

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to prearranged transportation
 3 services; creating s. 316.2021, F.S.; prohibiting the
 4 impersonation of a transportation network company
 5 driver; providing criminal penalties; amending s.
 6 341.061, F.S.; providing that services purchased from
 7 a transportation network company are not considered
 8 privately owned or operated bus transit systems;
 9 amending s. 427.0159, F.S.; authorizing the Commission
 10 for the Transportation Disadvantaged to expend funds
 11 to contract with alternative providers; providing
 12 requirements for such alternative providers; amending
 13 s. 427.02, F.S.; revising the definition of the term
 14 "transportation service provider"; requiring
 15 transportation service providers to provide certain
 16 drivers with access to certain training materials;
 17 providing an effective date.

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

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 21 **Section 1. Section 316.2021, Florida Statutes, is created**
 22 **to read:**

23 316.2021 Unlawful impersonation of transportation network
 24 company driver.-

25 (1) A person may not impersonate a transportation network

26 company driver, as defined in s. 627.748(1), by making a false
27 statement; displaying counterfeit signage or emblems of a trade
28 dress, trademark, brand, or logo of a transportation network
29 company; or engaging in any other act that falsely represents
30 that the person represents a transportation network company or
31 is responding to a passenger ride request for a transportation
32 network company.

33 (2) (a) Except as provided in paragraph (b), a person who
34 willfully violates subsection (1) commits a misdemeanor of the
35 second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s.
36 775.083.

37 (b) A person who willfully violates subsection (1) during
38 the commission of, or to facilitate the commission of, a
39 separate felony offense commits a felony of the third degree,
40 punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

41 **Section 2. Paragraph (d) is added to subsection (2) of**
42 **section 341.061, Florida Statutes, to read:**

43 341.061 Transit safety standards; inspections and system
44 safety reviews.—

45 (2)

46 (d) Services purchased from a transportation network
47 company as defined in s. 627.748(1) which otherwise comply with
48 the provisions of s. 627.748 are not privately owned or operated
49 bus transit systems.

50 **Section 3. Subsection (5) is added to section 427.0159,**

51 **Florida Statutes, to read:**

52 427.0159 Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund.—

53 (5) The commission may expend funds to contract with
54 alternative providers with dedicated vehicles and trained
55 personnel specializing in paratransit services to support
56 transportation services for persons with disabilities. Such
57 entities shall provide specialized transportation services
58 tailored to the specific needs of riders, that comply with
59 service standards as established by the commission, to ensure
60 safe and accessible mobility options.

61 **Section 4. Subsection (1) and paragraph (a) of subsection**
62 **(2) of section 427.02, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:**

63 427.02 Paratransit service contracts for transportation
64 service providers.—

65 (1) For purposes of this section, the term "transportation
66 service provider" means an organization or entity that contracts
67 with a local government to provide paratransit service to
68 persons with disabilities using a dedicated fleet of vehicles
69 operated by its employees or directly contracted drivers who
70 meet paratransit service standards. The term does not include a
71 transportation network company as defined in s. 627.748(1).

72 (2) For contracts entered into or renewed on or after
73 October 1, 2024, a transportation service provider must agree
74 to:

75 (a) Provide ~~training to~~ each driver of a motor vehicle

76 | used to provide paratransit service to persons with disabilities
77 | with access to third-party training materials which, at a
78 | minimum, meet ~~meets~~ requirements established by the Agency for
79 | Persons with Disabilities for training and professional
80 | development of staff providing direct services to clients of the
81 | agency.

82 | **Section 5.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.