpose of this chapter is to require every owner 569 or operator of a motor vehicle that is required to be registered in this state to establish, maintain, Therefore, it is required 570 herein that the operator of a motor vehicle involved in a crash 571 572 or convicted of certain traffic offenses meeting the operative 573 provisions of s. 324.051(2) shall respond for such damages and 574 show proof of financial ability to respond for damages arising 575 out of the ownership, maintenance, or use of a motor vehicle in

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576 future accidents as a requisite to <u>owning or operating a motor</u> 577 <u>vehicle in this state</u> his or her future exercise of such 578 <del>privileges</del>.

579 Section 13. Subsections (1) and (7) and paragraph (c) of 580 subsection (9) of section 324.021, Florida Statutes, are 581 amended, and subsection (12) is added to that section, to read:

582 324.021 Definitions; minimum insurance required.—The 583 following words and phrases when used in this chapter shall, for 584 the purpose of this chapter, have the meanings respectively 585 ascribed to them in this section, except in those instances 586 where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

587 MOTOR VEHICLE.-Every self-propelled vehicle that is (1)588 designed and required to be licensed for use upon a highway, 589 including trailers and semitrailers designed for use with such 590 vehicles, except traction engines, road rollers, farm tractors, 591 power shovels, and well drillers, and every vehicle that is 592 propelled by electric power obtained from overhead wires but not 593 operated upon rails, but not including any personal delivery 594 device or mobile carrier as defined in s. 316.003, bicycle, 595 electric bicycle, or moped. However, the term "motor vehicle" 596 does not include a motor vehicle as defined in s. 627.732(3) 597 when the owner of such vehicle has complied with the 598 requirements of ss. 627.730-627.7405, inclusive, unless the s. 324.051 apply; and, in such case, the 599 provisions of applicable proof of insurance provisions of s. 320.02 apply. 600

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601 (7) PROOF OF FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY.-Beginning July 1, 602 2025, That proof of ability to respond in damages for liability 603 on account of crashes arising out of the ownership, maintenance, 604 or use of a motor vehicle: 605 With respect to a motor vehicle other than a (a) commercial motor vehicle, nonpublic sector bus, or for-hire 606 607 passenger transportation vehicle, in the amounts specified in s. 608 324.022(1). in the amount of \$10,000 because of bodily injury 609 to, or death of, one person in any one crash; 610 (b) Subject to such limits for one person, in the amount 611 of \$20,000 because of bodily injury to, or death of, two or more 612 persons in any one crash; 613 (c) In the amount of \$10,000 because of injury to, or 614 destruction of, property of others in any one crash; and 615 (b) (d) With respect to commercial motor vehicles and 616 nonpublic sector buses, in the amounts specified in s. 627.7415 617 ss. 627.7415 and 627.742, respectively. 618 (c) With respect to nonpublic sector buses, in the amounts 619 specified in s. 627.742. 620 (d) With respect to for-hire passenger transportation 621 vehicles, in the amounts specified in s. 324.032. 622 (9) OWNER; OWNER/LESSOR; APPLICATION.-623 (c) Application.-624 1. The limits on liability in subparagraphs (b)2. and 3. 625 do not apply to an owner of motor vehicles that are used for

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626 commercial activity in the owner's ordinary course of business, 627 other than a rental company that rents or leases motor vehicles. 628 For purposes of this paragraph, the term "rental company" 629 includes only an entity that is engaged in the business of 630 renting or leasing motor vehicles to the general public and that 631 rents or leases a majority of its motor vehicles to persons with 632 no direct or indirect affiliation with the rental company. The 633 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.

637 The holder of a motor vehicle title or an equity b. interest in a motor vehicle title if the title or equity 638 639 interest is held pursuant to or to facilitate an asset-backed 640 securitization of a fleet of motor vehicles used solely in the 641 business of renting or leasing motor vehicles to the general 642 public and under the dominion and control of a rental company, 643 as described in this subparagraph, in the operation of such 644 rental company's business.

2. Furthermore, with respect to commercial motor vehicles as defined in <u>s. 207.002 or s. 320.01(25)</u> <del>s. 627.732</del>, the limits on liability in subparagraphs (b)2. and 3. do not apply if, at the time of the incident, the commercial motor vehicle is being used in the transportation of materials found to be hazardous for the purposes of the Hazardous Materials Transportation

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Authorization Act of 1994, as amended, 49 U.S.C. ss. 5101 et seq., and that is required pursuant to such act to carry placards warning others of the hazardous cargo, unless at the time of lease or rental either:

a. The lessee indicates in writing that the vehicle will not be used to transport materials found to be hazardous for the purposes of the Hazardous Materials Transportation Authorization Act of 1994, as amended, 49 U.S.C. ss. 5101 et seq.; or

b. The lessee or other operator of the commercial motor
vehicle has in effect insurance with limits of at least <u>\$5</u>
<u>million</u> <del>\$5,000,000</del> combined property damage and bodily injury
liability.

663 3.a. A motor vehicle dealer, or a motor vehicle dealer's 664 leasing or rental affiliate, that provides a temporary 665 replacement vehicle at no charge or at a reasonable daily charge 666 to a service customer whose vehicle is being held for repair, 667 service, or adjustment by the motor vehicle dealer is immune 668 from any cause of action and is not liable, vicariously or 669 directly, under general law solely by reason of being the owner 670 of the temporary replacement vehicle for harm to persons or 671 property that arises out of the use, or operation, of the 672 temporary replacement vehicle by any person during the period 673 the temporary replacement vehicle has been entrusted to the 674 motor vehicle dealer's service customer if there is no 675 negligence or criminal wrongdoing on the part of the motor

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676 vehicle owner, or its leasing or rental affiliate.

677 For purposes of this section, and notwithstanding any b. 678 other provision of general law, a motor vehicle dealer, or a 679 motor vehicle dealer's leasing or rental affiliate, that gives 680 possession, control, or use of a temporary replacement vehicle 681 to a motor vehicle dealer's service customer may not be adjudged 682 liable in a civil proceeding absent negligence or criminal 683 wrongdoing on the part of the motor vehicle dealer, or the motor 684 vehicle dealer's leasing or rental affiliate, if the motor 685 vehicle dealer or the motor vehicle dealer's leasing or rental 686 affiliate executes a written rental or use agreement and obtains 687 from the person receiving the temporary replacement vehicle a 688 copy of the person's driver license and insurance information 689 reflecting at least the minimum motor vehicle insurance coverage 690 required in the state. Any subsequent determination that the 691 driver license or insurance information provided to the motor 692 vehicle dealer, or the motor vehicle dealer's leasing or rental 693 affiliate, was in any way false, fraudulent, misleading, 694 nonexistent, canceled, not in effect, or invalid does not alter 695 or diminish the protections provided by this section, unless the 696 motor vehicle dealer, or the motor vehicle dealer's leasing or 697 rental affiliate, had actual knowledge thereof at the time 698 possession of the temporary replacement vehicle was provided. 699 c. For purposes of this subparagraph, the term: 700 "Control" means the power to direct the management and (I)

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701 policies of a person, whether through ownership of voting 702 securities or otherwise.

703 (II) "Motor vehicle dealer's leasing or rental affiliate" 704 means a person who directly or indirectly controls, is 705 controlled by, or is under common control with the motor vehicle 706 dealer.

707 d. For purposes of this subparagraph, the term "service 708 customer" does not include an agent or a principal of a motor 709 vehicle dealer or a motor vehicle dealer's leasing or rental 710 affiliate, and does not include an employee of a motor vehicle 711 dealer or a motor vehicle dealer's leasing or rental affiliate 712 unless the employee was provided a temporary replacement 713 vehicle:

714 While the employee's personal vehicle was being held (I)715 for repair, service, or adjustment by the motor vehicle dealer;

716 (II)In the same manner as other customers who are 717 provided a temporary replacement vehicle while the customer's 718 vehicle is being held for repair, service, or adjustment; and

719 (III) The employee was not acting within the course and 720 scope of his or her employment.

(12) FOR-HIRE PASSENGER TRANSPORTATION VEHICLE.-Every for-721 hire vehicle as defined in s. 320.01(15) which is offered or 722 723 used to provide transportation for persons, including taxicabs, 724 limousines, and jitneys. Section 14. Section 324.022, Florida Statutes, is amended

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726 to read:

727 324.022 Financial responsibility <u>requirements</u> for property
728 damage.-

(1) (a) Beginning July 1, 2025, every owner or operator of a motor vehicle required to be registered in this state shall establish and <u>continuously</u> maintain the ability to respond in damages for liability on account of accidents arising out of the use of the motor vehicle in the amount of:

1. Twenty-five thousand dollars for bodily injury to, or the death of, one person in any one crash and, subject to such limits for one person, in the amount of \$50,000 for bodily injury to, or the death of, two or more persons in any one crash; and

739 <u>2. Ten thousand dollars for \$10,000 because of damage to,</u>
740 or destruction of, property of others in any one crash.

741 The requirements of paragraph (a) this section may be (b) 742 met by one of the methods established in s. 324.031; by self-743 insuring as authorized by s. 768.28(16); or by maintaining a 744 motor vehicle liability insurance policy that an insurance 745 policy providing coverage for property damage liability in the 746 amount of at least \$10,000 because of damage to, or destruction 747 of, property of others in any one accident arising out of the use of the motor vehicle. The requirements of this section may 748 749 also be met by having a policy which provides combined property damage liability and bodily injury liability coverage for any 750

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751	one crash arising out of the ownership, maintenance, or use of a
752	motor vehicle and that conforms to the requirements of s.
753	<u>324.151</u> in the amount of at least <u>\$60,000 for every owner or</u>
754	operator subject to the financial responsibility required in
755	paragraph (a) \$30,000 for combined property damage liability and
756	bodily injury liability for any one crash arising out of the use
757	of the motor vehicle. The policy, with respect to coverage for
758	property damage liability, must meet the applicable requirements
759	of s. 324.151, subject to the usual policy exclusions that have
760	been approved in policy forms by the Office of Insurance
761	Regulation. No insurer shall have any duty to defend uncovered
762	claims irrespective of their joinder with covered claims.
763	(2) As used in this section, the term:
764	(a) "Motor vehicle" means any self-propelled vehicle that
765	has four or more wheels and that is of a type designed and
766	required to be licensed for use on the highways of this state,
767	and any trailer or semitrailer designed for use with such
768	vehicle. The term does not include the following:
769	1. A mobile home as defined in s. 320.01(2)(a).
770	2. A motor vehicle that is used in mass transit and
771	designed to transport more than five passengers, exclusive of
772	the operator of the motor vehicle, and that is owned by a
773	municipality, transit authority, or political subdivision of the
774	state.
775	3. A school bus as defined in s. 1006.25, which must
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776 maintain security as required under s. 316.615. 777 4. A commercial motor vehicle as defined in s. 207.002 or 778 s. 320.01(25), which must maintain security as required under 779 ss. 324.031 and 627.7415. 780 5. A nonpublic sector bus, which must maintain security as 781 required under ss. 324.031 and 627.742. 782 6.4. A vehicle providing for-hire passenger transportation 783 vehicle, which must that is subject to the provisions of s. 784 324.031. A taxicab shall maintain security as required under s. 785 324.032 <del>s. 324.032(1)</del>. 786 7.5. A personal delivery device as defined in s. 316.003, 787 which must maintain security as required under s. 316.2071(4). 788 "Owner" means the person who holds legal title to a (b) 789 motor vehicle or the debtor or lessee who has the right to 790 possession of a motor vehicle that is the subject of a security 791 agreement or lease with an option to purchase. 792 Each nonresident owner or registrant of a motor (3) 793 vehicle that, whether operated or not, has been physically 794 present within this state for more than 90 days during the 795 preceding 365 days shall maintain security as required by 796 subsection (1). The security must be that is in effect 797 continuously throughout the period the motor vehicle remains 798 within this state. 799 An <del>The</del> owner or registrant of a motor vehicle who is (4) 800 exempt from the requirements of this section if she or he is a

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801 member of the United States Armed Forces and is called to or on 802 active duty outside the United States in an emergency situation 803 is exempt from this section while he or she. The exemption 804 provided by this subsection applies only as long as the member 805 of the Armed Forces is on such active duty. This exemption 806 outside the United States and applies only while the vehicle 807 covered by the security is not operated by any person. Upon receipt of a written request by the insured to whom the 808 809 exemption provided in this subsection applies, the insurer shall cancel the coverages and return any unearned premium or suspend 810 811 the security required by this section. Notwithstanding s. 812  $324.0221(2) = \frac{324.0221(3)}{324.0221(3)}$ , the department may not suspend the registration or operator's license of an any owner or registrant 813 814 of a motor vehicle during the time she or he qualifies for the 815 an exemption under this subsection. An Any owner or registrant 816 of a motor vehicle who qualifies for the an exemption under this 817 subsection shall immediately notify the department before prior 818 to and at the end of the expiration of the exemption. Section 15. Subsections (1) and (2) of section 324.0221, 819

820 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

821324.0221Reports by insurers to the department; suspension822of driver license and vehicle registrations; reinstatement.-

(1) (a) Each insurer that has issued a policy providing
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 coverage shall report the cancellation or nonrenewal thereof to

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826 the department within 10 days after the processing date or 827 effective date of each cancellation or nonrenewal. Upon the 828 issuance of a policy providing personal injury protection coverage or property damage liability coverage to a named 829 830 insured not previously insured by the insurer during that 831 calendar year, the insurer shall report the issuance of the new 832 policy to the department within 10 days. The report must shall 833 be in the form and format and contain any information required 834 by the department and must be provided in a format that is 835 compatible with the data processing capabilities of the 836 department. Failure by an insurer to file proper reports with 837 the department as required by this subsection constitutes a 838 violation of the Florida Insurance Code. These records may shall 839 be used by the department only for enforcement and regulatory 840 purposes, including the generation by the department of data 841 regarding compliance by owners of motor vehicles with the 842 requirements for financial responsibility coverage.

843 (b) With respect to an insurance policy providing personal 844 injury protection coverage or property damage liability 845 coverage, each insurer shall notify the named insured, or the 846 first-named insured in the case of a commercial fleet policy, in 847 writing that any cancellation or nonrenewal of the policy will 848 be reported by the insurer to the department. The notice must 849 also inform the named insured that failure to maintain bodily injury liability personal injury protection coverage and 850

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851 property damage liability coverage on a motor vehicle when 852 required by law may result in the loss of registration and 853 driving privileges in this state and inform the named insured of 854 the amount of the reinstatement fees required by this section. 855 This notice is for informational purposes only, and an insurer 856 is not civilly liable for failing to provide this notice. 857 (2) The department shall suspend, after due notice and an 858 opportunity to be heard, the registration and driver license of 859 any owner or registrant of a motor vehicle for with respect to 860 which security is required under s. 324.022, s. 324.023, s. 324.032, s. 627.7415, or s. 627.742 ss. 324.022 and 627.733 861 862 upon: 863 The department's records showing that the owner or (a) 864 registrant of such motor vehicle does did not have the in full 865 force and effect when required security in full force and effect 866 that complies with the requirements of ss. 324.022 and 627.733; 867 or 868 (b) Notification by the insurer to the department, in a 869 form approved by the department, of cancellation or termination 870 of the required security. 871 Section 16. Section 324.0222, Florida Statutes, is created to read: 872 873 324.0222 Application of driver license and registration 874 suspensions for failure to maintain security; reinstatement.-All 875 suspensions of driver licenses or motor vehicle registrations Page 35 of 131

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876 for failure to maintain security as required by law in effect 877 before July 1, 2025, remain in full force and effect after July 878 1, 2025. A driver may reinstate a suspended driver license or 879 registration as provided under s. 324.0221. 880 Section 17. Section 324.023, Florida Statutes, is amended 881 to read: 882 324.023 Financial responsibility for bodily injury or 883 death.-In addition to any other financial responsibility 884 required by law, every owner or operator of a motor vehicle that 885 is required to be registered in this state, or that is located within this state, and who, regardless of adjudication of quilt, 886 887 has been found quilty of or entered a plea of quilty or nolo 888 contendere to a charge of driving under the influence under s. 889 316.193 after October 1, 2007, shall, by one of the methods 890 established in s. 324.031(1)(a) or (b) <del>s. 324.031(1) or (2)</del>, 891 establish and maintain the ability to respond in damages for 892 liability on account of accidents arising out of the use of a 893 motor vehicle in the amount of \$100,000 because of bodily injury 894 to, or death of, one person in any one crash and, subject to 895 such limits for one person, in the amount of \$300,000 because of 896 bodily injury to, or death of, two or more persons in any one crash and in the amount of \$50,000 because of property damage in 897 898 any one crash. If the owner or operator chooses to establish and 899 maintain such ability by furnishing a certificate of deposit pursuant to s. 324.031(1) (b) s. 324.031(2), such certificate of 900

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901 deposit must be at least \$350,000. Such higher limits must be 902 carried for a minimum period of 3 years. If the owner or 903 operator has not been convicted of driving under the influence 904 or a felony traffic offense for a period of 3 years from the 905 date of reinstatement of driving privileges for a violation of 906 s. 316.193, the owner or operator is shall be exempt from this 907 section. 908 Section 18. Section 324.031, Florida Statutes, is amended 909 to read: 910 324.031 Manner of proving financial responsibility.-911 (1) The owner or operator of a taxicab, limousine, jitney, 912 or any other for-hire passenger transportation vehicle may prove 913 financial responsibility by providing satisfactory evidence of 914 holding a motor vehicle liability policy as defined in s. 915 324.021(8) or s. 324.151, which policy is issued by an insurance 916 carrier which is a member of the Florida Insurance Guaranty Association. The operator or owner of <u>a motor vehicle other than</u> 917 918 a for-hire passenger transportation any other vehicle may prove 919 his or her financial responsibility by: 920 (a) (1) Furnishing satisfactory evidence of holding a motor 921 vehicle liability policy as defined in ss. 324.021(8) and 324.151 which provides liability coverage for the motor vehicle 922 923 being operated; 924 (b) (2) Furnishing a certificate of self-insurance showing 925 a deposit of cash in accordance with s. 324.161; or

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926	<u>(c)-(3)</u> Furnishing a certificate of self-insurance issued
927	by the department in accordance with s. 324.171.
928	(2) Beginning July 1, 2025, any person <del>, including any</del>
929	firm, partnership, association, corporation, or other person,
930	other than a natural person, electing to use the method of proof
931	specified in <u>paragraph (1)(b)</u> subsection (2) shall <u>do both of</u>
932	the following:
933	(a) Furnish a certificate of deposit equal to the number
934	of vehicles owned times <u>\$60,000</u> <del>\$30,000</del> , <u>up</u> to a maximum of
935	<u>\$240,000.</u> <del>\$120,000;</del>
936	(b) In addition, any such person, other than a natural
937	<del>person, shall</del> Maintain insurance providing coverage <u>that meets</u>
938	the requirements of s. 324.151 and has $\frac{1}{100} + \frac{1}{100} + \frac$
939	1. At least \$125,000 for bodily injury to, or the death
940	of, one person in any one crash and, subject to such limits for
941	one person, in the amount of \$250,000 for bodily injury to, or
942	the death of, two or more persons in any one crash; and \$50,000
943	for damage to, or destruction of, property of others in any one
944	crash; or
945	2. At least \$300,000 for combined bodily injury liability
946	and property damage liability for any one crash
947	\$10,000/20,000/10,000 or \$30,000 combined single limits, and
948	such excess insurance shall provide minimum limits of
949	\$125,000/250,000/50,000 or \$300,000 combined single limits.
950	These increased limits shall not affect the requirements for
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proving financial responsibility under s. 324.032(1). 951 952 Section 19. Section 324.032, Florida Statutes, is amended 953 to read: 954 324.032 Manner of proving Financial responsibility for+ 955 for-hire passenger transportation vehicles. - Notwithstanding the provisions of s. 324.031: 956 957 (1)An owner or a lessee of a for-hire passenger 958 transportation vehicle that is required to be registered in this 959 state shall establish and continuously maintain the ability to 960 respond in damages for liability on account of accidents arising 961 out of the ownership, maintenance, or use of the for-hire 962 passenger transportation vehicle, in the amount of: 963 One hundred twenty-five thousand dollars for bodily (a) 964 injury to, or the death of, one person in any one crash and, 965 subject to such limits for one person, in the amount of \$250,000 966 for bodily injury to, or the death of, two or more persons in 967 any one crash; and A person who is either the owner or a lessee 968 required to maintain insurance under s. 627.733(1)(b) and who 969 operates one or more taxicabs, limousines, jitneys, <del>or any other</del> 970 for-hire passenger transportation vehicles may prove financial 971 responsibility by furnishing satisfactory evidence of holding a 972 motor vehicle liability policy, but with minimum limits of 973 \$125,000/250,000/50,000. 974 (b) Fifty thousand dollars for damage to, or destruction 975 of, property of others in any one crash A person who is either

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976 the owner or a lessee required to maintain insurance under s.
977 324.021(9)(b) and who operates limousines, jitneys, or any other
978 for-hire passenger vehicles, other than taxicabs, may prove
979 financial responsibility by furnishing satisfactory evidence of
980 holding a motor vehicle liability policy as defined in s.
981 324.031.

982 (2) Except as provided in subsection (3), the requirements
 983 of this section must be met by the owner or lessee providing
 984 satisfactory evidence of holding a motor vehicle liability
 985 policy conforming to the requirements of s. 324.151 which is
 986 issued by an insurance carrier that is a member of the Florida
 987 Insurance Guaranty Association.

988 (3) An owner or a lessee who is required to maintain 989 insurance under s. 324.021(9)(b) and who operates at least 300 990 taxicabs, limousines, jitneys, or any other for-hire passenger 991 transportation vehicles may provide financial responsibility by 992 complying with the provisions of s. 324.171, which must such 993 compliance to be demonstrated by maintaining at its principal 994 place of business an audited financial statement, prepared in 995 accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and 996 providing to the department a certification issued by a 997 certified public accountant that the applicant's net worth is at 998 least equal to the requirements of s. 324.171 as determined by 999 the Office of Insurance Regulation of the Financial Services Commission, including claims liabilities in an amount certified 1000

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1001 as adequate by a Fellow of the Casualty Actuarial Society. 1002 1003 Upon request by the department, the applicant shall must provide 1004 the department at the applicant's principal place of business in 1005 this state access to the applicant's underlying financial 1006 information and financial statements that provide the basis of 1007 the certified public accountant's certification. The applicant 1008 shall reimburse the requesting department for all reasonable 1009 costs incurred by it in reviewing the supporting information. The maximum amount of self-insurance permissible under this 1010 1011 subsection is \$300,000 and must be stated on a per-occurrence 1012 basis, and the applicant shall maintain adequate excess 1013 insurance issued by an authorized or eligible insurer licensed 1014 or approved by the Office of Insurance Regulation. All risks 1015 self-insured shall remain with the owner or lessee providing it, 1016 and the risks are not transferable to any other person, unless a 1017 policy complying with subsections (1) and (2) subsection (1) is 1018 obtained. Section 20. Subsection (2) of section 324.051, Florida 1019 1020 Statutes, is amended, and subsection (4) is added to that 1021 section, to read: 1022 324.051 Reports of crashes; suspensions of licenses and 1023 registrations.-1024 Thirty days after receipt of notice of any accident (2)(a)

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described in paragraph (1)(a) involving a motor vehicle within

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1026 this state, the department shall suspend, after due notice and 1027 opportunity to be heard, the license of each operator and all 1028 registrations of the owner of the vehicles operated by such 1029 operator whether or not involved in such crash and, in the case 1030 of a nonresident owner or operator, shall suspend such 1031 nonresident's operating privilege in this state, unless such 1032 operator or owner shall, prior to the expiration of such 30 1033 days, be found by the department to be exempt from the operation 1034 of this chapter, based upon evidence satisfactory to the 1035 department that:

1036 1. The motor vehicle was legally parked at the time of 1037 such crash.

1038 2. The motor vehicle was owned by the United States 1039 Government, this state, or any political subdivision of this 1040 state or any municipality therein.

3. Such operator or owner has secured a duly acknowledged written agreement providing for release from liability by all parties injured as the result of said crash and has complied with one of the provisions of s. 324.031.

1045 4. Such operator or owner has deposited with the
1046 department security to conform with s. 324.061 when applicable
1047 and has complied with one of the provisions of s. 324.031.

1048 5. One year has elapsed since such owner or operator was 1049 suspended pursuant to subsection (3), the owner or operator has 1050 complied with one of the provisions of s. 324.031, and no bill

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1051 of complaint of which the department has notice has been filed 1052 in a court of competent jurisdiction.

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(b) This subsection <u>does</u> shall not apply:

1054 1. To such operator or owner if such operator or owner had 1055 in effect at the time of such crash or traffic conviction <u>a</u> 1056 <u>motor vehicle</u> <del>an automobile</del> liability policy with respect to all 1057 of the registered motor vehicles owned by such operator or 1058 owner.

2. To such operator, if not the owner of such motor vehicle, if there was in effect at the time of such crash or traffic conviction <u>a motor vehicle</u> <del>an automobile</del> liability policy or bond with respect to his or her operation of motor vehicles not owned by him or her.

3. To such operator or owner if the liability of such operator or owner for damages resulting from such crash is, in the judgment of the department, covered by any other form of liability insurance or bond.

1068 4. To any person who has obtained from the department a 1069 certificate of self-insurance, in accordance with s. 324.171, or 1070 to any person operating a motor vehicle for such self-insurer. 1071

1072 <u>A No such policy or bond is not shall be effective under this</u> 1073 subsection unless it contains limits of not less than those 1074 specified in s. 324.021(7).

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(4) As used in this section, the term "motor vehicle"

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1076	includes a motorcycle as defined in s. 320.01(26).
1077	Section 21. Section 324.071, Florida Statutes, is amended
1078	to read:
1079	324.071 Reinstatement; renewal of license; reinstatement
1080	fee.— <u>An</u> Any operator or owner whose license or registration has
1081	been suspended pursuant to s. 324.051(2), s. 324.072, s.
1082	324.081, or s. 324.121 may effect its reinstatement upon
1083	compliance with the provisions of s. 324.051(2)(a)3. or 4., or
1084	s. 324.081(2) and (3), as the case may be, and with one of the
1085	provisions of s. 324.031 and upon payment to the department of a
1086	nonrefundable reinstatement fee of \$15. Only one such fee $\underline{may}$
1087	<del>shall</del> be paid by any one person <u>regardless</u> <del>irrespective</del> of the
1088	number of licenses and registrations to be then reinstated or
1089	issued to such person. All Such fees must shall be deposited $in$
1090	$ extsf{to}$ a department trust fund. If $ extsf{When}$ the reinstatement of any
1091	license or registration is effected by compliance with s.
1092	324.051(2)(a)3. or 4., the department $\underline{may}$ shall not renew the
1093	license or registration within <del>a period of</del> 3 years <u>after</u> <del>from</del>
1094	such reinstatement, <u>and no</u> <del>nor shall any</del> other license or
1095	registration may be issued in the name of such person, unless
1096	the operator <u>continues</u> <del>is continuing</del> to comply with <del>one of the</del>
1097	<del>provisions of</del> s. 324.031.
1098	Section 22. Subsection (1) of section 324.091, Florida
1099	Statutes, is amended to read:
1100	324.091 Notice to department; notice to insurer
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1101 Each owner and operator involved in a crash or (1)1102 conviction case within the purview of this chapter shall furnish 1103 evidence of automobile liability insurance or motor vehicle 1104 liability insurance within 14 days after the date of the mailing of notice of crash by the department in the form and manner as 1105 1106 it may designate. Upon receipt of evidence that a an automobile 1107 liability policy or motor vehicle liability policy was in effect 1108 at the time of the crash or conviction case, the department 1109 shall forward to the insurer such information for verification in a method as determined by the department. The insurer shall 1110 1111 respond to the department within 20 days after the notice as to whether or not such information is valid. If the department 1112 1113 determines that a an automobile liability policy or motor vehicle liability policy was not in effect and did not provide 1114 1115 coverage for both the owner and the operator, it must shall take 1116 action as it is authorized to do under this chapter. 1117 Section 23. Section 324.151, Florida Statutes, is amended 1118 to read: 324.151 Motor vehicle liability policies; required 1119 1120 provisions.-1121 (1)A motor vehicle liability policy that serves as to be proof of financial responsibility under s. 324.031(1)(a) must s. 1122 1123 324.031(1) shall be issued to owners or operators of motor 1124 vehicles under the following provisions:

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(a) <u>A motor vehicle</u> An owner's liability insurance policy

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1126	issued to an owner of a motor vehicle required to be registered
1127	in this state must designate by explicit description or by
1128	appropriate reference all motor vehicles <u>for</u> <del>with respect to</del>
1129	which coverage is thereby granted. The policy $_{ au}$ must insure the
1130	person or persons <del>owner</del> named therein, and, <u>unless</u> except for a
1131	named driver excluded under s. 627.747, must insure any <u>resident</u>
1132	relative of a named insured other person as operator using such
1133	motor vehicle or motor vehicles with the express or implied
1134	permission of such owner against loss from the liability imposed
1135	by law for damage arising out of the ownership, maintenance, or
1136	use of <u>any</u> <del>such</del> motor vehicle <del>or motor vehicles within the</del>
1137	United States or the Dominion of Canada, subject to limits,
1138	exclusive of interest and costs with respect to each such motor
1139	vehicle as is provided for under s. 324.021(7). The policy must
1140	also insure any person operating an insured motor vehicle with
1141	the express or implied permission of a named insured against
1142	loss from the liability imposed by law for damage arising out of
1143	the use of any motor vehicle, unless that person was excluded
1144	under s. 627.747. However, the insurer may include provisions in
1145	its policy excluding liability coverage for a motor vehicle not
1146	designated as an insured vehicle on the policy if such motor
1147	vehicle does not qualify as a newly acquired vehicle or as a
1148	temporary substitute vehicle and was owned by the insured or was
1149	furnished for an insured's regular use for more than 30
1150	consecutive days before the event giving rise to the claim.
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Insurers may make available, with respect to property damage liability coverage, a deductible amount not to exceed \$500. In the event of a property damage loss covered by a policy containing a property damage deductible provision, the insurer shall pay to the third-party claimant the amount of any property damage liability settlement or judgment, subject to policy limits, as if no deductible existed.

1158 A motor vehicle liability insurance policy issued to a (b) 1159 person who does not own a An operator's motor vehicle must liability policy of insurance shall insure the person or persons 1160 1161 named therein against loss from the liability imposed upon him or her by law for damages arising out of the use by the person 1162 1163 of any motor vehicle not owned by him or her, with the same territorial limits and subject to the same limits of liability 1164 1165 as referred to above with respect to an owner's policy of 1166 liability insurance.

All such motor vehicle liability policies must provide 1167 (C) liability coverage with limits, exclusive of interest and costs, 1168 greater than or equal to the limits specified under s. 1169 1170 324.021(7) for accidents occurring within the United States and 1171 Canada. The policies must shall state the name and address of 1172 the named insured, the coverage afforded by the policy, the 1173 premium charged therefor, the policy period, and the limits of 1174 liability, and must shall contain an agreement or be endorsed that insurance is provided in accordance with the coverage 1175

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1176 defined in this chapter as respects bodily injury and death or 1177 property damage or both and is subject to all provisions of this 1178 chapter. The Said policies must shall also contain a provision 1179 that the satisfaction by an insured of a judgment for such injury or damage may shall not be a condition precedent to the 1180 right or duty of the insurance carrier to make payment on 1181 1182 account of such injury or damage, and must shall also contain a 1183 provision that bankruptcy or insolvency of the insured or of the 1184 insured's estate does shall not relieve the insurance carrier of 1185 any of its obligations under the said policy.

(2) The provisions of This section is shall not be applicable to any motor vehicle automobile liability policy unless and until it is furnished as proof of financial responsibility for the future pursuant to s. 324.031, and then applies only from and after the date the said policy is so furnished.

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(3) As used in this section, the term:

3 (a) "Newly acquired vehicle" means a vehicle owned by a 4 named insured or resident relative of the named insured which 5 was acquired no more than 30 days before an accident.

(b) "Resident relative" means a person related to a named insured by any degree by blood, marriage, or adoption, including a ward or foster child, who makes his or her home in the same family unit or residence as the named insured, regardless of whether he or she temporarily lives elsewhere.

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1201 "Temporary substitute vehicle" means any motor vehicle (C) 1202 that is not owned by the named insured and that is temporarily 1203 used with the permission of the owner as a substitute for the 1204 owned motor vehicle designated on the policy when the owned 1205 vehicle is withdrawn from normal use because of breakdown, 1206 repair, servicing, loss, or destruction. 1207 Section 24. Section 324.161, Florida Statutes, is amended 1208 to read: 1209 324.161 Proof of financial responsibility; deposit.-If a person elects to prove his or her financial responsibility under 1210 the method of proof specified in s. 324.031(1)(b), he or she 1211 annually must obtain and submit to the department proof of a 1212 1213 certificate of deposit in the amount required under s. 1214 324.031(2) from a financial institution insured by the Federal 1215 Deposit Insurance Corporation or the National Credit Union 1216 Administration Annually, before any certificate of insurance may 1217 be issued to a person, including any firm, partnership, 1218 association, corporation, or other person, other than a natural 1219 certificate of deposit of \$30,000 person, proof of Э 1220 held by a financial institution must be submitted to the 1221 department. A power of attorney will be issued to and held by 1222 the department, and may be executed upon a judgment issued 1223 against such person making the deposit, for damages for because 1224 of bodily injury to or death of any person or for damages for because of injury to or destruction of property resulting from 1225

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1226 the use or operation of any motor vehicle occurring after such 1227 deposit was made. Money so deposited <u>is shall</u> not <del>be</del> subject to 1228 attachment or execution unless such attachment or execution 1229 <u>arises shall arise</u> out of a <u>lawsuit</u> suit for <u>such</u> damages <del>as</del> 1230 aforesaid.

1231 Section 25. Subsections (1) and (2) of section 324.171, 1232 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

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324.171 Self-insurer.-

(1) <u>A Any</u> 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 department may</u> issue <u>a said</u> certificate of selfinsurance <u>to an applicant who satisfies</u> when such person has
satisfied the requirements of this section. Effective July 1,
<u>2025</u> to qualify as a self-insurer under this section:

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

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

1247 1. Possess a net unencumbered worth of at least  $\frac{100,000}{920,000}$ 1248  $\frac{40,000}{920,000}$  for the first motor vehicle and  $\frac{500,000}{920,000}$  for each 1249 additional motor vehicle; or

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2. Maintain sufficient net worth, in an amount determined

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1251 by the department, to be financially responsible for potential 1252 losses. The department annually shall determine the minimum net 1253 worth sufficient to satisfy this subparagraph as determined 1254 annually by the department, pursuant to rules adopted 1255 promulgated by the department, with the assistance of the Office 1256 of Insurance Regulation of the Financial Services Commission, to 1257 be financially responsible for potential losses. The rules must 1258 consider any shall take into consideration excess insurance 1259 carried by the applicant. The department's determination must 1260 shall be based upon reasonable actuarial principles considering the frequency, severity, and loss development of claims incurred 1261 by casualty insurers writing coverage on the type of motor 1262 vehicles for which a certificate of self-insurance is desired. 1263 1264 The owner of a commercial motor vehicle, as defined in (C) s. 207.002 or s. 320.01(25) <del>s. 320.01</del>, may qualify as a self-1265 1266 insurer subject to the standards provided for in subparagraph 1267 (b)2. 1268 (2)The self-insurance certificate must shall provide 1269 limits of liability insurance in the amounts specified under s. 1270 324.021(7) or s. 627.7415 and shall provide personal injury 1271 protection coverage under s. 627.733(3)(b). 1272 Section 26. Section 324.251, Florida Statutes, is amended 1273 to read: 1274 324.251 Short title.-This chapter may be cited as the "Financial Responsibility Law of 2024 1955" and is shall become 1275

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1276 effective at 12:01 a.m., July 1, 2025 October 1, 1955. 1277 Section 27. Subsection (4) of section 400.9905, Florida 1278 Statutes, is amended to read: 400.9905 Definitions.-1279 (4) (a) "Clinic" means an entity where health care services 1280 are provided to individuals and which tenders charges for 1281 1282 reimbursement for such services, including a mobile clinic and a 1283 portable equipment provider. As used in this part, the term does 1284 not include and the licensure requirements of this part do not 1285 apply to: 1286 1. (a) Entities licensed or registered by the state under chapter 395; entities licensed or registered by the state and 1287 1288 providing only health care services within the scope of services 1289 authorized under their respective licenses under ss. 383.30-1290 383.332, chapter 390, chapter 394, chapter 397, this chapter 1291 except part X, chapter 429, chapter 463, chapter 465, chapter 1292 466, chapter 478, chapter 484, or chapter 651; end-stage renal 1293 disease providers authorized under 42 C.F.R. part 494; providers 1294 certified and providing only health care services within the 1295 scope of services authorized under their respective

1296 certifications under 42 C.F.R. part 485, subpart B, subpart H, 1297 or subpart J; providers certified and providing only health care 1298 services within the scope of services authorized under their 1299 respective certifications under 42 C.F.R. part 486, subpart C; 1300 providers certified and providing only health care services

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1301 within the scope of services authorized under their respective 1302 certifications under 42 C.F.R. part 491, subpart A; providers 1303 certified by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services 1304 under the federal Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments and 1305 the federal rules adopted thereunder; or any entity that 1306 provides neonatal or pediatric hospital-based health care 1307 services or other health care services by licensed practitioners 1308 solely within a hospital licensed under chapter 395.

1309 2. (b) Entities that own, directly or indirectly, entities licensed or registered by the state pursuant to chapter 395; 1310 1311 entities that own, directly or indirectly, entities licensed or registered by the state and providing only health care services 1312 1313 within the scope of services authorized pursuant to their 1314 respective licenses under ss. 383.30-383.332, chapter 390, chapter 394, chapter 397, this chapter except part X, chapter 1315 1316 429, chapter 463, chapter 465, chapter 466, chapter 478, chapter 484, or chapter 651; end-stage renal disease providers 1317 1318 authorized under 42 C.F.R. part 494; providers certified and 1319 providing only health care services within the scope of services 1320 authorized under their respective certifications under 42 C.F.R. 1321 part 485, subpart B, subpart H, or subpart J; providers 1322 certified and providing only health care services within the scope of services authorized under their respective 1323 1324 certifications under 42 C.F.R. part 486, subpart C; providers certified and providing only health care services within the 1325

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1326 scope of services authorized under their respective 1327 certifications under 42 C.F.R. part 491, subpart A; providers 1328 certified by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services 1329 under the federal Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments and 1330 the federal rules adopted thereunder; or any entity that 1331 provides neonatal or pediatric hospital-based health care 1332 services by licensed practitioners solely within a hospital 1333 licensed under chapter 395.

1334 3.(c) Entities that are owned, directly or indirectly, by an entity licensed or registered by the state pursuant to 1335 1336 chapter 395; entities that are owned, directly or indirectly, by 1337 an entity licensed or registered by the state and providing only 1338 health care services within the scope of services authorized 1339 pursuant to their respective licenses under ss. 383.30-383.332, chapter 390, chapter 394, chapter 397, this chapter except part 1340 1341 X, chapter 429, chapter 463, chapter 465, chapter 466, chapter 478, chapter 484, or chapter 651; end-stage renal disease 1342 1343 providers authorized under 42 C.F.R. part 494; providers 1344 certified and providing only health care services within the 1345 scope of services authorized under their respective 1346 certifications under 42 C.F.R. part 485, subpart B, subpart H, 1347 or subpart J; providers certified and providing only health care 1348 services within the scope of services authorized under their 1349 respective certifications under 42 C.F.R. part 486, subpart C; providers certified and providing only health care services 1350

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1351 within the scope of services authorized under their respective 1352 certifications under 42 C.F.R. part 491, subpart A; providers 1353 certified by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services 1354 under the federal Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments and 1355 the federal rules adopted thereunder; or any entity that 1356 provides neonatal or pediatric hospital-based health care 1357 services by licensed practitioners solely within a hospital 1358 under chapter 395.

1359 4.(d) Entities that are under common ownership, directly 1360 or indirectly, with an entity licensed or registered by the 1361 state pursuant to chapter 395; entities that are under common ownership, directly or indirectly, with an entity licensed or 1362 1363 registered by the state and providing only health care services 1364 within the scope of services authorized pursuant to their respective licenses under ss. 383.30-383.332, chapter 390, 1365 1366 chapter 394, chapter 397, this chapter except part X, chapter 429, chapter 463, chapter 465, chapter 466, chapter 478, chapter 1367 1368 484, or chapter 651; end-stage renal disease providers 1369 authorized under 42 C.F.R. part 494; providers certified and 1370 providing only health care services within the scope of services 1371 authorized under their respective certifications under 42 C.F.R. 1372 part 485, subpart B, subpart H, or subpart J; providers certified and providing only health care services within the 1373 1374 scope of services authorized under their respective certifications under 42 C.F.R. part 486, subpart C; providers 1375

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1376 certified and providing only health care services within the 1377 scope of services authorized under their respective 1378 certifications under 42 C.F.R. part 491, subpart A; providers 1379 certified by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services under the federal Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments and 1380 1381 the federal rules adopted thereunder; or any entity that 1382 provides neonatal or pediatric hospital-based health care 1383 services by licensed practitioners solely within a hospital 1384 licensed under chapter 395.

1385 5.(c) An entity that is exempt from federal taxation under 1386 26 U.S.C. s. 501(c)(3) or (4), an employee stock ownership plan under 26 U.S.C. s. 409 that has a board of trustees at least 1387 1388 two-thirds of which are Florida-licensed health care 1389 practitioners and provides only physical therapy services under physician orders, any community college or university clinic, 1390 1391 and any entity owned or operated by the federal or state government, including agencies, subdivisions, or municipalities 1392 1393 thereof.

1394 <u>6.(f)</u> A sole proprietorship, group practice, partnership, 1395 or corporation that provides health care services by physicians 1396 covered by s. 627.419, that is directly supervised by one or 1397 more of such physicians, and that is wholly owned by one or more 1398 of those physicians or by a physician and the spouse, parent, 1399 child, or sibling of that physician.

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<u>7.(g)</u> A sole proprietorship, group practice, partnership,

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1401 or corporation that provides health care services by licensed 1402 health care practitioners under chapter 457, chapter 458, 1403 chapter 459, chapter 460, chapter 461, chapter 462, chapter 463, chapter 466, chapter 467, chapter 480, chapter 484, chapter 486, 1404 1405 chapter 490, chapter 491, or part I, part III, part X, part 1406 XIII, or part XIV of chapter 468, or s. 464.012, and that is 1407 wholly owned by one or more licensed health care practitioners, 1408 or the licensed health care practitioners set forth in this 1409 subparagraph paragraph and the spouse, parent, child, or sibling of a licensed health care practitioner if one of the owners who 1410 1411 is a licensed health care practitioner is supervising the business activities and is legally responsible for the entity's 1412 1413 compliance with all federal and state laws. However, a health 1414 care practitioner may not supervise services beyond the scope of the practitioner's license, except that, for the purposes of 1415 1416 this part, a clinic owned by a licensee in s. 456.053(3)(b)1417 which provides only services authorized pursuant to s. 1418 456.053(3)(b) may be supervised by a licensee specified in s. 456.053(3)(b). 1419

1420 <u>8.(h)</u> Clinical facilities affiliated with an accredited 1421 medical school at which training is provided for medical 1422 students, residents, or fellows.

1423 <u>9.(i)</u> Entities that provide only oncology or radiation 1424 therapy services by physicians licensed under chapter 458 or 1425 chapter 459 or entities that provide oncology or radiation

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1426 therapy services by physicians licensed under chapter 458 or 1427 chapter 459 which are owned by a corporation whose shares are 1428 publicly traded on a recognized stock exchange.

1429 <u>10.(j)</u> Clinical facilities affiliated with a college of 1430 chiropractic accredited by the Council on Chiropractic Education 1431 at which training is provided for chiropractic students.

1432 <u>11.(k)</u> Entities that provide licensed practitioners to 1433 staff emergency departments or to deliver anesthesia services in 1434 facilities licensed under chapter 395 and that derive at least 1435 90 percent of their gross annual revenues from the provision of 1436 such services. Entities claiming an exemption from licensure 1437 under this <u>subparagraph</u> <del>paragraph</del> must provide documentation 1438 demonstrating compliance.

1439 12.(1) Orthotic, prosthetic, pediatric cardiology, or 1440 perinatology clinical facilities or anesthesia clinical facilities that are not otherwise exempt under subparagraph 1. 1441 1442 or subparagraph 11. paragraph (a) or paragraph (k) and that are 1443 a publicly traded corporation or are wholly owned, directly or 1444 indirectly, by a publicly traded corporation. As used in this 1445 subparagraph paragraph, a publicly traded corporation is a 1446 corporation that issues securities traded on an exchange 1447 registered with the United States Securities and Exchange 1448 Commission as a national securities exchange.

144913.(m)Entities that are owned by a corporation that has1450\$250 million or more in total annual sales of health care

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1451 services provided by licensed health care practitioners where 1452 one or more of the persons responsible for the operations of the 1453 entity is a health care practitioner who is licensed in this 1454 state and who is responsible for supervising the business 1455 activities of the entity and is responsible for the entity's 1456 compliance with state law for purposes of this part.

1457 14.(n) Entities that employ 50 or more licensed health 1458 care practitioners licensed under chapter 458 or chapter 459 1459 where the billing for medical services is under a single tax 1460 identification number. The application for exemption under this 1461 subsection must include shall contain information that includes: the name, residence, and business address and telephone phone 1462 1463 number of the entity that owns the practice; a complete list of 1464 the names and contact information of all the officers and 1465 directors of the corporation; the name, residence address, 1466 business address, and medical license number of each licensed 1467 Florida health care practitioner employed by the entity; the 1468 corporate tax identification number of the entity seeking an 1469 exemption; a listing of health care services to be provided by 1470 the entity at the health care clinics owned or operated by the 1471 entity; and a certified statement prepared by an independent 1472 certified public accountant which states that the entity and the 1473 health care clinics owned or operated by the entity have not 1474 received payment for health care services under medical payments personal injury protection insurance coverage for the preceding 1475

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1476 year. If the agency determines that an entity <u>that</u> which is 1477 exempt under this subsection has received payments for medical 1478 services under <u>medical payments</u> <del>personal injury protection</del> 1479 insurance coverage, the agency may deny or revoke the exemption 1480 from licensure under this subsection.

1481 <u>15.(o)</u> Entities that are, directly or indirectly, under 1482 the common ownership of or that are subject to common control by 1483 a mutual insurance holding company, as defined in s. 628.703, 1484 with an entity issued a certificate of authority under chapter 1485 624 or chapter 641 which has \$1 billion or more in total annual 1486 sales in this state.

1487 16. (p) Entities that are owned by an entity that is a 1488 behavioral health care service provider in at least five other states; that, together with its affiliates, have \$90 million or 1489 1490 more in total annual revenues associated with the provision of 1491 behavioral health care services; and wherein one or more of the 1492 persons responsible for the operations of the entity is a health 1493 care practitioner who is licensed in this state, who is 1494 responsible for supervising the business activities of the 1495 entity, and who is responsible for the entity's compliance with 1496 state law for purposes of this part.

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<u>17.(q)</u> Medicaid providers.

1498 <u>(b)</u> Notwithstanding <u>paragraph (a)</u> this subsection, an 1499 entity shall be deemed a clinic and must be licensed under this 1500 part in order to receive <u>medical payments coverage</u> reimbursement

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1501 under s. 627.7265 unless the entity is: 1502 1. Wholly owned by a physician licensed under chapter 458 1503 or chapter 459 or by the physician and the spouse, parent, 1504 child, or sibling of the physician; 1505 2. Wholly owned by a dentist licensed under chapter 466 or 1506 by the dentist and the spouse, parent, child, or sibling of the 1507 dentist; 3. Wholly owned by a chiropractic physician licensed under 1508 1509 chapter 460 or by the chiropractic physician and the spouse, 1510 parent, child, or sibling of the chiropractic physician; 1511 4. A hospital or an ambulatory surgical center licensed 1512 under chapter 395; 5. An entity that wholly owns or is wholly owned, directly 1513 1514 or indirectly, by a hospital or hospitals licensed under chapter 1515 395; 1516 6. A clinical facility affiliated with an accredited 1517 medical school at which training is provided for medical 1518 students, residents, or fellows; 1519 7. Certified under 42 C.F.R. part 485, subpart H; or 1520 8. Owned by a publicly traded corporation, either directly or indirectly through its subsidiaries, which has \$250 million 1521 or more in total annual sales of health care services provided 1522 by licensed health care practitioners, if one or more of the 1523 1524 persons responsible for the operations of the entity are health 1525 care practitioners who are licensed in this state and who are

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1526 responsible for supervising the business activities of the 1527 entity and the entity's compliance with state law for purposes of this subsection the Florida Motor Vehicle No-Fault Law, ss. 1528 627.730-627.7405, unless exempted under s. 627.736(5)(h). 1529 1530 Section 28. Subsection (5) of section 400.991, Florida 1531 Statutes, is amended to read: 1532 400.991 License requirements; background screenings; 1533 prohibitions.-1534 (5) All agency forms for licensure application or 1535 exemption from licensure under this part must contain the 1536 following statement: 1537 INSURANCE FRAUD NOTICE. - A person <u>commits</u> a fraudulent 1538 1539 insurance act, as defined in s. 626.989, Florida 1540 Statutes, if the person who knowingly submits a false, 1541 misleading, or fraudulent application or other 1542 document when applying for licensure as a health care 1543 clinic, seeking an exemption from licensure as a 1544 health care clinic, or demonstrating compliance with 1545 part X of chapter 400, Florida Statutes, with the 1546 intent to use the license, exemption from licensure, 1547 or demonstration of compliance to provide services or 1548 seek reimbursement under a motor vehicle liability 1549 insurance policy's medical payments coverage the 1550 Florida Motor Vehicle No-Fault Law, commits a

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1551 fraudulent insurance act, as defined in s. 626.989, 1552 Florida Statutes. A person who presents a claim for 1553 benefits under medical payments coverage personal injury protection benefits knowing that the payee 1554 1555 knowingly submitted such health care clinic 1556 application or document commits insurance fraud, as 1557 defined in s. 817.234, Florida Statutes. 1558 Section 29. Paragraph (g) of subsection (1) of section 1559 400.9935, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 1560 400.9935 Clinic responsibilities.-1561 (1)Each clinic shall appoint a medical director or clinic 1562 director who shall agree in writing to accept legal responsibility for the following activities on behalf of the 1563 1564 clinic. The medical director or the clinic director shall: 1565 (q) Conduct systematic reviews of clinic billings to 1566 ensure that the billings are not fraudulent or unlawful. Upon 1567 discovery of an unlawful charge, the medical director or clinic 1568 director shall take immediate corrective action. If the clinic 1569 performs only the technical component of magnetic resonance 1570 imaging, static radiographs, computed tomography, or positron emission tomography, and provides the professional 1571 1572 interpretation of such services, in a fixed facility that is 1573 accredited by a national accrediting organization that is 1574 approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for magnetic resonance imaging and advanced diagnostic imaging 1575

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1576 services and if, in the preceding quarter, the percentage of 1577 scans performed by that clinic which was billed to motor vehicle 1578 all personal injury protection insurance carriers under medical 1579 payments coverage was less than 15 percent, the chief financial 1580 officer of the clinic may, in a written acknowledgment provided 1581 to the agency, assume the responsibility for the conduct of the 1582 systematic reviews of clinic billings to ensure that the 1583 billings are not fraudulent or unlawful.

1584 Section 30. Subsection (28) of section 409.901, Florida 1585 Statutes, is amended to read:

1586 409.901 Definitions; ss. 409.901-409.920.-As used in ss. 1587 409.901-409.920, except as otherwise specifically provided, the 1588 term:

1589 (28)"Third-party benefit" means any benefit that is or may be available at any time through contract, court award, 1590 judgment, settlement, agreement, or any arrangement between a 1591 1592 third party and any person or entity, including, without 1593 limitation, a Medicaid recipient, a provider, another third 1594 party, an insurer, or the agency, for any Medicaid-covered 1595 injury, illness, goods, or services, including costs of medical services related thereto, for bodily personal injury or for 1596 death of the recipient, but specifically excluding policies of 1597 1598 life insurance policies on the recipient, unless available under terms of the policy to pay medical expenses before prior to 1599 death. The term includes, without limitation, collateral, as 1600

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1601 defined in this section; r health insurance; r any benefit under a
1602 health maintenance organization, a preferred provider
1603 arrangement, a prepaid health clinic, liability insurance,
1604 uninsured motorist insurance, or medical payments coverage; or
1605 personal injury protection coverage, medical benefits under
1606 workers' compensation; and any obligation under law or equity
1607 to provide medical support.

1608 Section 31. Paragraph (f) of subsection (11) of section 1609 409.910, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1610 409.910 Responsibility for payments on behalf of Medicaid-1611 eligible persons when other parties are liable.-

(11) The agency may, as a matter of right, in order to enforce its rights under this section, institute, intervene in, or join any legal or administrative proceeding in its own name in one or more of the following capacities: individually, as subrogee of the recipient, as assignee of the recipient, or as lienholder of the collateral.

(f) Notwithstanding any provision in this section to the contrary, in the event of an action in tort against a third party in which the recipient or his or her legal representative is a party which results in a judgment, award, or settlement from a third party, the amount recovered shall be distributed as follows:

16241. After attorney attorney's fees and taxable costs as1625defined by the Florida Rules of Civil Procedure, one-half of the

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1626 remaining recovery shall be paid to the agency up to the total 1627 amount of medical assistance provided by Medicaid.

1628 2. The remaining amount of the recovery shall be paid to 1629 the recipient.

3. For purposes of calculating the agency's recovery of medical assistance benefits paid, the fee for services of an attorney retained by the recipient or his or her legal representative shall be calculated at 25 percent of the judgment, award, or settlement.

1635 Notwithstanding any other provision of this section to 4. 1636 the contrary, the agency is shall be entitled to all medical 1637 coverage benefits up to the total amount of medical assistance 1638 provided by Medicaid. For purposes of this paragraph, the term 1639 "medical coverage" means any benefits under health insurance, a 1640 health maintenance organization, a preferred provider arrangement, or a prepaid health clinic, and the portion of 1641 1642 benefits designated for medical payments under coverage for 1643 workers' compensation coverage, motor vehicle insurance coverage, personal injury protection, and casualty coverage. 1644

1645Section 32. Paragraph (k) of subsection (2) of section1646456.057, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1647 456.057 Ownership and control of patient records; report 1648 or copies of records to be furnished; disclosure of 1649 information.-

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(2) As used in this section, the terms "records owner,"

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1651	"health care practitioner," and "health care practitioner's
1652	employer" do not include any of the following persons or
1653	entities; furthermore, the following persons or entities are not
1654	authorized to acquire or own medical records, but are authorized
1655	under the confidentiality and disclosure requirements of this
1656	section to maintain those documents required by the part or
1657	chapter under which they are licensed or regulated:
1658	(k) Persons or entities practicing under s. 627.736(7).
1659	Section 33. Paragraphs (ee) and (ff) of subsection (1) of
1660	section 456.072, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
1661	456.072 Grounds for discipline; penalties; enforcement
1662	(1) The following acts shall constitute grounds for which
1663	the disciplinary actions specified in subsection (2) may be
1664	taken:
1665	(ee) With respect to making a <u>medical payments coverage</u>
1666	personal injury protection claim under s. 627.7265 as required
1667	by s. 627.736, intentionally submitting a claim, statement, or
1668	bill that has been upcoded. As used in this paragraph, the term
1669	"upcode" means to submit a billing code that would result in a
1670	greater payment amount than would be paid using a billing code
1671	that accurately describes the services performed. The term does
1672	not include an otherwise lawful bill by a magnetic resonance
1673	imaging facility which globally combines both technical and
1674	professional components, if the amount of the global bill is not
1675	more than the components if billed separately; however, payment
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1676 of such a bill constitutes payment in full for all components of such service "upcoded" as defined in s. 627.732. 1677 1678 With respect to making a medical payments coverage (ff) personal injury protection claim under s. 627.7265 as required 1679 by s. 627.736, intentionally submitting a claim, statement, or 1680 1681 bill for payment of services that were not rendered. 1682 Section 34. Paragraphs (i) and (o) of subsection (1) of 1683 section 626.9541, Florida Statutes, are amended to read: 1684 626.9541 Unfair methods of competition and unfair or 1685 deceptive acts or practices defined.-UNFAIR METHODS OF COMPETITION AND UNFAIR OR DECEPTIVE 1686 (1)1687 ACTS.-The following are defined as unfair methods of competition and unfair or deceptive acts or practices: 1688 1689 (i) Unfair claim settlement practices.-1690 Attempting to settle claims on the basis of an 1. 1691 application, when serving as a binder or intended to become a 1692 part of the policy, or any other material document which was 1693 altered without notice to, or knowledge or consent of, the 1694 insured; 1695 2. Making a material misrepresentation made to an insured 1696 or any other person having an interest in the proceeds payable 1697 under such contract or policy, for the purpose and with the 1698 intent of effecting settlement of such claims, loss, or damage 1699 under such contract or policy on less favorable terms than those provided in, and contemplated by, such contract or policy; 1700 Page 68 of 131

1701 Committing or performing with such frequency as to 3. 1702 indicate a general business practice any of the following: 1703 Failing to adopt and implement standards for the proper a. 1704 investigation of claims; 1705 Misrepresenting pertinent facts or insurance policy b. 1706 provisions relating to coverages at issue; 1707 с. Failing to acknowledge and act promptly upon 1708 communications with respect to claims; 1709 d. Denying claims without conducting reasonable 1710 investigations based upon available information; 1711 е. Failing to affirm or deny full or partial coverage of claims, and, as to partial coverage, the dollar amount or extent 1712 1713 of coverage, or failing to provide a written statement that the 1714 claim is being investigated, upon the written request of the insured within 30 days after proof-of-loss statements have been 1715 1716 completed; f. Failing to promptly provide a reasonable explanation in 1717 1718 writing to the insured of the basis in the insurance policy, in 1719 relation to the facts or applicable law, for denial of a claim 1720 or for the offer of a compromise settlement; 1721 Failing to promptly notify the insured of any q. additional information necessary for the processing of a claim; 1722 1723 Failing to clearly explain the nature of the requested h. 1724 information and the reasons why such information is necessary; 1725 or Page 69 of 131

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1726	i. Failing to pay personal injury protection insurance
1727	claims within the time periods required by s. 627.736(4)(b). The
1728	office may order the insurer to pay restitution to a
1729	policyholder, medical provider, or other claimant, including
1730	interest at a rate consistent with the amount set forth in s.
1731	55.03(1), for the time period within which an insurer fails to
1732	pay claims as required by law. Restitution is in addition to any
1733	other penalties allowed by law, including, but not limited to,
1734	the suspension of the insurer's certificate of authority; or
1735	<del>j.</del> Altering or amending an insurance adjuster's report
1736	without:
1737	(I) Providing a detailed explanation as to why any change
1738	that has the effect of reducing the estimate of the loss was
1739	made; and
1740	(II) Including on the report or as an addendum to the
1741	report a detailed list of all changes made to the report and the
1742	identity of the person who ordered each change; or
1743	(III) Retaining all versions of the report, and including
1744	within each such version, for each change made within such
1745	version of the report, the identity of each person who made or
1746	ordered such change; or
1747	4. Failing to pay undisputed amounts of partial or full
1748	benefits owed under first-party property insurance policies
1749	within 60 days after an insurer receives notice of a residential
1750	property insurance claim, determines the amounts of partial or

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1751 full benefits, and agrees to coverage, unless payment of the 1752 undisputed benefits is prevented by factors beyond the control 1753 of the insurer as defined in s. 627.70131(5).

(o) Illegal dealings in premiums; excess or reduced
charges for insurance.-

1756 1. Knowingly collecting any sum as a premium or charge for 1757 insurance, which is not then provided, or is not in due course 1758 to be provided, subject to acceptance of the risk by the 1759 insurer, by an insurance policy issued by an insurer as 1760 permitted by this code.

2. Knowingly collecting as a premium or charge for 1761 insurance any sum in excess of or less than the premium or 1762 1763 charge applicable to such insurance, in accordance with the 1764 applicable classifications and rates as filed with and approved 1765 by the office, and as specified in the policy; or, in cases when 1766 classifications, premiums, or rates are not required by this code to be so filed and approved, premiums and charges collected 1767 1768 from a Florida resident in excess of or less than those 1769 specified in the policy and as fixed by the insurer. 1770 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, this provision shall 1771 not be deemed to prohibit the charging and collection, by 1772 surplus lines agents licensed under part VIII of this chapter, 1773 of the amount of applicable state and federal taxes, or fees as 1774 authorized by s. 626.916(4), in addition to the premium required by the insurer or the charging and collection, by licensed 1775

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agents, of the exact amount of any discount or other such fee charged by a credit card facility in connection with the use of a credit card, as authorized by subparagraph (q)3., in addition to the premium required by the insurer. This subparagraph shall not be construed to prohibit collection of a premium for a universal life or a variable or indeterminate value insurance policy made in accordance with the terms of the contract.

1783 Imposing or requesting an additional premium for 3.a. 1784 death benefit coverage, bodily injury liability coverage, 1785 property damage liability coverage a policy of motor vehicle 1786 liability, personal injury protection, medical payments coverage 1787 payment, or collision coverage in a motor vehicle liability insurance policy insurance or any combination thereof or 1788 1789 refusing to renew the policy solely because the insured was 1790 involved in a motor vehicle accident unless the insurer's file 1791 contains information from which the insurer in good faith 1792 determines that the insured was substantially at fault in the 1793 accident.

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

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1801	involved in the accident was:
1802	(I) Lawfully parked;
1803	(II) Reimbursed by, or on behalf of, a person responsible
1804	for the accident or has a judgment against such person;
1805	(III) Struck in the rear by another vehicle headed in the
1806	same direction and was not convicted of a moving traffic
1807	violation in connection with the accident;
1808	(IV) Hit by a "hit-and-run" driver, if the accident was
1809	reported to the proper authorities within 24 hours after
1810	discovering the accident;
1811	(V) Not convicted of a moving traffic violation in
1812	connection with the accident, but the operator of the other
1813	automobile involved in such accident was convicted of a moving
1814	traffic violation;
1815	(VI) Finally adjudicated not to be liable by a court of
1816	competent jurisdiction;
1817	(VII) In receipt of a traffic citation which was dismissed
1818	or nolle prossed; or
1819	(VIII) Not at fault as evidenced by a written statement
1820	from the insured establishing facts demonstrating lack of fault
1821	which are not rebutted by information in the insurer's file from
1822	which the insurer in good faith determines that the insured was
1823	substantially at fault.
1824	c. In addition to the other provisions of this
1825	subparagraph, an insurer may not fail to renew a policy if the
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insured has had only one accident in which he or she was at fault within the current 3-year period. However, an insurer may nonrenew a policy for reasons other than accidents in accordance with s. 627.728. This subparagraph does not prohibit nonrenewal of a policy under which the insured has had three or more accidents, regardless of fault, during the most recent 3-year period.

1833 4. Imposing or requesting an additional premium for, or
1834 refusing to renew, a policy for motor vehicle insurance solely
1835 because the insured committed a noncriminal traffic infraction
1836 as described in s. 318.14 unless the infraction is:

1837 a. A second infraction committed within an 18-month
1838 period, or a third or subsequent infraction committed within a
1839 36-month period.

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.

1843 5. Upon the request of the insured, the insurer and 1844 licensed agent shall supply to the insured the complete proof of 1845 fault or other criteria which justifies the additional charge or 1846 cancellation.

1847 6. No insurer shall impose or request an additional
1848 premium for motor vehicle insurance, cancel or refuse to issue a
1849 policy, or refuse to renew a policy because the insured or the
1850 applicant is a handicapped or physically disabled person, so

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1851 long as such handicap or physical disability does not 1852 substantially impair such person's mechanically assisted driving 1853 ability.

1854 7. No insurer may cancel or otherwise terminate any 1855 insurance contract or coverage, or require execution of a 1856 consent to rate endorsement, during the stated policy term for 1857 the purpose of offering to issue, or issuing, a similar or 1858 identical contract or coverage to the same insured with the same 1859 exposure at a higher premium rate or continuing an existing 1860 contract or coverage with the same exposure at an increased 1861 premium.

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

1869 9. No insurer shall, with respect to premiums charged for
1870 motor vehicle insurance, unfairly discriminate solely on the
1871 basis of age, sex, marital status, or scholastic achievement.

1872 10. Imposing or requesting an additional premium for motor 1873 vehicle comprehensive or uninsured motorist coverage solely 1874 because the insured was involved in a motor vehicle accident or 1875 was convicted of a moving traffic violation.

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1876 11. No insurer shall cancel or issue a nonrenewal notice 1877 on any insurance policy or contract without complying with any 1878 applicable cancellation or nonrenewal provision required under 1879 the Florida Insurance Code.

1880 12. No insurer shall impose or request an additional 1881 premium, cancel a policy, or issue a nonrenewal notice on any 1882 insurance policy or contract because of any traffic infraction 1883 when adjudication has been withheld and no points have been 1884 assessed pursuant to s. 318.14(9) and (10). However, this 1885 subparagraph does not apply to traffic infractions involving 1886 accidents in which the insurer has incurred a loss due to the 1887 fault of the insured.

1888Section 35. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section1889626.989, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1890 626.989 Investigation by department or Division of 1891 Investigative and Forensic Services; compliance; immunity; 1892 confidential information; reports to division; division 1893 investigator's power of arrest.-

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(1) For the purposes of this section:

1895 (a) A person commits a "fraudulent insurance act" if the1896 person:

1897 1. Knowingly and with intent to defraud presents, causes 1898 to be presented, or prepares with knowledge or belief that it 1899 will be presented, to or by an insurer, self-insurer, self-1900 insurance fund, servicing corporation, purported insurer,

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1901 broker, or any agent thereof, any written statement as part of, 1902 or in support of, an application for the issuance of, or the 1903 rating of, any insurance policy, or a claim for payment or other 1904 benefit pursuant to any insurance policy, which the person knows 1905 to contain materially false information concerning any fact 1906 material thereto or if the person conceals, for the purpose of 1907 misleading another, information concerning any fact material 1908 thereto.

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2. Knowingly submits:

A false, misleading, or fraudulent application or other 1910 a. 1911 document when applying for licensure as a health care clinic, 1912 seeking an exemption from licensure as a health care clinic, or 1913 demonstrating compliance with part X of chapter 400 with an 1914 intent to use the license, exemption from licensure, or demonstration of compliance to provide services or seek 1915 1916 reimbursement under a motor vehicle liability insurance policy's 1917 medical payments coverage the Florida Motor Vehicle No-Fault 1918 <del>Law</del>.

b. A claim for payment or other benefit <u>under a motor</u> <u>vehicle liability insurance policy's medical payments coverage,</u> <u>pursuant to a personal injury protection insurance policy under</u> <u>the Florida Motor Vehicle No-Fault Law</u> if the person knows that the payee knowingly submitted a false, misleading, or fraudulent application or other document when applying for licensure as a health care clinic, seeking an exemption from licensure as a

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1926 health care clinic, or demonstrating compliance with part X of 1927 chapter 400.

1928 Section 36. Subsection (1) of section 627.06501, Florida 1929 Statutes, is amended to read:

1930 627.06501 Insurance discounts for certain persons1931 completing driver improvement course.-

1932 (1)Any rate, rating schedule, or rating manual for the 1933 liability, medical payments, death benefit personal injury 1934 protection, and collision coverages of a motor vehicle insurance 1935 policy filed with the office may provide for an appropriate 1936 reduction in premium charges as to such coverages if when the 1937 principal operator on the covered vehicle has successfully 1938 completed a driver improvement course approved and certified by 1939 the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles which is 1940 effective in reducing crash or violation rates, or both, as 1941 determined pursuant to s. 318.1451(5). Any discount, not to 1942 exceed 10 percent, used by an insurer is presumed to be 1943 appropriate unless credible data demonstrates otherwise.

1944 Section 37. Subsection (15) is added to section 627.0651, 1945 Florida Statutes, to read:

1946 627.0651 Making and use of rates for motor vehicle 1947 insurance.-

1948(15) Rate filings for motor vehicle liability policies1949that implement the financial responsibility requirements of s.1950324.022 in effect July 1, 2025, except for commercial motor

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vehicle insurance policies exempt under paragraph (14)(a), must
reflect such financial responsibility requirements and may be
approved only through the file and use process under paragraph
(1) (a).
Section 38. Subsection (1) of section 627.0652, Florida
Statutes, is amended to read:
627.0652 Insurance discounts for certain persons
completing safety course
(1) Any rates, rating schedules, or rating manuals for the
liability, medical payments, death benefit personal injury
protection, and collision coverages of a motor vehicle insurance
policy filed with the office <u>must</u> shall provide for an
appropriate reduction in premium charges as to such coverages $\underline{if}$
when the principal operator on the covered vehicle is an insured
55 years of age or older who has successfully completed a motor
vehicle accident prevention course approved by the Department of
Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles. Any discount used by an
insurer is presumed to be appropriate unless credible data
demonstrates otherwise.
Section 39. Subsections (1), (3), and (6) of section
627.0653, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
627.0653 Insurance discounts for specified motor vehicle
equipment
(1) Any rates, rating schedules, or rating manuals for the
liability, <u>medical payments, death benefit</u> <del>personal injury</del>
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1976 protection, and collision coverages of a motor vehicle insurance 1977 policy filed with the office <u>must shall</u> provide a premium 1978 discount if the insured vehicle is equipped with factory-1979 installed, four-wheel antilock brakes.

(3) Any rates, rating schedules, or rating manuals for personal injury protection coverage and medical payments coverage, if offered, of a motor vehicle insurance policy filed with the office <u>must shall</u> provide a premium discount if the insured vehicle is equipped with one or more air bags <u>that</u> which are factory installed.

1986 (6) The Office of Insurance Regulation may approve a 1987 premium discount to any rates, rating schedules, or rating 1988 manuals for the liability, medical payments, death benefit 1989 personal injury protection, and collision coverages of a motor 1990 vehicle insurance policy filed with the office if the insured 1991 vehicle is equipped with an automated driving system or 1992 electronic vehicle collision avoidance technology that is 1993 factory installed or a retrofitted system and that complies with 1994 National Highway Traffic Safety Administration standards.

1995Section 40.Section 627.4132, Florida Statutes, is amended1996to read:

1997 627.4132 Stacking of coverages prohibited.-If an insured
1998 or named insured is protected by any type of motor vehicle
1999 insurance policy providing primary bodily injury and property
2000 damage for liability, personal injury protection, or other

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2001 coverage, the policy must shall provide that the insured or 2002 named insured is protected only to the extent of the coverage 2003 she or he has on the vehicle involved in the accident. However, 2004 if none of the insured's or named insured's vehicles are is 2005 involved in the accident, coverage is available only to the 2006 extent of coverage on any one of the vehicles with applicable 2007 coverage. Coverage on any other vehicles may shall not be added 2008 to or stacked upon that coverage. This section does not apply: 2009 (1) Apply to uninsured motorist coverage that which is 2010 separately governed by s. 627.727. 2011 (2)To Reduce the coverage available by reason of 2012 insurance policies insuring different named insureds. Section 41. Subsection (1) of section 627.4137, Florida 2013 2014 Statutes, is amended to read: 2015 627.4137 Disclosure of certain information required.-2016 Each insurer which does or may provide liability (1)2017 insurance coverage to pay all or a portion of any claim which 2018 might be made shall provide, within 30 days after of the written 2019 request of the claimant or the claimant's attorney, a statement, 2020 under oath, of a corporate officer or the insurer's claims 2021 manager or superintendent setting forth the following 2022 information with regard to each known policy of insurance, 2023 including excess or umbrella insurance: 2024 (a) The name of the insurer.

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- (b) The name of each insured.

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2026	(c) The limits of the liability coverage.
2027	(d) A statement of any policy or coverage defense which
2028	such insurer reasonably believes is available to such insurer at
2029	the time of filing such statement.
2030	(e) A copy of the policy.
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2032	In addition, the insured, or her or his insurance agent, upon
2033	written request of the claimant or the claimant's attorney,
2034	shall disclose the name and coverage of each known insurer to
2035	the claimant and shall forward such request for information as
2036	required by this subsection to all affected insurers. The
2037	insurer shall then supply the information required in this
2038	subsection to the claimant within 30 days <u>after</u> <del>of</del> receipt of
2039	such request. If an insurer fails to timely comply with this
2040	section, the claimant may file an action in a court of competent
2041	jurisdiction to enforce this section. If the court determines
2042	that the insurer violated this section, the claimant is entitled
2043	to an award of reasonable attorney fees and costs to be paid by
2044	the insurer.
2045	Section 42. Section 627.7263, Florida Statutes, is amended
2046	to read:
2047	627.7263 Rental and leasing driver's insurance to be
2048	primary; exception
2049	(1) The valid and collectible liability insurance <u>and</u>
2050	medical payments coverage or personal injury protection
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2051	insurance providing coverage for the lessor of a motor vehicle
2052	for rent or lease <u>are</u> <del>is</del> primary unless otherwise stated in at
2053	least 10-point type on the face of the rental or lease
2054	agreement. Such insurance is primary for the limits of liability
2055	and personal injury protection coverage as required under s.
2056	324.021(7) and the medical payments coverage limit required
2057	under s. 627.7265 by ss. 324.021(7) and 627.736.
2058	(2) If the lessee's coverage is to be primary, the rental
2059	or lease agreement must contain the following language, in at
2060	least 10-point type:
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2062	"The valid and collectible liability insurance and
2063	medical payments coverage personal injury protection
2064	insurance of an any authorized rental or leasing
2065	driver <u>are</u> <del>is</del> primary for the limits of liability <del>and</del>
2066	personal injury protection coverage required under s.
2067	324.021(7), Florida Statutes, and the limits of any
2068	medical payments coverage purchased pursuant to s.
2069	<u>627.7265</u> <del>by ss. 324.021(7) and 627.736</del> , Florida
2070	Statutes."
2071	Section 43. Section 627.7265, Florida Statutes, is created
2072	to read:
2073	627.7265 Motor vehicle insurance; medical payments
2074	coverage
2075	(1) Medical payments coverage must protect the named
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2076	insured, resident relatives, persons operating the insured motor
2077	vehicle, passengers in the insured motor vehicle, and persons
2078	who are struck by the insured motor vehicle and suffer bodily
2079	injury while not an occupant of a self-propelled motor vehicle
2080	at a limit of at least \$5,000 for medical expenses incurred due
2081	to bodily injury, sickness, or disease arising out of the
2082	ownership, maintenance, or use of a motor vehicle.
2083	(a) Before issuing a motor vehicle liability insurance
2084	policy that is furnished as proof of financial responsibility
2085	under s. 324.031, an insurer must offer medical payments
2086	coverage at limits of \$5,000 and \$10,000. The insurer may also
2087	offer medical payments coverage at any limit greater than
2088	<u>\$5,000.</u>
2089	(b) The insurer must offer medical payments coverage with
2090	no deductible. The insurer may also offer medical payments
2091	coverage with a deductible not to exceed \$500.
2092	(c) This subsection may not be construed to limit any
2093	other coverage made available by an insurer.
2094	(2) Upon receiving notice of an accident that is
2095	potentially covered by medical payments coverage benefits, the
2096	insurer must reserve \$5,000 of medical payments coverage
2097	benefits for payment to physicians licensed under chapter 458 or
2098	chapter 459 or dentists licensed under chapter 466 who provide
2099	emergency services and care, as defined in s. 395.002(9), or who
2100	provide hospital inpatient care. The amount required to be held
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2101 in reserve may be used only to pay claims from such physicians 2102 or dentists until 30 days after the date the insurer receives 2103 notice of the accident. After the 30-day period, any amount of 2104 the reserve for which the insurer has not received notice of 2105 such claims may be used by the insurer to pay other claims. This 2106 subsection does not require an insurer to establish a claim 2107 reserve for insurance accounting purposes. 2108 (3) An insurer providing medical payments coverage 2109 benefits may not: 2110 (a) Seek a lien on any recovery in tort by judgment, 2111 settlement, or otherwise for medical payments coverage benefits, 2112 regardless of whether suit has been filed or settlement has been 2113 reached without suit; or 2114 (b) Bring a cause of action against a person to whom or 2115 for whom medical payments coverage benefits were paid, except 2116 when medical payments coverage benefits were paid by reason of 2117 fraud committed by that person. 2118 (4) An insurer providing medical payments coverage may 2119 include provisions in its policy allowing for subrogation for 2120 medical payments coverage benefits paid if the expenses giving 2121 rise to the payments were caused by the wrongful act or omission 2122 of another who is not also an insured under the policy paying 2123 the medical payments coverage benefits. However, this 2124 subrogation right is inferior to the rights of the injured 2125 insured and is available only after all the insured's damages

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2126 are recovered and the insured is made whole. An insured who 2127 obtains a recovery from a third party of the full amount of the 2128 damages sustained and delivers a release or satisfaction that 2129 impairs a medical payments insurer's subrogation right is liable 2130 to the insurer for repayment of medical payments coverage 2131 benefits less any expenses of acquiring the recovery, including 2132 a prorated share of attorney fees and costs, and shall hold that 2133 net recovery in trust to be delivered to the medical payments 2134 insurer.

2135 Section 44. Subsections (1) and (7) of section 627.727, 2136 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

2137627.727Motor vehicle insurance; uninsured and2138underinsured vehicle coverage; insolvent insurer protection.-

2139 A No motor vehicle liability insurance policy that (1)2140 which provides bodily injury liability coverage may not shall be 2141 delivered or issued for delivery in this state with respect to any specifically insured or identified motor vehicle registered 2142 2143 or principally garaged in this state unless uninsured motor 2144 vehicle coverage is provided therein or supplemental thereto for 2145 the protection of persons insured thereunder who are legally 2146 entitled to recover damages from owners or operators of 2147 uninsured motor vehicles because of bodily injury, sickness, or 2148 disease, including death, resulting therefrom. However, the 2149 coverage required under this section is not applicable if when, or to the extent that, an insured named in the policy makes a 2150

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2151 written rejection of the coverage on behalf of all insureds 2152 under the policy. If When a motor vehicle is leased for a period 2153 of 1 year or longer and the lessor of such vehicle, by the terms 2154 of the lease contract, provides liability coverage on the leased 2155 vehicle, the lessee of such vehicle has shall have the sole 2156 privilege to reject uninsured motorist coverage or to select 2157 lower limits than the bodily injury liability limits, regardless 2158 of whether the lessor is qualified as a self-insurer pursuant to 2159 s. 324.171. Unless an insured, or a lessee having the privilege 2160 of rejecting uninsured motorist coverage, requests such coverage 2161 or requests higher uninsured motorist limits in writing, the coverage or such higher uninsured motorist limits need not be 2162 2163 provided in or supplemental to any other policy that which 2164 renews, extends, changes, supersedes, or replaces an existing policy with the same bodily injury liability limits when an 2165 2166 insured or lessee had rejected the coverage. When an insured or lessee has initially selected limits of uninsured motorist 2167 2168 coverage lower than her or his bodily injury liability limits, 2169 higher limits of uninsured motorist coverage need not be 2170 provided in or supplemental to any other policy that which renews, extends, changes, supersedes, or replaces an existing 2171 2172 policy with the same bodily injury liability limits unless an 2173 insured requests higher uninsured motorist coverage in writing. 2174 The rejection or selection of lower limits must shall be made on a form approved by the office. The form must shall fully advise 2175

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2176 the applicant of the nature of the coverage and must shall state 2177 that the coverage is equal to bodily injury liability limits 2178 unless lower limits are requested or the coverage is rejected. 2179 The heading of the form must shall be in 12-point bold type and 2180 must shall state: "You are electing not to purchase certain valuable coverage that which protects you and your family or you 2181 2182 are purchasing uninsured motorist limits less than your bodily 2183 injury liability limits when you sign this form. Please read 2184 carefully." If this form is signed by a named insured, it will 2185 be conclusively presumed that there was an informed, knowing 2186 rejection of coverage or election of lower limits on behalf of 2187 all insureds. The insurer shall notify the named insured at 2188 least annually of her or his options as to the coverage required 2189 by this section. Such notice must shall be part of, and attached to, the notice of premium, must shall provide for a means to 2190 2191 allow the insured to request such coverage, and must shall be 2192 given in a manner approved by the office. Receipt of this notice 2193 does not constitute an affirmative waiver of the insured's right 2194 to uninsured motorist coverage if where the insured has not 2195 signed a selection or rejection form. The coverage described 2196 under this section must shall be over and above, but may shall 2197 not duplicate, the benefits available to an insured under any 2198 workers' compensation law, personal injury protection benefits, 2199 disability benefits law, or similar law; under any automobile medical payments expense coverage; under any motor vehicle 2200

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2201 liability insurance coverage; or from the owner or operator of 2202 the uninsured motor vehicle or any other person or organization 2203 jointly or severally liable together with such owner or operator 2204 for the accident,  $\div$  and such coverage must shall cover the 2205 difference, if any, between the sum of such benefits and the 2206 damages sustained, up to the maximum amount of such coverage 2207 provided under this section. The amount of coverage available 2208 under this section may shall not be reduced by a setoff against 2209 any coverage, including liability insurance. Such coverage does 2210 shall not inure directly or indirectly to the benefit of any 2211 workers' compensation or disability benefits carrier or any 2212 person or organization qualifying as a self-insurer under any 2213 workers' compensation or disability benefits law or similar law. 2214 The legal liability of an uninsured motorist coverage (7)2215 insurer includes does not include damages in tort for pain, 2216 suffering, disability, physical impairment, disfigurement, 2217 mental anguish, and inconvenience, and the loss of capacity for 2218 the enjoyment of life experienced in the past and to be 2219 experienced in the future unless the injury or disease 2220 described in one or more of paragraphs (a) - (d) of s. 627.737(2). 2221 Section 45. Section 627.7275, Florida Statutes, is amended 2222 to read: 2223 627.7275 Required coverages in motor vehicle insurance 2224 policies; availability to certain applicants liability.-2225 A motor vehicle insurance policy providing personal (1)

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2226 injury protection as set forth in s. 627.736 may not be 2227 delivered or issued for delivery in this state for a with 2228 respect to any specifically insured or identified motor vehicle 2229 registered or principally garaged in this state must provide 2230 bodily injury liability coverage and unless the policy also 2231 provides coverage for property damage liability coverage as 2232 required under ss. 324.022 and 324.151 and death benefit 2233 coverage as required under s. 627.72761 by s. 324.022.

2234 (2)(a) Insurers writing motor vehicle insurance in this 2235 state shall make available, subject to the insurers' usual 2236 underwriting restrictions:

1. Coverage under policies as described in subsection (1) to an applicant for private passenger motor vehicle insurance coverage who is seeking the coverage in order to reinstate the applicant's driving privileges in this state if the driving privileges were revoked or suspended pursuant to s. 316.646 or s. 324.0221 due to the failure of the applicant to maintain required security.

2244 2. Coverage under policies as described in subsection (1), 2245 which <u>includes bodily injury</u> also provides liability coverage 2246 <u>and property damage liability coverage</u> for bodily injury, death, 2247 and property damage arising out of the ownership, maintenance, 2248 or use of the motor vehicle in an amount not less than the 2249 <u>minimum limits required under described in</u> s. 324.021(7) <u>or s.</u> 2250 <u>324.023</u> and <u>which</u> conforms to the requirements of s. 324.151, to

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an applicant for private passenger motor vehicle insurance coverage who is seeking the coverage in order to reinstate the applicant's driving privileges in this state after such privileges were revoked or suspended under s. 316.193 or s. 322.26(2) for driving under the influence.

2256 The policies described in paragraph (a) must shall be (b) 2257 issued for at least 6 months. After the insurer has issued the 2258 policy, the insurer shall notify the Department of Highway 2259 Safety and Motor Vehicles that the policy is in full force and 2260 effect. Once the provisions of the policy become effective, the 2261 bodily injury liability and property damage liability coverages 2262 for bodily injury, property damage, and personal injury 2263 protection may not be reduced below the minimum limits required 2264 under s. 324.021 or s. 324.023 during the policy period.

(c) This subsection controls to the extent of any conflict with any other section.

(d) An insurer issuing a policy subject to this section may cancel the policy if, during the policy term, the named insured, or any other operator who resides in the same household or customarily operates an automobile insured under the policy, has his or her driver license suspended or revoked.

(e) This subsection does not require an insurer to offer a policy of insurance to an applicant if such offer would be inconsistent with the insurer's underwriting guidelines and procedures.

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2276 Section 46. Section 627.72761, Florida Statutes, is 2277 created to read: 2278 627.72761 Required motor vehicle death benefit coverage.-2279 An insurance policy complying with the financial responsibility 2280 requirements of s. 324.022 must provide a death benefit of 2281 \$5,000 for each deceased person upon the death of the named 2282 insured, relatives residing in the same household, persons 2283 operating the insured motor vehicle, passengers in the motor 2284 vehicle, and other persons struck by the motor vehicle and 2285 suffering bodily injury while not an occupant of a self-2286 propelled motor vehicle when such death arises out of the 2287 ownership, maintenance, or use of a motor vehicle. The insurer 2288 may pay death benefits to the executor or administrator of the 2289 deceased person's estate; to any of the deceased person's 2290 relatives by blood, legal adoption, or marriage; or to any 2291 person appearing to the insurer to be equitably entitled to such 2292 benefits. The insurer may decline to pay a death benefit for a 2293 deceased person who died as a result of causing injury or death 2294 to himself or herself intentionally or who died while committing 2295 a felony. The insurer may not claim any right of subrogation for 2296 any death benefit paid. 2297 Section 47. Effective upon this act becoming a law, 2298 section 627.7278, Florida Statutes, is created to read: 2299 627.7278 Applicability and construction; notice to 2300 policyholders.-

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2301	(1) As used in this section, the term "minimum security
2302	requirements" means security that enables a person to respond in
2303	damages for liability on account of crashes arising out of the
2304	ownership, maintenance, or use of a motor vehicle, in the
2305	amounts required by s. 324.022.
2306	(2) Effective July 1, 2025:
2307	(a) Motor vehicle insurance policies issued or renewed on
2308	or after July 1, 2025, may not include personal injury
2309	protection.
2310	(b) All persons subject to s. 324.022, s. 324.032, s.
2311	627.7415, or s. 627.742 must maintain at least minimum security
2312	requirements.
2313	(c) Any new or renewal motor vehicle insurance policy
2314	delivered or issued for delivery in this state must provide
2315	coverage that complies with minimum security requirements and
2316	provides the death benefit set forth in s. 627.72761.
2317	(d) An existing motor vehicle insurance policy issued
2318	before July 1, 2025, which provides personal injury protection
2319	and property damage liability coverage that meets the
2320	requirements of s. 324.022 on June 30, 2025, but that does not
2321	meet minimum security requirements on or after July 1, 2025, is
2322	deemed to meet minimum security requirements until such policy
2323	is renewed, nonrenewed, or canceled on or after July 1, 2025.
2324	Sections 400.9905, 400.991, 456.057, 456.072, 626.9541(1)(i),
2325	627.7263, 627.727, 627.730-627.7405, 627.748, and 817.234,

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2326 Florida Statutes 2023, remain in full force and effect for motor 2327 vehicle accidents covered under a policy issued under the 2328 Florida Motor Vehicle No-Fault Law before July 1, 2025, until 2329 the policy is renewed, nonrenewed, or canceled on or after July 2330 1, 2025. 2331 (3) An insurer shall allow each insured who has a new or 2332 renewal policy providing personal injury protection which 2333 becomes effective before July 1, 2025, and whose policy does not 2334 meet minimum security requirements on or after July 1, 2025, to 2335 change coverages so as to eliminate personal injury protection 2336 and obtain coverage providing minimum security requirements and 2337 the death benefit set forth in s. 627.72761, which shall be 2338 effective on or after July 1, 2025. The insurer is not required 2339 to provide coverage complying with minimum security requirements 2340 and the death benefit set forth in s. 627.72761 in such policies 2341 if the insured does not pay the required premium, if any, by 2342 July 1, 2025, or such later date as the insurer may allow. The 2343 insurer shall also offer each insured medical payments coverage 2344 under s. 627.7265. Any reduction in the premium must be refunded 2345 by the insurer. The insurer may not impose on the insured an 2346 additional fee or charge that applies solely to a change in 2347 coverage; however, the insurer may charge an additional required 2348 premium that is actuarially indicated. 2349 (4) By April 1, 2025, each motor vehicle insurer shall 2350 provide notice of this section to each motor vehicle

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policyholder who is subject to this section. The notice is

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2352 subject to approval by the office and must clearly inform the 2353 policyholder that: (a) The Florida Motor Vehicle No-Fault Law is repealed 2354 2355 effective July 1, 2025, and that on or after that date, the 2356 insured is no longer required to maintain personal injury 2357 protection insurance coverage, that personal injury protection 2358 coverage is no longer available for purchase in this state, and 2359 that new or renewal policies issued on or after that date will 2360 not contain that coverage. 2361 (b) Effective July 1, 2025, a person subject to the 2362 financial responsibility requirements of s. 324.022 must do all 2363 of the following: 2364 1. Maintain minimum security requirements that enable the 2365 person to respond to damages for liability on account of 2366 accidents arising out of the use of a motor vehicle in the 2367 following amounts: 2368 a. Twenty-five thousand dollars for bodily injury to, or 2369 the death of, one person in any one crash and, subject to such 2370 limits for one person, in the amount of \$50,000 for bodily 2371 injury to, or the death of, two or more persons in any one 2372 crash; and 2373 b. Ten thousand dollars for damage to, or destruction of, 2374 the property of others in any one crash. 2375

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2. Purchase a death benefit under s. 627.72761 providing

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2376 coverage in the amount of \$5,000 per deceased individual upon 2377 the death of the named insured, relatives residing in the same 2378 household, persons operating the insured motor vehicle, 2379 passengers in the motor vehicle, and other persons struck by the 2380 motor vehicle and suffering bodily injury while not an occupant 2381 of a self-propelled motor vehicle, when such death arises out of 2382 the ownership, maintenance, or use of a motor vehicle. 2383 (c) Bodily injury liability coverage protects the insured, 2384 up to the coverage limits, against loss if the insured is 2385 legally responsible for the death of or <u>bodily injury to others</u> 2386 in a motor vehicle crash. 2387 (d) Effective July 1, 2025, each policyholder of motor 2388 vehicle liability insurance purchased as proof of financial 2389 responsibility must be offered medical payments coverage 2390 benefits that comply with s. 627.7265. The insurer must offer 2391 medical payments coverage at limits of \$5,000 and \$10,000 2392 without a deductible. The insurer may also offer medical 2393 payments coverage at other limits greater than \$5,000 and may 2394 offer coverage with a deductible of up to \$500. Medical payments 2395 coverage pays covered medical expenses incurred due to bodily 2396 injury, sickness, or disease arising out of the ownership, 2397 maintenance, or use of the motor vehicle, up to the limits of 2398 such coverage, for injuries sustained in a motor vehicle crash 2399 by the named insured, resident relatives, any persons operating the insured motor vehicle, passengers in the insured motor 2400

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2401	vehicle, and persons who are struck by the insured motor vehicle
2402	and suffer bodily injury while not an occupant of a self-
2403	propelled motor vehicle as provided in s. 627.7265.
2404	(e) The policyholder may obtain uninsured and underinsured
2405	motorist coverage that provides benefits, up to the limits of
2406	such coverage, to a policyholder or other insured entitled to
2407	recover damages for bodily injury, sickness, disease, or death
2408	resulting from a motor vehicle crash involving an uninsured or
2409	underinsured owner or operator of a motor vehicle.
2410	(f) If the policyholder's new or renewal motor vehicle
2411	insurance policy is effective before July 1, 2025, and contains
2412	personal injury protection and property damage liability
2413	coverage as required by state law before July 1, 2025, but does
2414	not meet minimum security requirements on or after July 1, 2025,
2415	the policy is deemed to meet minimum security requirements and
2416	need not provide the death benefit set forth in s. 627.72761
2417	until it is renewed, nonrenewed, or canceled on or after July 1,
2418	<u>2025.</u>
2419	(g) A policyholder whose new or renewal policy becomes
2420	effective before July 1, 2025, but does not meet minimum
2421	security requirements on or after July 1, 2025, may change
2422	coverages under the policy so as to eliminate personal injury
2423	protection and to obtain coverage providing minimum security
2424	requirements, including bodily injury liability coverage and the
2425	death benefit set forth in s. 627.72761, which are effective on
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2426 or after July 1, 2025. 2427 (h) If the policyholder has any questions, he or she 2428 should contact the person named at the telephone number provided 2429 in the notice. 2430 Section 48. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 2431 627.728, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 2432 627.728 Cancellations; nonrenewals.-2433 (1) As used in this section, the term: 2434 (a) "Policy" means the bodily injury and property damage 2435 liability, personal injury protection, medical payments, death benefit, comprehensive, collision, and uninsured motorist 2436 2437 coverage portions of a policy of motor vehicle insurance 2438 delivered or issued for delivery in this state: 2439 Insuring a natural person as named insured or one or 1. 2440 more related individuals who are residents resident of the same 2441 household; and Insuring only a motor vehicle of the private passenger 2442 2. 2443 type or station wagon type which is not used as a public or 2444 livery conveyance for passengers or rented to others; or 2445 insuring any other four-wheel motor vehicle having a load 2446 capacity of 1,500 pounds or less which is not used in the 2447 occupation, profession, or business of the insured other than 2448 farming; other than any policy issued under an automobile 2449 insurance assigned risk plan or covering garage, automobile sales agency, repair shop, service station, or public parking 2450

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2451 place operation hazards. 2452 2453 The term "policy" does not include a binder as defined in s. 2454 627.420 unless the duration of the binder period exceeds 60 2455 days. 2456 Section 49. Subsection (1), paragraph (a) of subsection 2457 (5), and subsections (6) and (7) of section 627.7295, Florida 2458 Statutes, are amended to read: 2459 627.7295 Motor vehicle insurance contracts.-2460 As used in this section, the term: (1)2461 (a) "Policy" means a motor vehicle insurance policy that 2462 provides death benefit coverage under s. 627.72761, bodily 2463 injury liability personal injury protection coverage, and, 2464 property damage liability coverage, or both. 2465 "Binder" means a binder that provides motor vehicle (b) 2466 death benefit coverage under s. 627.72761, bodily injury 2467 liability coverage, personal injury protection and property 2468 damage liability coverage. 2469 (5)(a) A licensed general lines agent may charge a per-2470 policy fee of up to not to exceed \$10 to cover the 2471 administrative costs of the agent associated with selling the 2472 motor vehicle insurance policy if the policy provides covers 2473 only the death benefit coverage under s. 627.72761, bodily 2474 injury liability coverage, personal injury protection coverage as provided by s. 627.736 and property damage liability coverage 2475

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2476 under as provided by s. 627.7275 and if no other insurance is 2477 sold or issued in conjunction with or collateral to the policy. 2478 The fee is not considered part of the premium.

2479 (6) If a motor vehicle owner's driver license, license 2480 plate, and registration have previously been suspended pursuant 2481 to s. 316.646 or s. 627.733, an insurer may cancel a new policy 2482 only as provided in s. 627.7275.

2483 (7) A policy of private passenger motor vehicle insurance 2484 or a binder for such a policy may be initially issued in this 2485 state only if, before the effective date of such binder or 2486 policy, the insurer or agent has collected from the insured an 2487 amount equal to at least 1 month's premium. An insurer, agent, 2488 or premium finance company may not, directly or indirectly, take 2489 any action will result resulting in the insured paying having 2490 paid from the insured's own funds an amount less than the 1 2491 month's premium required by this subsection. This subsection 2492 applies regardless of without regard to whether the premium is 2493 financed by a premium finance company or is paid pursuant to a 2494 periodic payment plan of an insurer or an insurance agent.

This subsection does not apply: (a)

1. If an insured or member of the insured's family is renewing or replacing a policy or a binder for such policy written by the same insurer or a member of the same insurer group. This subsection does not apply

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2. To an insurer that issues private passenger motor

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2501 vehicle coverage primarily to active duty or former military 2502 personnel or their dependents. This subsection does not apply 2503 3. If all policy payments are paid pursuant to a payroll deduction plan, an automatic electronic funds transfer payment 2504 2505 plan from the policyholder, or a recurring credit card or debit 2506 card agreement with the insurer. 2507 This subsection and subsection (4) do not apply if: (b) 2508 1. All policy payments to an insurer are paid pursuant to 2509 an automatic electronic funds transfer payment plan from an 2510 agent, a managing general agent, or a premium finance company 2511 and if the policy includes, at a minimum, the death benefit 2512 coverage under s. 627.72761, bodily injury liability coverage, 2513 and personal injury protection pursuant to ss. 627.730-627.7405; 2514 motor vehicle property damage liability coverage under pursuant 2515 to s. 627.7275; or and bodily injury liability in at least the 2516 amount of \$10,000 because of bodily injury to, or death of, one 2517 person in any one accident and in the amount of \$20,000 because 2518 of bodily injury to, or death of, two or more persons in any one 2519 This accident. subsection and subsection (4) do not apply if 2520 2. An insured has had a policy in effect for at least 6 2521 months, the insured's agent is terminated by the insurer that 2522 issued the policy, and the insured obtains coverage on the 2523 policy's renewal date with a new company through the terminated

2524 2525 agent.

Section 50. Section 627.7415, Florida Statutes, is amended

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2526 to read:

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2527 627.7415 Commercial motor vehicles; additional liability 2528 insurance coverage.—<u>Beginning July 1, 2025,</u> commercial motor 2529 vehicles, as defined in s. 207.002 or s. 320.01, operated upon 2530 the roads and highways of this state <u>must shall</u> be insured with 2531 the following minimum levels of combined bodily liability 2532 insurance and property damage liability insurance in addition to 2533 any other insurance requirements:

(1) <u>Sixty</u> Fifty thousand dollars per occurrence for a
 commercial motor vehicle with a gross vehicle weight of 26,000
 pounds or more, but less than 35,000 pounds.

(2) One hundred <u>twenty</u> thousand dollars per occurrence for a commercial motor vehicle with a gross vehicle weight of 35,000 pounds or more, but less than 44,000 pounds.

(3) Three hundred thousand dollars per occurrence for a commercial motor vehicle with a gross vehicle weight of 44,000 pounds or more.

(4) All commercial motor vehicles subject to regulations
of the United States Department of Transportation, 49 C.F.R.
part 387, subparts A and B, and as may be hereinafter amended,
shall be insured in an amount equivalent to the minimum levels
of financial responsibility as set forth in such regulations.

2549 A violation of this section is a noncriminal traffic infraction, 2550 punishable as a nonmoving violation as provided in chapter 318.

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2551 Section 51. Subsections (1) and (3) of section 627.747, 2552 Florida Statutes, are amended to read: 2553 627.747 Named driver exclusion.-2554 (1)A private passenger motor vehicle policy may exclude 2555 the following coverages for all claims or suits resulting from 2556 the operation of a motor vehicle by an identified individual who 2557 is not a named insured, provided the identified individual is 2558 named on the declarations page or by endorsement and the named 2559 insured consents in writing to such exclusion: 2560 Notwithstanding the Florida Motor Vehicle No-Fault (a) 2561 Law, the personal injury protection coverage specifically 2562 applicable to the identified individual's injuries, lost wages, 2563 and death benefits. 2564 (b) Property damage liability coverage. 2565 (b) (c) Bodily injury liability coverage, if required by 2566 law and purchased by the named insured. 2567 (c) (d) Uninsured motorist coverage for any damages 2568 sustained by the identified excluded individual, if the named 2569 insured has purchased such coverage. 2570 (d) (e) Any coverage the named insured is not required by 2571 law to purchase. 2572 A driver excluded pursuant to this section must: (3) 2573 (a) establish, maintain, and show proof of financial 2574 ability to respond for damages arising out of the ownership, maintenance, or use of a motor vehicle as required by chapter 2575

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2576	324 <del>; and</del>
2577	(b) Maintain security as required by s. 627.733.
2578	Section 52. Paragraphs (b), (c), and (g) of subsection
2579	(7), paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (8), and paragraph (b)
2580	of subsection (16) of section 627.748, Florida Statutes, are
2581	amended to read:
2582	627.748 Transportation network companies
2583	(7) TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANY AND TNC DRIVER
2584	INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS
2585	(b) The following automobile insurance requirements apply
2586	while a participating TNC driver is logged on to the digital
2587	network but is not engaged in a prearranged ride:
2588	1. Automobile insurance that provides:
2589	a. A primary automobile liability coverage of at least
2590	\$50,000 for death and bodily injury per person, \$100,000 for
2591	death and bodily injury per incident, and \$25,000 for property
2592	damage; <u>and</u>
2593	b. Personal injury protection benefits that meet the
2594	minimum coverage amounts required under ss. 627.730-627.7405;
2595	and
2596	<del>c.</del> Uninsured and underinsured vehicle coverage as required
2597	by s. 627.727.
2598	2. The coverage requirements of this paragraph may be
2599	satisfied by any of the following:
2600	a. Automobile insurance maintained by the TNC driver or
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2601	the TNC vehicle owner;
2602	b. Automobile insurance maintained by the TNC; or
2603	c. A combination of sub-subparagraphs a. and b.
2604	(c) The following automobile insurance requirements apply
2605	while a TNC driver is engaged in a prearranged ride:
2606	1. Automobile insurance that provides:
2607	a. A primary automobile liability coverage of at least \$1
2608	million for death, bodily injury, and property damage; and
2609	b. Personal injury protection benefits that meet the
2610	minimum coverage amounts required of a limousine under ss.
2611	<del>627.730-627.7405; and</del>
2612	<del>c.</del> Uninsured and underinsured vehicle coverage as required
2613	by s. 627.727.
2614	2. The coverage requirements of this paragraph may be
2615	satisfied by any of the following:
2616	a. Automobile insurance maintained by the TNC driver or
2617	the TNC vehicle owner;
2618	b. Automobile insurance maintained by the TNC; or
2619	c. A combination of sub-subparagraphs a. and b.
2620	(g) Insurance satisfying the requirements under this
2621	subsection is deemed to satisfy the financial responsibility
2622	requirement for a motor vehicle under chapter 324 <del>and the</del>
2623	security required under s. 627.733 for any period when the TNC
2624	driver is logged onto the digital network or engaged in a
2625	prearranged ride.

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(8) TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANY AND INSURER; DISCLOSURE; EXCLUSIONS.-

(a) Before a TNC driver is allowed to accept a request for
a prearranged ride on the digital network, the TNC must disclose
in writing to the TNC driver:

1. The insurance coverage, including the types of coverage and the limits for each coverage, which the TNC provides while the TNC driver uses a TNC vehicle in connection with the TNC's digital network.

2635 2. That the TNC driver's own automobile insurance policy 2636 might not provide any coverage while the TNC driver is logged on 2637 to the digital network or is engaged in a prearranged ride, 2638 depending on the terms of the TNC driver's own automobile 2639 insurance policy.

3. That the provision of rides for compensation which are not prearranged rides subjects the driver to the coverage requirements imposed under s. 324.032(1) and (2) and that failure to meet such coverage requirements subjects the TNC driver to penalties provided in s. 324.221, up to and including a misdemeanor of the second degree.

(b)1. An insurer that provides an automobile liability insurance policy under this part may exclude any and all coverage afforded under the policy issued to an owner or operator of a TNC vehicle while driving that vehicle for any loss or injury that occurs while a TNC driver is logged on to a

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2651 digital network or while a TNC driver provides a prearranged 2652 ride. Exclusions imposed under this subsection are limited to 2653 coverage while a TNC driver is logged on to a digital network or 2654 while a TNC driver provides a prearranged ride. This right to 2655 exclude all coverage may apply to any coverage included in an 2656 automobile insurance policy, including, but not limited to: 2657 Liability coverage for bodily injury and property a. 2658 damage; 2659 b. Uninsured and underinsured motorist coverage; 2660 Medical payments coverage; с. 2661 d. Comprehensive physical damage coverage; 2662 Collision physical damage coverage; and е. 2663 f. Death benefit coverage under s. 627.72761 Personal 2664 injury protection. 2665 2. The exclusions described in subparagraph 1. apply 2666 notwithstanding any requirement under chapter 324. These 2667 exclusions do not affect or diminish coverage otherwise 2668 available for permissive drivers or resident relatives under the 2669 personal automobile insurance policy of the TNC driver or owner 2670 of the TNC vehicle who are not occupying the TNC vehicle at the 2671 time of loss. This section does not require that a personal 2672 automobile insurance policy provide coverage while the TNC 2673 driver is logged on to a digital network, while the TNC driver 2674 is engaged in a prearranged ride, or while the TNC driver otherwise uses a vehicle to transport riders for compensation. 2675

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2676 3. This section must not be construed to require an 2677 insurer to use any particular policy language or reference to 2678 this section in order to exclude any and all coverage for any 2679 loss or injury that occurs while a TNC driver is logged on to a 2680 digital network or while a TNC driver provides a prearranged 2681 ride.

2682 4. This section does not preclude an insurer from
2683 providing primary or excess coverage for the TNC driver's
2684 vehicle by contract or endorsement.

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(16) LUXURY GROUND TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANIES.-

(b) An entity may elect, upon written notification to the department, to be regulated as a luxury ground TNC. A luxury ground TNC must:

1. Comply with all of the requirements of this section applicable to a TNC, including subsection (17), which do not conflict with subparagraph 2. or which do not prohibit the company from connecting riders to drivers who operate for-hire vehicles as defined in s. 320.01(15), including limousines and luxury sedans and excluding taxicabs.

2695 2. Maintain insurance coverage as required by subsection 2696 (7). However, if a prospective luxury ground TNC satisfies 2697 minimum financial responsibility through compliance with <u>s.</u> 2698 <u>324.032(3)</u> <del>s. 324.032(2)</del> by using self-insurance when it gives 2699 the department written notification of its election to be 2700 regulated as a luxury ground TNC, the luxury ground TNC may use

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2701 self-insurance to meet the insurance requirements of subsection 2702 (7), so long as such self-insurance complies with s. 324.032(3) 2703 s. 324.032(2) and provides the limits of liability required by 2704 subsection (7). 2705 Section 53. Subsection (2) and paragraphs (a) and (c) of 2706 subsection (3) of section 627.7483, Florida Statutes, are 2707 amended to read: 2708 627.7483 Peer-to-peer car sharing; insurance 2709 requirements.-2710 (2)INSURANCE COVERAGE REQUIREMENTS.-2711 (a)1. A peer-to-peer car-sharing program shall ensure 2712 that, during each car-sharing period, the shared vehicle owner 2713 and the shared vehicle driver are insured under a motor vehicle 2714 insurance policy that provides all of the following: 2715 Property damage liability coverage and bodily injury a. 2716 liability coverage that meet or exceed meets the minimum 2717 coverage amounts required under s. 324.022. 2718 Bodily injury liability coverage limits as described in b. 2719 324.021(7)(a) and (b). 2720 c. Personal injury protection benefits that meet the 2721 minimum coverage amounts required under s. 627.736. 2722 d. Uninsured and underinsured vehicle coverage as required 2723 under s. 627.727. The peer-to-peer car-sharing program shall also ensure 2724 2. that the motor vehicle insurance policy under subparagraph 1.: 2725

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a. Recognizes that the shared vehicle insured under the policy is made available and used through a peer-to-peer carsharing program; or

b. Does not exclude the use of a shared vehicle by ashared vehicle driver.

2731(b)1. The insurance described under paragraph (a) may be2732satisfied by a motor vehicle insurance policy maintained by:

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a. A shared vehicle owner;

A shared vehicle driver;

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c. A peer-to-peer car-sharing program; or

2736d. A combination of a shared vehicle owner, a shared2737vehicle driver, and a peer-to-peer car-sharing program.

2738 2. The insurance policy maintained in subparagraph 1. 2739 which satisfies the insurance requirements under paragraph (a) 2740 is primary during each car-sharing period. If a claim occurs 2741 during the car-sharing period in another state with minimum financial responsibility limits higher than those limits 2742 2743 required under chapter 324, the coverage maintained under 2744 paragraph (a) satisfies the difference in minimum coverage 2745 amounts up to the applicable policy limits.

3.a. If the insurance maintained by a shared vehicle owner or shared vehicle driver in accordance with subparagraph 1. has lapsed or does not provide the coverage required under paragraph (a), the insurance maintained by the peer-to-peer car-sharing program must provide the coverage required under paragraph (a),

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2751 beginning with the first dollar of a claim, and must defend such 2752 claim, except under circumstances as set forth in subparagraph 2753 (3)(a)2.

b. Coverage under a motor vehicle insurance policy maintained by the peer-to-peer car-sharing program must not be dependent on another motor vehicle insurer first denying a claim, and another motor vehicle insurance policy is not required to first deny a claim.

2759 c. Notwithstanding any other law, statute, rule, or 2760 regulation to the contrary, a peer-to-peer car-sharing program 2761 has an insurable interest in a shared vehicle during the car-2762 sharing period. This sub-subparagraph does not create liability 2763 for a peer-to-peer car-sharing program for maintaining the 2764 coverage required under paragraph (a) and under this paragraph, 2765 if applicable.

d. A peer-to-peer car-sharing program may own and maintain
as the named insured one or more policies of motor vehicle
insurance which provide coverage for:

2769 Liabilities assumed by the peer-to-peer car-sharing (I)2770 program under a peer-to-peer car-sharing program agreement; 2771 (II)Liability of the shared vehicle owner; 2772 Liability of the shared vehicle driver; (III) 2773 Damage or loss to the shared motor vehicle; or (IV) 2774 Damage, loss, or injury to persons or property to (V)

2775 satisfy the personal injury protection and uninsured and

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2776	underinsured motorist coverage requirements of this section.
2777	e. Insurance required under paragraph (a), when maintained
2778	by a peer-to-peer car-sharing program, may be provided by an
2779	insurer authorized to do business in this state which is a
2780	member of the Florida Insurance Guaranty Association or an
2781	eligible surplus lines insurer that has a superior, excellent,
2782	exceptional, or equivalent financial strength rating by a rating
2783	agency acceptable to the office. A peer-to-peer car-sharing
2784	program is not transacting in insurance when it maintains the
2785	insurance required under this section.
2786	(3) LIABILITIES AND INSURANCE EXCLUSIONS
2787	(a) Liability
2788	1. A peer-to-peer car-sharing program shall assume
2789	liability, except as provided in subparagraph 2., of a shared
2790	vehicle owner for bodily injury or property damage to third
2791	parties or uninsured and underinsured motorist or personal
2792	injury protection losses during the car-sharing period in an
2793	amount stated in the peer-to-peer car-sharing program agreement,
2794	which amount may not be less than those set forth in $\underline{ss. 324.022}$
2795	and 627.727 ss. 324.021(7)(a) and (b), 324.022, 627.727, and
2796	<del>627.736</del> , respectively.
2797	2. The assumption of liability under subparagraph 1. does
2798	not apply if a shared vehicle owner:
2799	a. Makes an intentional or fraudulent material
2800	misrepresentation or omission to the peer-to-peer car-sharing
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2801 program before the car-sharing period in which the loss occurs; 2802 or 2803 b. Acts in concert with a shared vehicle driver who fails 2804 to return the shared vehicle pursuant to the terms of the peer-2805 to-peer car-sharing program agreement. 2806 The insurer, insurers, or peer-to-peer car-sharing 3. 2807 program providing coverage under paragraph (2)(a) shall assume 2808 primary liability for a claim when: 2809 a. A dispute exists over who was in control of the shared 2810 motor vehicle at the time of the loss, and the peer-to-peer car-2811 sharing program does not have available, did not retain, or 2812 fails to provide the information required under subsection (5); 2813 or 2814 A dispute exists over whether the shared vehicle was b. 2815 returned to the alternatively agreed-upon location as required 2816 under subparagraph (1) (d) 2. 2817 Exclusions in motor vehicle insurance policies.-An (C) 2818 authorized insurer that writes motor vehicle liability insurance 2819 in this state may exclude any coverage and the duty to defend or 2820 indemnify for any claim under a shared vehicle owner's motor 2821 vehicle insurance policy, including, but not limited to: 2822 Liability coverage for bodily injury and property 1. 2823 damage; 2824 2. Personal injury protection coverage; 2825 3. Uninsured and underinsured motorist coverage; Page 113 of 131

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2826	3.4. Medical payments coverage;
2827	4.5. Comprehensive physical damage coverage; and
2828	5. <del>6.</del> Collision physical damage coverage.
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2830	This paragraph does not invalidate or limit any exclusion
2831	contained in a motor vehicle insurance policy, including any
2832	insurance policy in use or approved for use which excludes
2833	coverage for motor vehicles made available for rent, sharing, or
2834	hire or for any business use. This paragraph does not
2835	invalidate, limit, or restrict an insurer's ability under
2836	existing law to underwrite, cancel, or nonrenew any insurance
2837	policy.
2838	Section 54. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section
2839	627.749, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
2840	627.749 Autonomous vehicles; insurance requirements
2841	(2) INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS
2842	(a) A fully autonomous vehicle with the automated driving
2843	system engaged while logged on to an on-demand autonomous
2844	vehicle network or engaged in a prearranged ride must be covered
2845	by a policy of automobile insurance which provides:
2846	1. Primary liability coverage of at least \$1 million for
2847	death, bodily injury, and property damage.
2848	2. Personal injury protection benefits that meet the
2849	minimum coverage amounts required under ss. 627.730-627.7405.
2850	$\frac{3}{2}$ . Uninsured and underinsured vehicle coverage as required
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2851 by s. 627.727.

2852 Section 55. Section 627.8405, Florida Statutes, is amended 2853 to read:

2854 627.8405 Prohibited acts; financing companies.-<u>A</u> No
2855 premium finance company shall, in a premium finance agreement or
2856 other agreement, <u>may not</u> finance the cost of or otherwise
2857 provide for the collection or remittance of dues, assessments,
2858 fees, or other periodic payments of money for the cost of:

2859 A membership in an automobile club. The term (1)2860 "automobile club" means a legal entity that which, in 2861 consideration of dues, assessments, or periodic payments of 2862 money, promises its members or subscribers to assist them in 2863 matters relating to the ownership, operation, use, or 2864 maintenance of a motor vehicle; however, the term this 2865 definition of "automobile club" does not include persons, 2866 associations, or corporations which are organized and operated 2867 solely for the purpose of conducting, sponsoring, or sanctioning motor vehicle races, exhibitions, or contests upon racetracks, 2868 2869 or upon racecourses established and marked as such for the 2870 duration of such particular events. As used in this subsection, 2871 the term words "motor vehicle" has used herein have the same 2872 meaning as defined in chapter 320.

(2) An accidental death and dismemberment policy sold in
 combination with a policy providing only death benefit coverage
 under s. 627.72761, bodily injury liability coverage, personal

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2876 injury protection and property damage liability coverage only
2877 policy.

2878 (3) Any product not regulated under the provisions of this
2879 insurance code.

This section also applies to premium financing by any insurance agent or insurance company under part XVI. The commission shall adopt rules to assure disclosure, at the time of sale, of coverages financed with personal injury protection and shall prescribe the form of such disclosure.

2886 Section 56. Subsection (1) of section 627.915, Florida 2887 Statutes, is amended to read:

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627.915 Insurer experience reporting.-

2889 (1)Each insurer transacting private passenger motor 2890 vehicle automobile insurance in this state shall report certain 2891 information annually to the office. The information will be due 2892 on or before July 1 of each year. The information must shall be 2893 divided into the following categories: bodily injury liability; 2894 property damage liability; uninsured motorist; death benefit 2895 coverage under s. 627.72761 personal injury protection benefits; 2896 medical payments; and comprehensive and collision. The 2897 information given must shall be on direct insurance writings in 2898 the state alone and shall represent total limits data. The 2899 information set forth in paragraphs (a) - (f) is applicable to voluntary private passenger and Joint Underwriting Association 2900

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private passenger writings and must shall be reported for each of the latest 3 calendar-accident years, with an evaluation date of March 31 of the current year. The information set forth in paragraphs (g)-(j) is applicable to voluntary private passenger writings and must shall be reported on a calendar-accident year basis ultimately seven times at seven different stages of Premiums earned for the latest 3 calendar-accident

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2910 (b) Loss development factors and the historic development 2911 of those factors. 2912 Policyholder dividends incurred. (C)

2913 (d) Expenses for other acquisition and general expense.

2914 Expenses for agents' commissions and taxes, licenses, (e) 2915 and fees.

2916 (f) Profit and contingency factors as utilized in the 2917 insurer's automobile rate filings for the applicable years.

2918 (q) Losses paid.

development.

years.

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2919 (h) Losses unpaid.

2920 Loss adjustment expenses paid. (i)

2921 (j) Loss adjustment expenses unpaid.

2922 Section 57. Subsections (2) and (3) of section 628.909,

2923 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

2924 628.909 Applicability of other laws.-

2925 (2)The following provisions of the Florida Insurance Code

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2926 apply to captive insurance companies that who are not industrial 2927 insured captive insurance companies to the extent that such 2928 provisions are not inconsistent with this part: 2929 (a) Chapter 624, except for ss. 624.407, 624.408, 2930 624.4085, 624.40851, 624.4095, 624.411, 624.425, and 624.426. 2931 Chapter 625, part II. (b) 2932 (C) Chapter 626, part IX. 2933 Sections 627.730-627.7405, when no-fault coverage is (d) 2934 provided. 2935 Chapter 628. <del>(e)</del> 2936 The following provisions of the Florida Insurance Code (3) 2937 shall apply to industrial insured captive insurance companies to 2938 the extent that such provisions are not inconsistent with this 2939 part: 2940 Chapter 624, except for ss. 624.407, 624.408, (a) 2941 624.4085, 624.40851, 624.4095, 624.411, 624.425, 624.426, and 2942 624.609(1). 2943 Chapter 625, part II, if the industrial insured (b) 2944 captive insurance company is incorporated in this state. 2945 Chapter 626, part IX. (C) 2946 Sections 627.730-627.7405 when no-fault coverage is (d) 2947 provided. 2948 (e) Chapter 628, except for ss. 628.341, 628.351, and 628.6018. 2949 2950 Section 58. Subsections (2), (6), and (7) of section

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2951 705.184, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

2952 705.184 Derelict or abandoned motor vehicles on the 2953 premises of public-use airports.-

2954 (2)The airport director or the director's designee shall 2955 contact the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to 2956 notify that department that the airport has possession of the 2957 abandoned or derelict motor vehicle and to determine the name 2958 and address of the owner of the motor vehicle, the insurance 2959 company insuring the motor vehicle, notwithstanding the 2960 provisions of s. 627.736, and any person who has filed a lien on 2961 the motor vehicle. Within 7 business days after receipt of the 2962 information, the director or the director's designee shall send 2963 notice by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the owner 2964 of the motor vehicle, the insurance company insuring the motor 2965 vehicle, notwithstanding the provisions of s. 627.736, and all 2966 persons of record claiming a lien against the motor vehicle. The 2967 notice must shall state the fact of possession of the motor 2968 vehicle, that charges for reasonable towing, storage, and 2969 parking fees, if any, have accrued and the amount thereof, that 2970 a lien as provided in subsection (6) will be claimed, that the 2971 lien is subject to enforcement pursuant to law, that the owner 2972 or lienholder, if any, has the right to a hearing as set forth 2973 in subsection (4), and that any motor vehicle which, at the end 2974 of 30 calendar days after receipt of the notice, has not been 2975 removed from the airport upon payment in full of all accrued

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2976 charges for reasonable towing, storage, and parking fees, if 2977 any, may be disposed of as provided in s. 705.182(2)(a), (b), 2978 (d), or (e), including, but not limited to, the motor vehicle 2979 being sold free of all prior liens after 35 calendar days after 2980 the time the motor vehicle is stored if any prior liens on the 2981 motor vehicle are more than 5 years of age or after 50 calendar 2982 days after the time the motor vehicle is stored if any prior 2983 liens on the motor vehicle are 5 years of age or less. 2984 (6) The airport pursuant to this section or, if used, a 2985 licensed independent wrecker company pursuant to s. 713.78 shall

have a lien on an abandoned or derelict motor vehicle for all 2986 2987 reasonable towing, storage, and accrued parking fees, if any, 2988 except that a no storage fee may not shall be charged if the 2989 motor vehicle is stored less than 6 hours. As a prerequisite to 2990 perfecting a lien under this section, the airport director or 2991 the director's designee must serve a notice in accordance with 2992 subsection (2) on the owner of the motor vehicle, the insurance 2993 company insuring the motor vehicle, notwithstanding the 2994 provisions of s. 627.736, and all persons of record claiming a 2995 lien against the motor vehicle. If attempts to notify the owner, 2996 the insurance company insuring the motor vehicle, 2997 notwithstanding the provisions of s. 627.736, or lienholders are 2998 not successful, the requirement of notice by mail is shall be 2999 considered met. Serving of the notice does not dispense with recording the claim of lien. 3000

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3001 (7) (a) For the purpose of perfecting its lien under this section, the airport shall record a claim of lien which states 3002 3003 shall state: 3004 1. The name and address of the airport. 3005 2. The name of the owner of the motor vehicle, the 3006 insurance company insuring the motor vehicle, notwithstanding 3007 the provisions of s. 627.736, and all persons of record claiming 3008 a lien against the motor vehicle. 3009 3. The costs incurred from reasonable towing, storage, and 3010 parking fees, if any. 3011 4. A description of the motor vehicle sufficient for 3012 identification. 3013 The claim of lien must shall be signed and sworn to or (b) 3014 affirmed by the airport director or the director's designee. 3015 The claim of lien is shall be sufficient if it is in (C) 3016 substantially the following form: 3017 3018 CLAIM OF LIEN 3019 State of ..... 3020 County of ..... Before me, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared 3021 3022 ....., who was duly sworn and says that he/she is the ..... of ....., whose address is.....; and that the 3023 3024 following described motor vehicle: 3025 ... (Description of motor vehicle) ...

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3026 owned by ....., whose address is ....., has accrued 3027 \$..... in fees for a reasonable tow, for storage, and for 3028 parking, if applicable; that the lienor served its notice to the 3029 owner, the insurance company insuring the motor vehicle 3030 notwithstanding the provisions of s. 627.736, Florida Statutes, 3031 and all persons of record claiming a lien against the motor 3032 vehicle on ...., ... (year)..., by..... 3033 ...(Signature)... 3034 Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me this .... day of 3035 ...., ... (year) ..., by ... (name of person making statement) .... 3036 ... (Signature of Notary Public)... (Print, Type, or Stamp 3037 Commissioned name of Notary Public) ... 3038 Personally Known....OR Produced....as identification. 3039 3040 However, the negligent inclusion or omission of any information 3041 in this claim of lien which does not prejudice the owner does 3042 not constitute a default that operates to defeat an otherwise 3043 valid lien. 3044 (d) The claim of lien must <del>shall</del> be served on the owner of 3045 the motor vehicle, the insurance company insuring the motor 3046 vehicle, notwithstanding the provisions of s. 627.736, and all 3047 persons of record claiming a lien against the motor vehicle. If 3048 attempts to notify the owner, the insurance company insuring the 3049 motor vehicle notwithstanding the provisions of s. 627.736, or lienholders are not successful, the requirement of notice by 3050

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3051 mail <u>is shall be</u> considered met. The claim of lien <u>must</u> shall be 3052 so served before recordation.

(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 <u>is shall be</u> 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.

3059 Section 59. Paragraphs (a), (b), and (c) of subsection (4) 3060 of section 713.78, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

3061 713.78 Liens for recovering, towing, or storing vehicles 3062 and vessels.-

3063 (4) (a) A person regularly engaged in the business of 3064 recovering, towing, or storing vehicles or vessels who comes 3065 into possession of a vehicle or vessel pursuant to subsection 3066 (2), and who claims a lien for recovery, towing, or storage 3067 services, shall give notice, by certified mail, to the 3068 registered owner, the insurance company insuring the vehicle 3069 notwithstanding s. 627.736, and all persons claiming a lien 3070 thereon, as disclosed by the records in the Department of 3071 Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles or as disclosed by the records 3072 of any corresponding agency in any other state in which the 3073 vehicle is identified through a records check of the National 3074 Motor Vehicle Title Information System or an equivalent commercially available system as being titled or registered. 3075

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3076 Whenever a law enforcement agency authorizes the (b) 3077 removal of a vehicle or vessel or whenever a towing service, 3078 garage, repair shop, or automotive service, storage, or parking 3079 place notifies the law enforcement agency of possession of a 3080 vehicle or vessel pursuant to s. 715.07(2)(a)2., the law 3081 enforcement agency of the jurisdiction where the vehicle or 3082 vessel is stored shall contact the Department of Highway Safety 3083 and Motor Vehicles, or the appropriate agency of the state of 3084 registration, if known, within 24 hours through the medium of 3085 electronic communications, giving the full description of the 3086 vehicle or vessel. Upon receipt of the full description of the 3087 vehicle or vessel, the department shall search its files to 3088 determine the owner's name, the insurance company insuring the 3089 vehicle or vessel, and whether any person has filed a lien upon 3090 the vehicle or vessel as provided in s. 319.27(2) and (3) and 3091 notify the applicable law enforcement agency within 72 hours. 3092 The person in charge of the towing service, garage, repair shop, 3093 or automotive service, storage, or parking place shall obtain 3094 such information from the applicable law enforcement agency 3095 within 5 days after the date of storage and shall give notice 3096 pursuant to paragraph (a). The department may release the 3097 insurance company information to the requestor notwithstanding 3098 s. 627.736.

3099 (c) The notice of lien must be sent by certified mail to 3100 the registered owner, the insurance company insuring the vehicle

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3101 notwithstanding s. 627.736, and all other persons claiming a 3102 lien thereon within 7 business days, excluding Saturday and 3103 Sunday, after the date of storage of the vehicle or vessel. 3104 However, in no event shall the notice of lien may not be sent 3105 less than 30 days before the sale of the vehicle or vessel. The 3106 notice must state:

1. If the claim of lien is for a vehicle, the last 8 digits of the vehicle identification number of the vehicle subject to the lien, or, if the claim of lien is for a vessel, the hull identification number of the vessel subject to the lien, clearly printed in the delivery address box and on the outside of the envelope sent to the registered owner and all other persons claiming an interest therein or lien thereon.

2. The name, physical address, and telephone number of the lienor, and the entity name, as registered with the Division of Corporations, of the business where the towing and storage occurred, which must also appear on the outside of the envelope sent to the registered owner and all other persons claiming an interest in or lien on the vehicle or vessel.

3120 3. The fact of possession of the vehicle or vessel.
3121 4. The name of the person or entity that authorized the
3122 lienor to take possession of the vehicle or vessel.

3123 5. That a lien as provided in subsection (2) is claimed.
3124 6. That charges have accrued and include an itemized
3125 statement of the amount thereof.

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3126 7. That the lien is subject to enforcement under law and 3127 that the owner or lienholder, if any, has the right to a hearing 3128 as set forth in subsection (5).

3129 8. That any vehicle or vessel that remains unclaimed, or 3130 for which the charges for recovery, towing, or storage services 3131 remain unpaid, may be sold free of all prior liens 35 days after 3132 the vehicle or vessel is stored by the lienor if the vehicle or 3133 vessel is more than 3 years of age or 50 days after the vehicle 3134 or vessel is stored by the lienor if the vehicle or vessel is 3 3135 years of age or less.

3136 9. The address at which the vehicle or vessel is3137 physically located.

3138 Section 60. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1), paragraph (c) 3139 of subsection (7), paragraphs (a), (b), and (c) of subsection 3140 (8), and subsections (9) and (10) of section 817.234, Florida 3141 Statutes, are amended to read:

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817.234 False and fraudulent insurance claims.-

3143 (1)(a) A person commits insurance fraud punishable as 3144 provided in subsection (11) if that person, with the intent to 3145 injure, defraud, or deceive any insurer:

3146 1. Presents or causes to be presented any written or oral 3147 statement as part of, or in support of, a claim for payment or 3148 other benefit pursuant to an insurance policy or a health 3149 maintenance organization subscriber or provider contract, 3150 knowing that such statement contains any false, incomplete, or

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3151 misleading information concerning any fact or thing material to 3152 such claim;

2. Prepares or makes any written or oral statement that is intended to be presented to <u>an</u> any insurer in connection with, or in support of, any claim for payment or other benefit pursuant to an insurance policy or a health maintenance organization subscriber or provider contract, knowing that such statement contains <del>any</del> false, incomplete, or misleading information concerning any fact or thing material to such claim;

Knowingly presents, causes to be presented, or 3160 3.a. 3161 prepares or makes with knowledge or belief that it will be 3162 presented to an any insurer, a purported insurer, a servicing 3163 corporation, an insurance broker, or an insurance agent, or any 3164 employee or agent thereof, any false, incomplete, or misleading information or a written or oral statement as part of, or in 3165 3166 support of, an application for the issuance of, or the rating of, any insurance policy, or a health maintenance organization 3167 3168 subscriber or provider contract; or

3169 b. Knowingly conceals information concerning any fact 3170 material to such application; or

3171 4. Knowingly presents, causes to be presented, or prepares 3172 or makes with knowledge or belief that it will be presented to 3173 any insurer a claim for payment or other benefit under <u>medical</u> 3174 <u>payments coverage in a motor vehicle</u> <del>a personal injury</del> 3175 <del>protection</del> insurance policy if the person knows that the payee

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3176 knowingly submitted a false, misleading, or fraudulent 3177 application or other document when applying for licensure as a 3178 health care clinic, seeking an exemption from licensure as a 3179 health care clinic, or demonstrating compliance with part X of 3180 chapter 400.

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3182 (c) An insurer, or any person acting at the direction of 3183 or on behalf of an insurer, may not change an opinion in a 3184 mental or physical report prepared under s. 627.736(7) or direct 3185 the physician preparing the report to change such opinion; 3186 however, this provision does not preclude the insurer from 3187 calling to the attention of the physician errors of fact in the 3188 report based upon information in the claim file. Any person who 3189 violates this paragraph commits a felony of the third degree, 3190 punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

3191 (8) (a) It is unlawful for any person intending to defraud 3192 any other person to solicit or cause to be solicited any 3193 business from a person involved in a motor vehicle accident for 3194 the purpose of making, adjusting, or settling motor vehicle tort 3195 claims or claims for benefits under medical payments coverage in a motor vehicle insurance policy personal injury protection 3196 3197 benefits required by s. 627.736. Any person who violates the 3198 provisions of this paragraph commits a felony of the second 3199 degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084. A person who is convicted of a violation of this 3200

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3201 subsection shall be sentenced to a minimum term of imprisonment 3202 of 2 years.

3203 A person may not solicit or cause to be solicited any (b) 3204 business from a person involved in a motor vehicle accident by 3205 any means of communication other than advertising directed to 3206 the public for the purpose of making motor vehicle tort claims 3207 or claims for benefits under medical payments coverage in a 3208 motor vehicle insurance policy personal injury protection 3209 benefits required by s. 627.736, within 60 days after the 3210 occurrence of the motor vehicle accident. Any person who 3211 violates this paragraph commits a felony of the third degree, 3212 punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

3213 A lawyer, health care practitioner as defined in s. (C) 3214 456.001, or owner or medical director of a clinic required to be 3215 licensed pursuant to s. 400.9905 may not, at any time after 60 3216 days have elapsed from the occurrence of a motor vehicle 3217 accident, solicit or cause to be solicited any business from a 3218 person involved in a motor vehicle accident by means of in 3219 person or telephone contact at the person's residence, for the 3220 purpose of making motor vehicle tort claims or claims for 3221 benefits under medical payments coverage in a motor vehicle insurance policy personal injury protection benefits required by 3222 3223 s. 627.736. Any person who violates this paragraph commits a 3224 felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 3225 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

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3226 A person may not organize, plan, or knowingly (9) 3227 participate in an intentional motor vehicle crash or a scheme to 3228 create documentation of a motor vehicle crash that did not occur 3229 for the purpose of making motor vehicle tort claims or claims 3230 for benefits under medical payments coverage in a motor vehicle 3231 insurance policy personal injury protection benefits as required 3232 by s. 627.736. Any person who violates this subsection commits a 3233 felony of the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 3234 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084. A person who is convicted of 3235 a violation of this subsection shall be sentenced to a minimum 3236 term of imprisonment of 2 years. 3237 (10) A licensed health care practitioner who is found 3238 guilty of insurance fraud under this section for an act relating

to a <u>motor vehicle</u> <del>personal injury protection</del> insurance policy <u>must lose</u> <del>loses</del> his or her license to practice for 5 years and may not receive reimbursement <u>under medical payments coverage in</u> <u>a motor vehicle insurance policy</u> <del>for personal injury protection</del> <del>benefits</del> for 10 years.

3244 Section 61. For the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the sum of
3245 <u>\$83,651 in nonrecurring funds is appropriated from the Insurance</u>
3246 <u>Regulatory Trust Fund to the Office of Insurance Regulation for</u>
3247 <u>the purpose of implementing this act. This section shall take</u>
3248 <u>effect July 1, 2024.</u>
3249 Section 62. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this

3250 act and except for this section, which shall take effect upon

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3251 this act becoming a law, this act shall take effect July 1, 3252 2025.

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