

By the Appropriations Committee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; the Committee on Transportation; and Senator Trumbull

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the Department of Highway Safety
3 and Motor Vehicles; amending s. 316.305, F.S.;
4 revising penalties for the use of a wireless
5 communications device while operating a motor vehicle;
6 authorizing certain persons to participate in a
7 distracted driving safety program approved by the
8 department; authorizing the waiver of certain
9 penalties and associated costs, and requiring the
10 waiver of the assessment of points, upon completion of
11 such program; amending s. 316.306, F.S.; authorizing a
12 person to participate in a distracted driving safety
13 program, upon completion of which certain penalties
14 and associated costs may, and the assessment of points
15 must, be waived for certain offenses; creating s.
16 316.88, F.S.; prohibiting a person from selling or
17 offering to sell certain service appointments without
18 the written authorization of the department or a tax
19 collector; providing criminal penalties; amending s.
20 318.1451, F.S.; requiring the department to create a
21 specified driver improvement course related to
22 distracted driving which driver improvement schools
23 shall offer to certain persons; requiring that all
24 basic driver improvement courses include certain
25 content relating to distracted driving; amending s.
26 319.24, F.S.; authorizing tax collectors to deliver by
27 mail or make available at the tax collector's office
28 certificates of title; amending s. 319.29, F.S.;
29 providing that certain applications may be fulfilled

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30 by the tax collector acting as an authorized agent of
31 the department; amending s. 320.031, F.S.; authorizing
32 the department and tax collectors, as agents of the
33 department, to deliver certain documents, including
34 duplicate registration certificates, in person or by
35 mail; amending s. 320.084, F.S.; providing for
36 disabled veteran motor vehicle license plates in lieu
37 of "DV" motor vehicle license plates; amending s.
38 320.0848, F.S.; requiring the department to renew
39 certain disabled parking permits for a specified
40 period without requiring certain documentation;
41 conforming a provision to changes made by the act;
42 amending s. 322.02, F.S.; revising the year by which
43 the Legislature intends that the transition of certain
44 services to certain tax collectors be completed;
45 deleting a provision authorizing such transition of
46 services to appointed charter county tax collectors on
47 a limited basis; providing that the tax collector is,
48 rather than may be, designated the exclusive agent of
49 the department for a specified purpose; amending s.
50 322.12, F.S.; requiring certain driver license
51 applicants to retake certain examinations; amending s.
52 322.135, F.S.; authorizing a tax collector to process
53 certain transactions using the department's online
54 license and registration portal; authorizing a tax
55 collector to offer to a licensee or prospective
56 licensee a certain donation option; amending s.
57 322.251, F.S.; authorizing the issuance of a Class E
58 driver license to certain persons, if eligible;

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59 amending s. 322.271, F.S.; requiring the revocation of
60 a restricted driving privilege for a specified period
61 in certain circumstances; amending s. 322.66, F.S.;
62 conforming a cross-reference; providing an effective
63 date.

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

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67 Section 1. Subsection (4) of section 316.305, Florida
68 Statutes, is amended to read:

69 316.305 Wireless communications devices; prohibition.-

70 (4) (a) A ~~Any~~ person who violates paragraph (3) (a) commits a
71 noncriminal traffic infraction, punishable as a moving ~~nonmoving~~
72 violation as provided in chapter 318, and shall have 3 points
73 assessed against his or her driver license as set forth in s.
74 322.27(3)(d)8.

75 (b) A ~~Any~~ person who commits a second or subsequent
76 violation of paragraph (3) (a) within 5 years after the date of a
77 prior conviction for a violation of paragraph (3) (a) commits a
78 noncriminal traffic infraction, punishable as a moving violation
79 as provided in chapter 318, and shall have 4 points assessed
80 against his or her driver license for the purposes of s. 322.27.

81 (c) In lieu of the penalty specified in s. 318.18 and the
82 assessment of points, a person who violates paragraph (3) (a) may
83 elect to participate in a distracted driving safety program
84 approved by the department. Upon the person's completion of such
85 program, the penalty specified in s. 318.18 and associated costs
86 may be waived by the clerk of the court and the assessment of
87 points must be waived.

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88 Section 2. Subsection (4) of section 316.306, Florida
89 Statutes, is amended to read:

90 316.306 School and work zones; prohibition on the use of a
91 wireless communications device in a handheld manner.—

92 (4) (a) A ~~Any~~ person who violates this section commits a
93 noncriminal traffic infraction, punishable as a moving
94 violation~~r~~, as provided in chapter 318, and shall have 3 points
95 assessed against his or her driver license as set forth in s.
96 322.27(3)(d)8. ~~For a first offense under this section,~~ In lieu
97 of the penalty specified in s. 318.18 and the assessment of
98 points, a person who violates this section may elect to
99 participate in a distracted ~~wireless communications device~~
100 driving safety program approved by the Department of Highway
101 Safety and Motor Vehicles. Upon the person's completion of such
102 program, the penalty specified in s. 318.18 and associated costs
103 may be waived by the clerk of the court and the assessment of
104 points must be waived.

105 (b) The clerk of the court may dismiss a case and assess
106 court costs in accordance with s. 318.18(12)(a) for a nonmoving
107 traffic infraction for a person who is cited for a first time
108 violation of this section if the person shows the clerk proof of
109 purchase of equipment that enables his or her personal wireless
110 communications device to be used in a hands-free manner.

111 Section 3. Section 316.88, Florida Statutes, is created to
112 read:

113 316.88 Sale of appointments prohibited.—Unless authorized
114 in writing by the department or a tax collector acting as an
115 authorized agent of the department, a person may not sell or
116 offer to sell a service appointment with a department office or

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117 with the office of a tax collector acting as an authorized agent
118 of the department, respectively, for any service authorized by
119 chapter 319, chapter 320, chapter 322, or chapter 328. A person
120 who violates this section commits a misdemeanor of the first
121 degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

122 Section 4. Subsection (1) and paragraph (d) of subsection
123 (6) of section 318.1451, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

124 318.1451 Driver improvement schools.—

125 (1) (a) The department shall approve and regulate the
126 courses of all driver improvement schools, as the courses relate
127 to ss. 318.14(9), 322.0261, and 322.291, including courses that
128 use technology as a delivery method.

129 (b) The department shall create a 4-hour basic driver
130 improvement course specifically related to distracted driving
131 which must include, but need not be limited to, testimonials
132 from people whose lives have been affected by death or injury
133 caused by distracted driving and which driver improvement
134 schools shall offer to persons electing to participate in a
135 distracted driving safety program pursuant to s. 316.305(4)(c)
136 or s. 316.306(4)(a).

137 (6) The department shall adopt rules establishing and
138 maintaining policies and procedures to implement the
139 requirements of this section. These policies and procedures may
140 include, but shall not be limited to, the following:

141 (d) *Course content.*—The department shall set and modify
142 course content requirements to keep current with laws and safety
143 information. The department shall annually review changes made
144 to major traffic laws of this state, including s. 316.126(1)(b),
145 and shall require course content for courses referenced in this

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146 section to be modified in accordance with changes relevant to
147 the courses. Course content includes all items used in the
148 conduct of the course. All basic driver improvement courses must
149 include at least 1 hour dedicated to distracted driving which
150 must include, but need not be limited to, testimonials from
151 people whose lives have been affected by death or injury caused
152 by distracted driving.

153 Section 5. Subsection (2) of section 319.24, Florida
154 Statutes, is amended to read:

155 319.24 Issuance in duplicate; delivery; liens and
156 encumbrances.—

157 (2) A duly authorized person shall sign the original
158 certificate of title and each corrected certificate and, if
159 there are no liens or encumbrances on the motor vehicle or
160 mobile home, as shown in the records of the department or as
161 shown in the application, must ~~shall~~ deliver the certificate to
162 the applicant or to another person as directed by the applicant
163 or person, agent, or attorney submitting such application. Tax
164 collectors, as authorized agents of the department, may deliver
165 original certificates of title and corrected certificates by
166 mail or make such certificates available to applicants at tax
167 collectors' offices. The motor vehicle dealer license number
168 must be submitted to the department when a dealer applies for or
169 receives a duplicate title. The current odometer reading must be
170 submitted on an application for a duplicate title. If there are
171 one or more liens or encumbrances on the motor vehicle or mobile
172 home, the certificate must ~~shall~~ be delivered by the department
173 to the first lienholder as shown by department records or to the
174 owner as indicated in the notice of lien filed by the first

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175 lienholder pursuant to s. 319.27. If the notice of lien filed by
176 the first lienholder indicates that the certificate should be
177 delivered to the first lienholder, the department must ~~shall~~
178 deliver to the first lienholder, along with the certificate, a
179 form to be subsequently used by the lienholder as a
180 satisfaction. If the notice of lien filed by the first
181 lienholder directs the certificate of title to be delivered to
182 the owner, then, upon delivery of the certificate of title by
183 the department to the owner, the department must ~~shall~~ deliver
184 to the first lienholder confirmation of the receipt of the
185 notice of lien and the date the certificate of title was issued
186 to the owner at the owner's address shown on the notice of lien
187 and a form to be subsequently used by the lienholder as a
188 satisfaction. If the application for certificate shows the name
189 of a first lienholder different from the name of the first
190 lienholder as shown by the records of the department or if the
191 application does not show the name of a judgment lienholder as
192 shown by the records of the department, the certificate may
193 ~~shall~~ not be issued to any person until after all parties who
194 appear to hold a lien and the applicant for the certificate have
195 been notified of the conflict in writing by the department by
196 certified mail. If the parties do not amicably resolve the
197 conflict within 10 days from the date such notice was mailed,
198 ~~then~~ the department must ~~shall~~ serve notice in writing by
199 certified mail on all persons appearing to hold liens on that
200 particular vehicle, including the applicant for the certificate,
201 to show cause within 15 days from the date the notice is mailed
202 why it should not issue and deliver the certificate to the
203 person indicated in the notice of lien filed by the lienholder

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204 whose name appears in the application as the first lienholder
205 without showing any lien or liens as outstanding other than
206 those appearing in the application or those which may have been
207 filed subsequent to the filing of the application for the
208 certificate. If, within the 15-day period, any person other than
209 the lienholder shown in the application or a party filing a
210 subsequent lien, in answer to such notice to show cause, appears
211 in person or by a representative, or responds in writing, and
212 files a written statement under oath that his or her lien on
213 that particular vehicle is still outstanding, the department may
214 ~~shall~~ not issue the certificate to anyone until after such
215 conflict has been settled by the lien claimants involved or by a
216 court of competent jurisdiction. If the conflict is not settled
217 amicably within 10 days of the final date for filing an answer
218 to the notice to show cause, the complaining party must ~~shall~~
219 have 10 days to obtain a ruling, or a stay order, from a court
220 of competent jurisdiction; if no ruling or stay order is issued
221 and served on the department within the 10-day period, it must
222 ~~shall~~ issue the certificate showing no liens except those shown
223 in the application or thereafter filed to the original applicant
224 if there are no liens shown in the application and none are
225 thereafter filed, or to the person indicated in the notice of
226 lien filed by the lienholder whose name appears in the
227 application as the first lienholder if there are liens shown in
228 the application or thereafter filed. A duplicate certificate or
229 corrected certificate may ~~shall~~ only show such lien or liens as
230 were shown in the application and subsequently filed liens that
231 may be outstanding.

232 Section 6. Present subsection (4) of section 319.29,

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233 Florida Statutes, is redesignated as subsection (5), and a new
234 subsection (4) is added to that section, to read:

235 319.29 Lost or destroyed certificates.—

236 (4) An application for a duplicate copy of a certificate of
237 title may be fulfilled by the tax collector acting as an
238 authorized agent of the department. Upon the applicant's
239 request, the duplicate copy may be issued by the tax collector
240 and provided to the applicant at the tax collector's office or
241 mailed by the tax collector to the applicant's address.

242 Section 7. Subsection (1) of section 320.031, Florida
243 Statutes, is amended to read:

244 320.031 Mailing or delivery of registration certificates,
245 license plates, and validation stickers.—

246 (1) The department and the tax collectors of the several
247 counties of the state, as agents of the department, may at the
248 request of the applicant deliver in person or use United States
249 mail service to deliver registration certificates and renewals
250 thereof, duplicate registration certificates, license plates,
251 mobile home stickers, and validation stickers to applicants.

252 Section 8. Subsections (1) and (3), paragraphs (a) and (c)
253 of subsection (4), and subsection (6) of section 320.084,
254 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

255 320.084 Free motor vehicle license plate to certain
256 disabled veterans.—

257 (1) One free disabled veteran "DV" motor vehicle license
258 number plate shall be issued by the department for use on any
259 motor vehicle owned or leased by any disabled veteran who has
260 been a resident of this state continuously for the preceding 5
261 years or has established a domicile in this state as provided by

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262 s. 222.17(1), (2), or (3), and who has been honorably discharged
263 from the United States Armed Forces, upon application,
264 accompanied by proof that:

265 (a) A vehicle was initially acquired through financial
266 assistance by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs
267 or its predecessor specifically for the purchase of an
268 automobile;

269 (b) The applicant has been determined by the United States
270 Department of Veterans Affairs or its predecessor to have a
271 service-connected 100-percent disability rating for
272 compensation; or

273 (c) The applicant has been determined to have a service-
274 connected disability rating of 100 percent and is in receipt of
275 disability retirement pay from any branch of the United States
276 Armed Services.

277 (3) The department shall, as it deems necessary, require
278 each person to whom a motor vehicle license plate has been
279 issued pursuant to subsection (1) to apply to the department for
280 reissuance of his or her registration license plate. Upon
281 receipt of the application and proof of the applicant's
282 continued eligibility, the department shall issue a new
283 permanent disabled veteran ~~"DV" numerical~~ motor vehicle license
284 plate which shall be of the colors red, white, and blue similar
285 to the colors of the United States flag. The operation of a
286 motor vehicle displaying a disabled veteran ~~"DV"~~ license plate
287 from a previous issue period or a noncurrent validation sticker
288 after the date specified by the department shall subject the
289 owner if he or she is present, otherwise the operator, to the
290 penalty provided in s. 318.18(2). Such permanent license plate

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291 shall be removed upon sale of the vehicle, but may be
292 transferred to another vehicle owned by such veteran in the
293 manner prescribed by law. ~~The license number of each plate~~
294 ~~issued under this section shall be identified by the letter~~
295 ~~designation "DV."~~ Upon request of any such veteran, the
296 department is authorized to issue a designation plate containing
297 only the letters "DV," to be displayed on the front of the
298 vehicle.

299 (4) (a) With the issuance of each new permanent disabled
300 veteran ~~"DV" numerical~~ motor vehicle license plate, the
301 department shall initially issue, without cost to the applicant,
302 a validation sticker reflecting the owner's birth month and a
303 serially numbered validation sticker reflecting the year of
304 expiration. The initial sticker reflecting the year of
305 expiration may not exceed 27 months.

306 (c) Registration under this section shall be renewed
307 annually or biennially during the applicable renewal period on
308 forms prescribed by the department, which shall include, in
309 addition to any other information required by the department, a
310 certified statement as to the continued eligibility of the
311 applicant to receive the disabled veteran ~~special "DV"~~ license
312 plate. Any applicant who falsely or fraudulently submits to the
313 department the certified statement required by this paragraph is
314 guilty of a noncriminal violation and is subject to a civil
315 penalty of \$50.

316 (6) (a) A disabled veteran who meets the requirements of
317 subsection (1) may be issued, in lieu of the disabled veteran
318 ~~"DV"~~ license plate, a military license plate for which he or she
319 is eligible or a specialty license plate embossed with the

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320 initials "DV" in the top left-hand corner. A disabled veteran
321 electing a military license plate or specialty license plate
322 under this subsection must pay all applicable fees related to
323 such license plate, except for fees otherwise waived under
324 subsections (1) and (4).

325 (b) A military license plate or specialty license plate
326 elected under this subsection:

327 ~~1. Does not provide the protections or rights afforded by~~
328 ~~ss. 316.1955, 316.1964, 320.0848, 526.141, and 553.5041.~~

329 ~~2.~~ is not eligible for the international symbol of
330 accessibility as described in s. 320.0842.

331 Section 9. Paragraph (d) of subsection (1) and paragraph
332 (e) of subsection (2) of section 320.0848, Florida Statutes, are
333 amended to read:

334 320.0848 Persons who have disabilities; issuance of
335 disabled parking permits; temporary permits; permits for certain
336 providers of transportation services to persons who have
337 disabilities.—

338 (1)

339 (d) The department shall renew the disabled parking permit
340 of a any person certified as permanently disabled on the
341 previous application for a subsequent 4-year period without
342 requiring the person to provide another certificate of
343 disability or United States Department of Veterans Affairs Form
344 Letter 27-333, or its equivalent, as applicable. After such 4-
345 year period, the department shall renew the disabled parking
346 permit if the person provides a certificate of disability issued
347 within the last 12 months pursuant to this subsection. A veteran
348 who has been previously evaluated and certified by the United

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349 States Department of Veterans Affairs or any branch of the
350 United States Armed Forces as permanently and totally disabled
351 from a service-connected disability may provide a United States
352 Department of Veterans Affairs Form Letter 27-333, or its
353 equivalent, issued within the last 12 months in lieu of a
354 certificate of disability.

355 (2) DISABLED PARKING PERMIT; PERSONS WITH LONG-TERM
356 MOBILITY PROBLEMS.—

357 (e) A person who qualifies for a disabled parking permit
358 under this section may be issued an international wheelchair
359 user symbol license plate under s. 320.0843 in lieu of the
360 disabled parking permit; or, if the person qualifies for a
361 disabled veteran "DV" license plate under s. 320.084, such a
362 license plate may be issued to him or her in lieu of a disabled
363 parking permit.

364 Section 10. Subsections (1) and (5) of section 322.02,
365 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

366 322.02 Legislative intent; administration.—

367 (1) The Legislature finds that over the past several years
368 the department and individual county tax collectors have entered
369 into contracts for the delivery of full and limited driver
370 license services where such contractual relationships best
371 served the public interest through state administration and
372 enforcement and local government implementation. It is the
373 intent of the Legislature that the complete transition of all
374 driver license issuance services to tax collectors who are
375 constitutional officers under s. 1(d), Art. VIII of the State
376 Constitution be completed no later than June 30, 2027 ~~2015~~. ~~The~~
377 ~~transition of services to appointed charter county tax~~

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378 ~~collectors may occur on a limited basis as directed by the~~
379 ~~department.~~

380 (5) The tax collector in and for his or her county is ~~may~~
381 ~~be~~ designated the exclusive agent of the department to implement
382 and administer ~~the provisions of~~ this chapter as provided by s.
383 322.135.

384 Section 11. Subsections (3) and (4) of section 322.12,
385 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

386 322.12 Examination of applicants.—

387 (3) (a) For an applicant for a Class E driver license, such
388 examination must ~~shall~~ include all of the following:

389 1. (a) A test of the applicant's eyesight given by the
390 driver license examiner designated by the department or by a
391 licensed ophthalmologist, optometrist, or physician.

392 2. (b) A test of the applicant's hearing given by a driver
393 license examiner or a licensed physician.

394 3. (c) A test of the applicant's ability to read and
395 understand highway signs regulating, warning, and directing
396 traffic; his or her knowledge of the traffic laws of this state,
397 including laws regulating driving under the influence of alcohol
398 or controlled substances, driving with an unlawful blood-alcohol
399 level, and driving while intoxicated; and his or her knowledge
400 of the effects of alcohol and controlled substances upon persons
401 and the dangers of driving a motor vehicle while under the
402 influence of alcohol or controlled substances. At least 25
403 questions within the bank of test questions must address bicycle
404 and pedestrian safety.

405 4. (d) An actual demonstration of ability to exercise
406 ordinary and reasonable control in the operation of a motor

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407 vehicle.

408 (b) An applicant who is found to have cheated during, or to
409 have otherwise circumvented, any portion of the examination must
410 retake the examination.

411 (4) (a) The examination for an applicant for a commercial
412 driver license must ~~shall~~ include all of the following:

413 1. A test of the applicant's eyesight given by a driver
414 license examiner designated by the department or by a licensed
415 ophthalmologist, optometrist, or physician. ~~and~~

416 2. A test of the applicant's hearing given by a driver
417 license examiner or a licensed physician.

418 3. ~~The examination shall also include~~ A test of the
419 applicant's ability to read and understand highway signs
420 regulating, warning, and directing traffic; his or her knowledge
421 of the traffic laws of this state pertaining to the class of
422 motor vehicle which he or she is applying to be licensed to
423 operate, including laws regulating driving under the influence
424 of alcohol or controlled substances, driving with an unlawful
425 blood-alcohol level, and driving while intoxicated; his or her
426 knowledge of the effects of alcohol and controlled substances
427 and the dangers of driving a motor vehicle after having consumed
428 alcohol or controlled substances; and his or her knowledge of
429 any special skills, requirements, or precautions necessary for
430 the safe operation of the class of vehicle which he or she is
431 applying to be licensed to operate.

432 4. ~~In addition, the examination shall include~~ An actual
433 demonstration of the applicant's ability to exercise ordinary
434 and reasonable control in the safe operation of a motor vehicle
435 or combination of vehicles of the type covered by the license

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436 classification which the applicant is seeking, including an
437 examination of the applicant's ability to perform an inspection
438 of his or her vehicle.

439 (b)(a) The portion of the examination required under
440 subparagraph (a)4. which tests an applicant's safe driving
441 ability shall be administered by the department or by an entity
442 authorized by the department to administer such examination,
443 pursuant to s. 322.56. Such examination shall be administered at
444 a location approved by the department.

445 (c)(b) A person who seeks to retain a hazardous-materials
446 endorsement must, upon renewal, pass the test for such
447 endorsement as specified in s. 322.57(1)(e), if the person has
448 not taken and passed the hazardous-materials test within 2 years
449 preceding his or her application for a commercial driver license
450 in this state.

451 (d) An applicant who is found to have cheated during, or to
452 have otherwise circumvented, any portion of the examination must
453 retake the examination.

454 Section 12. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section
455 322.135, Florida Statutes, is amended, and paragraph (d) is
456 added to that subsection, to read:

457 322.135 Driver license agents.—

458 (1) The department shall, upon application, authorize by
459 interagency agreement any or all of the tax collectors who are
460 constitutional officers under s. 1(d), Art. VIII of the State
461 Constitution in the several counties of the state, subject to
462 the requirements of law, in accordance with rules of the
463 department, to serve as its agent for the provision of specified
464 driver license services.

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465 (a) These services shall be limited to the issuance of
466 driver licenses and identification cards as authorized by this
467 chapter, transactions for which may be processed by the tax
468 collector using the department's online license and registration
469 portal.

470 (d) A tax collector may offer a licensee or prospective
471 licensee the option to increase the amount of his or her
472 transaction to the next whole dollar amount in order to donate
473 the amount of the increase to a charity registered with the
474 Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

475 Section 13. Subsection (4) of section 322.251, Florida
476 Statutes, is amended to read:

477 322.251 Notice of cancellation, suspension, revocation, or
478 disqualification of license.—

479 (4) A person whose privilege to operate a commercial motor
480 vehicle is temporarily disqualified may, upon surrendering his
481 or her commercial driver license, be issued a Class E driver
482 license, valid for the length of his or her unexpired commercial
483 driver license, if eligible, at no cost. Such person may, upon
484 the completion of his or her disqualification, be issued a
485 commercial driver license, of the type disqualified, for the
486 remainder of his or her unexpired license period. Any such
487 person must ~~shall~~ pay the reinstatement fee provided in s.
488 322.21 before being issued a commercial driver license.

489 Section 14. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section
490 322.271, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

491 322.271 Authority to modify revocation, cancellation, or
492 suspension order.—

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494 (b) A person whose driving privilege has been revoked under
495 s. 322.27(5) may, upon expiration of 12 months from the date of
496 such revocation, petition the department for reinstatement of
497 his or her driving privilege. Upon such petition and after
498 investigation of the person's qualification, fitness, and need
499 to drive, the department shall hold a hearing pursuant to
500 chapter 120 to determine whether the driving privilege shall be
501 reinstated on a restricted basis solely for business or
502 employment purposes. If such person is granted a limited driving
503 privilege and subsequently violates the conditions of the
504 restricted driving privilege, the restricted driving privilege
505 must be revoked and the person is not eligible for any driving
506 privilege for the remaining duration of the 5-year period after
507 his or her initial license revocation.

508 Section 15. Section 322.66, Florida Statutes, is amended to
509 read:

510 322.66 Vehicles permitted to be driven during driving
511 skills tests.—A person who does not possess a valid driver
512 license may drive a noncommercial or commercial motor vehicle
513 during a driving skills test conducted in accordance with s.
514 322.12(3) and (4)(b) ~~s. 322.12(3) and (4)(a)~~, if the person has
515 passed the vision, hearing, road rules, and road signs tests
516 ordinarily administered to applicants for a Class E license,
517 and, if required, has passed the commercial driver license
518 knowledge and appropriate endorsement tests.

519 Section 16. This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.