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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to alcohol consumption; amending s.
3 561.706, F.S.; requiring the Division of Alcoholic
4 Beverages and Tobacco of the Department of Business
5 and Professional Regulation to consider a vendor's use
6 of an electronic identification scanner in mitigation
7 of certain administrative penalties; amending s.
8 562.11, F.S.; authorizing the division to require a
9 vendor found to have violated certain provisions of
10 law to use an electronic identification scanner to
11 check driver licenses or identification cards to
12 verify the age of a person; creating s. 562.114, F.S.;
13 requiring state and local law enforcement agencies to
14 refer to the division all relevant reports of
15 investigations and arrests concerning drivers under
16 the influence of alcohol whose crashes contributed to
17 serious bodily injury or death; providing an effective
18 date.

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

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22 Section 1. Subsection (2) of section 561.706, Florida
23 Statutes, is amended to read:

24 561.706 Exemption from license suspension or revocation;
25 mitigation for certain beverage law violations; records of
26 arrests.—

27 (2) (a) The division shall consider qualification as a
28 responsible vendor in mitigation of administrative penalties for
29 an employee's illegal sale or service of an alcoholic beverage

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30 to a person who is not of lawful drinking age and if the vendor
31 has administered the applicable courses for controlled
32 substances, for an employee's engaging in the illegal sale, use
33 of, or trafficking in controlled substances.

34 (b) The division shall consider the vendor's use of an
35 electronic identification scanner to check the driver license or
36 identification card of a person and verify his or her age in
37 mitigation of administrative penalties for an employee's illegal
38 sale or service of an alcoholic beverage to a person who is not
39 of lawful drinking age.

40 Section 2. Subsection (5) is added to section 562.11,
41 Florida Statutes, to read:

42 562.11 Selling, giving, or serving alcoholic beverages to
43 person under age 21; providing a proper name; misrepresenting or
44 misstating age or age of another to induce licensee to serve
45 alcoholic beverages to person under 21; penalties.—

46 (5) In addition to any other penalty authorized under the
47 Beverage Law, the division may require a vendor found to have
48 violated paragraph (1) (a) or paragraph (1) (b) to use an
49 electronic identification scanner to check the driver license or
50 identification card of a person and verify his or her age.

51 Section 3. Section 562.114, Florida Statutes, is created to
52 read:

53 562.114 State and local law enforcement reporting
54 requirement.—State and local law enforcement agencies shall
55 refer to the division all relevant reports of investigations and
56 arrests concerning the driver of a vehicle involved in a crash
57 on public or private property while driving under the influence
58 of alcoholic beverages which contributed in whole or in part to

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59 serious bodily injury or the death of a person.

60 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.