

**By** the Appropriations Committee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; the Committee on Commerce and Tourism; and Senators Gruters and Grall

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to motor vehicle safety; providing a short title; amending s. 316.605, F.S.; requiring that every vehicle required to be licensed in this state display a license plate on the rear and the front of the vehicle; amending s. 559.905, F.S.; requiring a motor vehicle repair shop to request a written crash report from a customer under certain circumstances; requiring a motor vehicle repair shop or the vendor that processes repair estimates for the motor vehicle repair shop to transmit a copy of the finalized repair estimate within a specified timeframe to a database to be established and maintained by the Department of Law Enforcement, if a customer does not provide a written crash report; authorizing the department to revoke a motor vehicle repair shop's registration under certain circumstances; revising the items required in a written repair estimate; making technical changes; amending s. 559.909, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; making technical changes; reenacting ss. 316.2128(2), 316.545(3)(e), 320.0655(1) and (2), 320.0659(1), and 320.0706, F.S., relating to micromobility devices, motorized scooters, and miniature motorcycles requirements; noncompliance of vehicles from nonmember International Registration Plan jurisdictions; permanent license plates for governmental entities and volunteer fire departments; permanent registration of trailers for hire and semitrailers; and display of license plates on trucks,

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respectively, to incorporate the amendment made to s.  
316.605, F.S., in references thereto; reenacting s.  
559.907(1)(b), F.S., relating to charges for motor  
vehicle repair estimate and requirement of waiver of  
rights prohibited, to incorporate the amendment made  
to s. 559.905, F.S., in a reference thereto; providing  
effective dates.

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

Section 1. This act may be cited as the "Lilly Glaubach  
Act."

Section 2. Effective January 1, 2026, subsection (1) of  
section 316.605, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

316.605 Licensing of vehicles.—

(1) Every vehicle, at all times while driven, stopped, or  
parked upon any highways, roads, or streets of this state, must  
~~shall~~ be licensed in the name of the owner thereof in accordance  
with the laws of this state unless such vehicle is not required  
by the laws of this state to be licensed in this state and must  
~~shall~~, except as otherwise provided in ~~s. 320.0706 for front end~~  
~~registration license plates on truck tractors and s. 320.086(5)~~  
which exempts display of license plates on described former  
military vehicles, display a the license plate on the rear and  
the front of the vehicle ~~or both of the license plates assigned~~  
~~to it by the state, one on the rear and, if two, the other on~~  
~~the front of the vehicle~~, each to be securely fastened to the  
vehicle outside the main body of the vehicle not higher than 60  
inches and not lower than 12 inches from the ground and no more

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59 than 24 inches to the left or right of the centerline of the  
60 vehicle, and in such manner as to prevent the plates from  
61 swinging, and all letters, numerals, printing, writing, the  
62 registration decal, and the alphanumeric designation must ~~shall~~  
63 be clear and distinct and free from defacement, mutilation,  
64 grease, and other obscuring matter, so that they will be plainly  
65 visible and legible at all times 100 feet from the rear or  
66 front. Except as provided in s. 316.2085(3), vehicle license  
67 plates must ~~shall~~ be affixed and displayed in such a manner that  
68 the letters and numerals may ~~shall~~ be read from left to right  
69 parallel to the ground. No vehicle license plate may be  
70 displayed in an inverted or reversed position or in such a  
71 manner that the letters and numbers and their proper sequence  
72 are not readily identifiable. Nothing may ~~shall~~ be placed upon  
73 the face of a Florida plate except as permitted by law or by  
74 rule or regulation of a governmental agency. ~~No~~ License plates  
75 other than those furnished by the state may not ~~shall~~ be used.  
76 However, if the vehicle is not required to be licensed in this  
77 state, the license plates on such vehicle issued by another  
78 state, by a territory, possession, or district of the United  
79 States, or by a foreign country, substantially complying with  
80 this section ~~the provisions hereof~~, shall be considered as  
81 complying with this chapter. A violation of this subsection is a  
82 noncriminal traffic infraction, punishable as a nonmoving  
83 violation as provided in chapter 318.

84 Section 3. Section 559.905, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
85 read:

86 559.905 Crash report required for accident or collision  
87 repair work; written motor vehicle repair estimate; ~~and~~

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disclosure statement required.—

(1) (a) If a customer requests that a motor vehicle repair shop perform work to restore a motor vehicle damaged in an accident or a collision, and such work is estimated to cost \$2,500 or more, the motor vehicle repair shop must, after preparing the written repair estimate required by subsection (2), request that the customer provide a written crash report as specified under s. 316.066.

(b) If a customer does not provide a written crash report, the motor vehicle repair shop or the vendor that processes repair estimates for the motor vehicle repair shop must, within 3 business days after finalizing the repair estimate, transmit a copy of the repair estimate to a database to be established and maintained by the Department of Law Enforcement.

(c) If the department finds a motor vehicle repair shop in violation of this subsection, it may revoke the motor vehicle repair shop's registration under s. 559.904.

(2) When any customer requests a motor vehicle repair shop to perform repair work on a motor vehicle, the cost of which repair work will exceed \$150 to the customer, the shop shall prepare a written repair estimate, which is a form setting forth the estimated cost of repair work, including diagnostic work, before effecting any diagnostic work or repair. The written repair estimate must also include all of the following items:

(a) The name, address, and telephone number of the motor vehicle repair shop.

(b) The name, address, and telephone number of the customer.

(c) The date and time of the written repair estimate.

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(d) The vehicle identification number, year, make, model, odometer reading, and license tag number of the motor vehicle.

(e) The proposed work completion date.

(f) A general description of the customer's problem or request for repair work or service relating to the motor vehicle.

(g) A statement as to whether the customer is being charged according to a flat rate or an hourly rate, or both.

(h) The estimated cost of repair which must include any charge for shop supplies or for hazardous or other waste removal and, if a charge is included, the estimate must include the following statement:

“This charge represents costs and profits to the motor vehicle repair facility for miscellaneous shop supplies or waste disposal.”

If a charge is mandated by state or federal law, the estimate must contain a statement identifying the law and the specific amount charged under the law.

(i) The charge for making a repair price estimate or, if the charge cannot be predetermined, the basis on which the charge will be calculated.

(j) The customer's intended method of payment.

(k) The name and telephone number of another person who may authorize repair work, if the customer desires to designate such person.

(l) A statement indicating what, if anything, is guaranteed in connection with the repair work and the time and mileage

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period for which the guarantee is effective.

(m) A statement allowing the customer to indicate whether replaced parts should be saved for inspection or return.

(n) A statement indicating the daily charge for storing the customer's motor vehicle after the customer has been notified that the repair work has been completed. However, storage charges may not accrue or be due and payable for a period of 3 working days from the date after such notification.

(3)~~(2)~~ If the cost of repair work will exceed \$150, the shop must present to the customer a written notice conspicuously disclosing, in a separate, blocked section, only the following statement, in capital letters of at least 12-point type:

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY, CHECK ONE OF THE STATEMENTS BELOW, AND SIGN:

I UNDERSTAND THAT, UNDER STATE LAW, I AM ENTITLED TO A WRITTEN ESTIMATE IF MY FINAL BILL WILL EXCEED \$150.

.... I REQUEST A WRITTEN ESTIMATE.

.... I DO NOT REQUEST A WRITTEN ESTIMATE AS LONG AS THE REPAIR COSTS DO NOT EXCEED \$..... THE SHOP MAY NOT EXCEED THIS AMOUNT WITHOUT MY WRITTEN OR ORAL APPROVAL.

.... I DO NOT REQUEST A WRITTEN ESTIMATE.

SIGNED .....DATE .....

(4)~~(3)~~ The information required by paragraphs (2) (h) and

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175 ~~(i) (1)(h) and (i)~~ need not be provided if the customer waives  
176 in writing her or his right to receive a written estimate.

177 (5)~~(4)~~ Except as provided in subsection (6) ~~(5)~~, a copy of  
178 the written repair estimate required by subsection (2) ~~(1)~~ and  
179 the disclosure statement required by subsection (3) must ~~(2)~~  
180 ~~shall~~ be given to the customer before repair work commences ~~is~~  
181 ~~begun~~. The disclosure statement may be provided on the same form  
182 as the written repair estimate.

183 (6)~~(5)~~ If the customer leaves her or his motor vehicle at a  
184 motor vehicle repair shop during hours when the shop is not open  
185 or if the customer permits the shop or another person to deliver  
186 the motor vehicle to the shop, there is ~~shall be~~ an implied  
187 partial waiver of the written estimate; however, upon completion  
188 of diagnostic work necessary to estimate the cost of repair, the  
189 shop shall notify the customer as required in s. 559.909(1).

190 (7)~~(6)~~ ~~Nothing in~~ This section may not ~~shall~~ be construed  
191 to require a motor vehicle repair shop to give a written  
192 estimated price if the motor vehicle repair shop does not agree  
193 to perform the requested repair.

194 Section 4. Subsection (1) of section 559.909, Florida  
195 Statutes, is amended to read:

196 559.909 Notification of charges in excess of repair  
197 estimate; unlawful charges; refusal to return vehicle  
198 prohibited; inspection of parts.—

199 (1) In the event that:

200 (a) The written repair estimate contains only an estimate  
201 for diagnostic work necessary to estimate the cost of repair and  
202 such diagnostic work has been completed;

203 (b) A determination is made by a motor vehicle repair shop

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that the actual charges for the repair work will exceed the written estimate by more than \$10 or 10 percent, whichever is greater, but not to exceed \$50; or

(c) An implied partial waiver exists for diagnostic work, as described in s. 559.905(6) ~~s. 559.905(5)~~, and such diagnostic work has been completed, the customer must ~~shall~~ be promptly notified by the motor vehicle repair shop by telephone, telegraph, mail, or other means of the additional repair work and estimated cost thereof. A customer so notified shall, orally or in writing, authorize, modify, or cancel the order for repair.

Section 5. Effective January 1, 2026, for the purpose of incorporating the amendment made by this act to section 316.605, Florida Statutes, in a reference thereto, subsection (2) of section 316.2128, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

316.2128 Micromobility devices, motorized scooters, and miniature motorcycles; requirements.—

(2) A motorized scooter or micromobility device is not required to satisfy the registration and insurance requirements of s. 320.02 or the licensing requirements of s. 316.605.

Section 6. Effective January 1, 2026, for the purpose of incorporating the amendment made by this act to section 316.605, Florida Statutes, in a reference thereto, paragraph (e) of subsection (3) of section 316.545, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

316.545 Weight and load unlawful; special fuel and motor fuel tax enforcement; inspection; penalty; review.—

(3)

(e) A vehicle operating on the highways of this state from



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a nonmember International Registration Plan jurisdiction which is not in compliance with s. 316.605 is subject to the penalties provided in this section.

Section 7. Effective January 1, 2026, for the purpose of incorporating the amendment made by this act to section 316.605, Florida Statutes, in references thereto, subsections (1) and (2) of section 320.0655, Florida Statutes, are reenacted to read:

320.0655 Permanent license plates for governmental entities and volunteer fire departments.—

(1) A permanent license plate shall be issued for any motor vehicle owned or exclusively operated by the state or by any county, municipality, or other governmental entity. All such license plates shall be of a distinctive color, different from that of plates issued under s. 320.06. Such plate shall be displayed as required by s. 316.605 and shall be removed upon the sale of the vehicle or when the vehicle otherwise becomes ineligible for the permanent plate. If it has become lost, mutilated, or destroyed, the plate may be replaced as provided by s. 320.0607. The use of such plate on any vehicle other than one authorized in this subsection is prohibited, except as approved by the department. However, such plate may be used on a vehicle loaned, rented, or leased to a district school board for the purpose of providing driver education training.

(2) A permanent license plate shall be issued for any motor vehicle owned and exclusively operated by a volunteer fire department, which plate shall be of a distinctive color. The plate shall be displayed as required by s. 316.605 and shall be removed upon sale of the vehicle or when the vehicle otherwise becomes ineligible for the permanent plate. If it has become

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lost, mutilated, or destroyed, the plate may be replaced as provided by s. 320.0607. The use of such plate on any vehicle other than one authorized in this subsection is prohibited, except as approved by the department.

Section 8. Effective January 1, 2026, for the purpose of incorporating the amendment made by this act to section 316.605, Florida Statutes, in a reference thereto, subsection (1) of section 320.0659, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

320.0659 Permanent registration of trailer for hire and semitrailers.—

(1) A permanent license plate may be issued for any semitrailer classified under s. 320.08(5)(a)2. All such license plates shall be of a distinctive color, and shall be imprinted with the words "Permanent Trl" at the bottom. Such plates shall be displayed as required by s. 316.605 and shall be removed upon the sale of the vehicle or upon the vehicle's being removed from service. If the plate is lost, mutilated, or destroyed, the plate may be replaced as provided by s. 320.0607. The use of such plate on any vehicle other than the one to which it is issued is prohibited. No refunds shall be issued for this plate.

Section 9. Effective January 1, 2026, for the purpose of incorporating the amendment made by this act to section 316.605, Florida Statutes, in a reference thereto, section 320.0706, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

320.0706 Display of license plates on trucks.—The owner of any commercial truck of gross vehicle weight of 26,001 pounds or more shall display the registration license plate on both the front and rear of the truck in conformance with all the requirements of s. 316.605 that do not conflict with this

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291 section. The owner of a dump truck may place the rear license  
292 plate on the gate no higher than 60 inches to allow for better  
293 visibility. However, the owner of a truck tractor shall be  
294 required to display the registration license plate only on the  
295 front of such vehicle. A violation of this section is a  
296 noncriminal traffic infraction, punishable as a moving violation  
297 as provided in chapter 318.

298 Section 10. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment  
299 made by this act to section 559.905, Florida Statutes, in a  
300 reference thereto, paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section  
301 559.907, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

302 559.907 Charges for motor vehicle repair estimate;  
303 requirement of waiver of rights prohibited.—

304 (1) No motor vehicle repair shop shall charge for making a  
305 repair price estimate unless, prior to making the price  
306 estimate, the shop:

307 (b) Obtains authorization on the written repair estimate,  
308 in accordance with s. 559.905, to prepare an estimate. No motor  
309 vehicle repair shop shall impose or threaten to impose any such  
310 charge which is clearly excessive in relation to the work  
311 involved in making the price estimate.

312 Section 11. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this  
313 act, this act shall take effect July 1, 2025.