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CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

House

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1 Representative Yarkosky offered the following:

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3 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

4 Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert:

5 Section 1. Section 207.001, Florida Statutes, is amended
6 to read:

7 207.001 Short title.—This chapter shall be known as the
8 "Florida ~~Diesel Fuel and~~ Motor Fuel Use Tax Act ~~of 1981~~," and
9 the taxes levied under this chapter shall be in addition to all
10 other taxes imposed by law.

11 Section 2. Section 207.002, Florida Statutes, is amended
12 to read:

13 207.002 Definitions.—As used in this chapter, the term:

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14 ~~(1)-(2)~~ "Department" means the Department of Highway Safety
15 and Motor Vehicles.

16 (2) "International Fuel Tax Agreement" means the
17 reciprocal agreement among certain states of the United States,
18 provinces of Canada, and other member jurisdictions which
19 provides for the administration, collection, and enforcement of
20 taxes on the basis of fuel consumed or distance accrued, or
21 both, in member jurisdictions.

22 ~~(3) "Diesel fuel" means any liquid product or gas product~~
23 ~~or combination thereof, including, but not limited to, all forms~~
24 ~~of fuel known or sold as diesel fuel, kerosene, butane gas, or~~
25 ~~propane gas and all other forms of liquefied petroleum gases,~~
26 ~~except those defined as "motor fuel," used to propel a motor~~
27 ~~vehicle.~~

28 ~~(4) "International Registration Plan" means a registration~~
29 ~~reciprocity agreement among states of the United States and~~
30 ~~provinces of Canada providing for payment of license fees or~~
31 ~~license taxes on the basis of fleet miles operated in various~~
32 ~~jurisdictions.~~

33 ~~(3)-(5)~~ "Interstate" means vehicle movement between or
34 through two or more member jurisdictions ~~states~~.

35 ~~(4)-(6)~~ "Intrastate" means vehicle movement from one point
36 within a member jurisdiction ~~state~~ to another point within the
37 same member jurisdiction ~~state~~.

38 (5) "Member jurisdiction" means a member of the

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39 International Fuel Tax Agreement.

40 (6)-(7) "Motor carrier" means any person owning,
41 controlling, operating, or managing any motor vehicle used to
42 transport persons or property over any public highway.

43 (7)-(8) "Motor fuel" means any fuel placed in the fuel
44 supply storage unit of a qualified motor vehicle, including an
45 alternative fuel such as pure methanol, ethanol, or other
46 alcohol; a blend of 85 percent or more alcohol with gasoline;
47 natural gas and liquid fuel produced from natural gas; propane;
48 coal-derived liquified fuel; hydrogen; electricity; pure
49 biodiesel (B100) fuel, other than alcohol, derived from
50 biological materials; P-series fuel; or any other type of fuel
51 or energy used to propel a qualified motor vehicle ~~what is~~
52 ~~commonly known and sold as gasoline and fuels containing a~~
53 ~~mixture of gasoline and other products.~~

54 (8)-(9) "Operate," "operated," "operation," or "operating"
55 means ~~and includes~~ the use ~~utilization~~ in any form of any
56 qualified commercial motor vehicle, whether loaded or empty,
57 whether used ~~utilized~~ for compensation or not for compensation,
58 and whether owned by or leased to the motor carrier who uses it
59 or causes it to be used.

60 (9)-(10) "Person" means ~~and includes~~ natural persons,
61 corporations, copartnerships, firms, companies, agencies, or
62 associations, singular or plural.

63 (10)-(11) "Public highway" means any public street, road,

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64 or highway in this state.

65 ~~(11)(1)~~ "Qualified commercial motor vehicle" means any
66 vehicle not owned or operated by a governmental entity which
67 uses ~~diesel fuel or~~ motor fuel on the public highways, and which
68 has two axles and a gross vehicle weight or registered gross
69 vehicle weight in excess of 26,000 pounds, or has three or more
70 axles regardless of weight, or is used in combination when the
71 weight of such combination exceeds 26,000 pounds gross vehicle
72 weight or registered gross vehicle weight. The term excludes any
73 recreational vehicle or vehicle owned or operated by a community
74 transportation coordinator as defined in s. 427.011 or by a
75 private operator that provides public transit services under
76 contract with such a provider.

77 ~~(12)~~ "~~Registrant~~" means ~~a person in whose name or names a~~
78 ~~vehicle is properly registered.~~

79 ~~(12)(13)~~ "Use," "uses," or "used" means the consumption of
80 ~~diesel fuel or~~ motor fuel in a qualified commercial motor
81 vehicle for the propulsion thereof.

82 Section 3. Section 207.004, Florida Statutes, is amended
83 to read:

84 207.004 Licensing registration of motor carriers; fuel tax
85 decals identifying devices; fees; renewals; temporary fuel-use
86 permits ~~and driveaway permits.~~

87 (1) (a) A ~~no~~ motor carrier may not shall operate or cause
88 to be operated in this state any qualified commercial motor

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89 vehicle, other than a Florida-based qualified commercial motor
90 vehicle that travels Florida intrastate mileage only, which that
91 ~~uses diesel fuel or motor fuel until such carrier is licensed~~
92 ~~has registered with the department or has registered under the~~
93 International Fuel Tax Agreement a cooperative reciprocal
94 ~~agreement as described in s. 207.0281, after such time as this~~
95 ~~state enters into such agreement,~~ and has been issued fuel tax
96 decals an identifying device or such carrier has been issued a
97 temporary fuel-use permit as authorized under subsection
98 ~~subsections (4) and (5) for each vehicle operated. The fee for~~
99 each set of fuel tax decals is ~~There shall be a fee of \$4 per~~
100 year or any fraction thereof. A copy of the license must be
101 carried in each vehicle or made available electronically. The
102 fuel tax decal for each such identifying device issued. The
103 ~~identifying device shall be provided by the department and must~~
104 be conspicuously displayed on the qualified commercial motor
105 vehicle as prescribed by the instructions on the reverse side of
106 the decal department while the vehicle it is being operated on
107 the public highways of this state. The transfer of a fuel tax
108 decal an identifying device from one vehicle to another vehicle
109 or from one motor carrier to another motor carrier is
110 prohibited. The department or its authorized agent shall issue
111 the licenses and fuel tax decals.

112 (b) The motor carrier to whom fuel tax decals have an
113 ~~identifying device has been issued is shall be~~ solely

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114 responsible for the proper use of the fuel tax decals
115 ~~identifying device~~ by its employees, consignees, or lessees.

116 (2) Fuel tax decals ~~Identifying devices~~ shall be issued
117 each year for the period January 1 through December 31, or any
118 portion thereof, if tax returns and tax payments, when
119 applicable, have been submitted to the department for all prior
120 reporting periods. Fuel tax decals ~~Identifying devices~~ may be
121 displayed for the next succeeding indicia period beginning
122 December 1 of each year. Beginning October 1, 2026, except as
123 otherwise authorized by the department, all fuel tax decal
124 renewal orders must be submitted electronically through an
125 online system prescribed by the department.

126 (3) If a motor carrier licensed in this state no longer
127 operates or causes to be operated in this state any qualified a
128 ~~commercial~~ motor vehicle, the fuel tax decal for each qualified
129 motor vehicle that is no longer operated or caused to be
130 operated by the motor carrier must ~~identifying device~~ shall be
131 destroyed and the motor carrier to whom the fuel tax decal
132 ~~device~~ was issued must ~~shall~~ notify the department immediately
133 by letter of such removal and of the number of the fuel tax
134 decal ~~identifying device~~ that was ~~has been~~ destroyed.

135 (4) A motor carrier, before operating a qualified
136 ~~commercial~~ motor vehicle on the public highways of this state,
137 must require each qualified motor vehicle to display a fuel tax
138 decal ~~an identifying device~~ as required under subsections (1)

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139 and (2) or must obtain a temporary fuel-use permit for that
140 vehicle as provided in subsection (5). ~~A temporary fuel-use~~
141 ~~permit shall expire within 10 days after date of issuance. The~~
142 ~~cost of a temporary fuel-use permit is \$45, and the permit~~
143 ~~exempts the vehicle from the payment of the motor fuel or diesel~~
144 ~~fuel tax imposed under this chapter during the term for which~~
145 ~~the permit is valid. However, the vehicle is not exempt from~~
146 ~~paying the fuel tax at the pump.~~

147 (5) (a) A ~~registered~~ motor carrier holding a valid license
148 ~~may certificate of registration may, upon payment of the \$45 fee~~
149 ~~per permit,~~ secure from the department, or any wire service
150 authorized by the department, a temporary fuel-use permit.

151 (b) The fee for a temporary fuel-use permit is \$45. A
152 temporary fuel-use permit expires 10 days after the date of
153 issuance and exempts the vehicle from payment of the motor fuel
154 tax imposed under this chapter during the period for which the
155 permit is valid. However, this paragraph does not exempt the
156 vehicle from payment at the pump of the fuel tax imposed under
157 chapter 206.

158 (c) A blank temporary fuel-use permit, before its use,
159 must be executed by the motor carrier, in ink or type, so as to
160 identify the carrier, the vehicle to which the permit is
161 assigned, and the permit's effective date and expiration date
162 that the vehicle is placed in and removed from service. The
163 temporary fuel-use permit shall also show a complete

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164 ~~identification of the vehicle on which the permit is to be used,~~
165 ~~together with the name and address of the owner or lessee of the~~
166 ~~vehicle. The endorsed temporary fuel-use permit must ~~shall then~~~~
167 ~~be carried on the vehicle that it identifies and must ~~shall~~ be~~
168 ~~exhibited on demand to any authorized personnel. Temporary fuel-~~
169 ~~use permits may be transmitted to the motor carrier by~~
170 ~~electronic means and shall be completed as outlined by~~
171 ~~department personnel prior to transmittal.~~

172 (d) The motor carrier to whom a temporary fuel-use permit
173 is issued is ~~shall be~~ solely responsible for the proper use of
174 the permit by its employees, consignees, or lessees. Any
175 erasure, alteration, or unauthorized use of a temporary fuel-use
176 permit renders ~~shall render~~ it invalid and of no effect. A motor
177 carrier to whom a temporary fuel-use permit is issued may not
178 knowingly allow the permit to be used by any other person ~~or~~
179 ~~organization.~~

180 (b) ~~An unregistered motor carrier may, upon payment of the~~
181 ~~\$45 fee, secure from any wire service authorized by the~~
182 ~~department, by electronic means, a temporary fuel-use permit~~
183 ~~that shall be valid for a period of 10 days. Such permit must~~
184 ~~show the name and address of the unregistered motor carrier to~~
185 ~~whom it is issued, the date the vehicle is placed in and removed~~
186 ~~from service, a complete identification of the vehicle on which~~
187 ~~the permit is to be used, and the name and address of the owner~~
188 ~~or lessee of the vehicle. The temporary fuel-use permit shall~~

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189 ~~then be carried on the vehicle that it identifies and shall be~~
190 ~~exhibited on demand to any authorized personnel. The~~
191 ~~unregistered motor carrier to whom a temporary fuel-use permit~~
192 ~~is issued shall be solely responsible for the proper use of the~~
193 ~~permit by its employees, consignees, or lessees. Any erasure,~~
194 ~~alteration, or unauthorized use of a temporary fuel-use permit~~
195 ~~shall render it invalid and of no effect. The unregistered motor~~
196 ~~carrier to whom a temporary fuel-use permit is issued may not~~
197 ~~knowingly allow the permit to be used by any other person or~~
198 ~~organization.~~

199 ~~(c) A registered motor carrier engaged in driveaway~~
200 ~~transportation, in which the cargo is the vehicle itself and is~~
201 ~~in transit to stock inventory and the ownership of the vehicle~~
202 ~~is not vested in the motor carrier, may, upon payment of the \$4~~
203 ~~fee, secure from the department a driveaway permit. The~~
204 ~~driveaway permits shall be issued for the period January 1~~
205 ~~through December 31. An original permit must be in the~~
206 ~~possession of the operator of each vehicle and shall be~~
207 ~~exhibited on demand to any authorized personnel. Vehicle mileage~~
208 ~~reports must be submitted by the motor carrier, and the road~~
209 ~~privilege tax must be paid on all miles operated within this~~
210 ~~state during the reporting period. All other provisions of this~~
211 ~~chapter shall apply to the holder of a driveaway permit.~~

212 Section 4. Section 207.005, Florida Statutes, is amended
213 to read:

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214 207.005 Returns and payment of tax; delinquencies;
215 calculation of fuel used during operations in this ~~the~~ state;
216 credit; bond.-

217 (1) The taxes levied under this chapter are ~~shall be~~ due
218 and payable on the first day of the month following the last
219 month of the reporting period. The department may adopt
220 ~~promulgate~~ rules for requiring and establishing procedures for
221 annual, semiannual, or quarterly filing. The reporting period is
222 ~~shall be~~ the 12 months beginning January ~~July~~ 1 and ending
223 December 31 ~~June 30~~. ~~It shall be the duty of~~ Each motor carrier
224 licensed ~~registered~~ or required to be licensed ~~registered~~ under
225 ~~the provisions of~~ this chapter must ~~to~~ submit a return by the
226 following due dates, except that each due date is extended until
227 the last day of the month of the due date, and, if the last day
228 of the month falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, the
229 due date is further extended until the next day that is not a
230 Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday ~~within 30 days after the due~~
231 ~~date. The due date shall be as follows:~~

232 (a) If annual filing, the due date is January 31 ~~shall be~~
233 ~~July 1~~;

234 (b) If semiannual filing, the due dates are ~~shall be~~
235 January 31 ~~±~~ and July 31 ~~±~~; or

236 (c) If quarterly filing, the due dates are ~~shall be~~
237 January 31 ~~±~~, April 30 ~~±~~, July 31 ~~±~~, and October 31 ~~±~~.

238 (2) The amount of fuel used in the propulsion of any

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239 qualified commercial motor vehicle within this state may be
240 calculated, if the motor carrier maintains adequate records, by
241 applying total interstate vehicular consumption of all ~~diesel~~
242 ~~fuel and~~ motor fuel used as related to total miles traveled and
243 applying such rate to total miles traveled within this state. In
244 the absence of adequate documentation by the motor carrier, the
245 department may adopt ~~is authorized to promulgate~~ rules
246 converting miles driven to gallons used.

247 (3) For the purpose of computing the carrier's liability
248 for the fuel road privilege tax, the total gallons of fuel used
249 in the propulsion of any qualified commercial motor vehicle in
250 this state shall be multiplied by the rates provided in parts I-
251 III of chapter 206. From the sum determined by this calculation,
252 there shall be allowed a credit equal to the amount of the tax
253 per gallon under parts I-III of chapter 206 for each gallon of
254 fuel purchased in this state during the reporting period when
255 the ~~diesel fuel or~~ motor fuel tax was paid at the time of
256 purchase. If the tax paid under parts I-III of chapter 206
257 exceeds the total tax due under this chapter, the excess may be
258 allowed as a credit against future tax payments, until the
259 credit is fully offset or until eight calendar quarters shall
260 have passed since the end of the calendar quarter in which the
261 credit accrued, whichever occurs first. A refund may be made for
262 this credit provided it exceeds \$10.

263 (4) The department may adopt ~~is authorized to promulgate~~

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264 the necessary rules to provide for an adequate bond from each
265 motor carrier to ensure payment of taxes required under this
266 chapter.

267 (5) Beginning October 1, 2026, except as otherwise
268 authorized by the department, all returns must be submitted
269 electronically through an online system prescribed by the
270 department.

271 Section 5. Section 207.007, Florida Statutes, is amended
272 to read:

273 207.007 Offenses; penalties and interest.-

274 (1) If any motor carrier licensed ~~registered~~ under this
275 chapter fails to file a return or ~~and~~ pay any tax liability
276 under this chapter within the time required ~~hereunder~~, the
277 department may impose a delinquency penalty of \$50 or 10 percent
278 of the delinquent taxes due, whichever is greater, if the
279 failure is for not more than 30 days, with an additional 10
280 percent penalty for each additional 30 days, or fraction
281 thereof, during the time which the failure continues, not to
282 exceed a total penalty of 100 percent in the aggregate. However,
283 the penalty may not be less than \$50.

284 (2) In addition to any other penalties, any delinquent tax
285 shall bear interest in accordance with the International Fuel
286 Tax Agreement ~~at the rate of 1 percent per month, or fraction~~
287 ~~thereof, calculated from the date the tax was due. If the~~
288 ~~department enters into a cooperative reciprocal agreement under~~

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289 ~~the provisions of s. 207.0281, the department shall collect and~~
290 ~~distribute all interest due to other jurisdictions at the same~~
291 ~~rate as if such interest were due to the state.~~

292 (3) Any person who:

293 (a) Willfully refuses or neglects to make any statement,
294 report, or return required by ~~the provisions of~~ this chapter;

295 (b) Knowingly makes, or assists any other person in
296 making, a false statement in a return or report ~~or~~ in connection
297 with an application for licensure registration under this
298 chapter or in connection with an audit; or

299 (c) Counterfeits, alters, manufactures, or sells fuel tax
300 licenses, fuel tax decals, or temporary fuel-use permits without
301 first having obtained the department's permission in writing; or

302 (d) ~~(e)~~ Violates any provision ~~of the provisions~~ of this
303 chapter, a penalty for which is not otherwise provided,

304
305 commits ~~is guilty of~~ a felony of the third degree, punishable as
306 provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084. In addition,
307 the department may revoke or suspend the licensure and

308 registration privileges under ss. 207.004 and 320.02,
309 respectively, of the violator. Each day or part thereof during

310 which a person operates or causes to be operated a qualified
311 ~~commercial~~ motor vehicle without being the holder of fuel tax
312 decals ~~an identifying device~~ or having a valid temporary fuel-
313 use ~~or driveway~~ permit as required by this chapter constitutes

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314 a separate offense within the meaning of this section. In
315 addition to the penalty imposed by this section, the defendant
316 ~~is shall be~~ required to pay all taxes, interest, and penalties
317 due to this ~~the~~ state.

318 Section 6. Subsection (1) of section 207.019, Florida
319 Statutes, is amended to read:

320 207.019 Discontinuance or transfer of business; change of
321 address.-

322 (1) Whenever a person ceases to engage in business as a
323 motor carrier within this ~~the~~ state by reason of the
324 discontinuance, sale, or transfer of the business of such
325 person, the person ~~he or she~~ shall notify the department in
326 writing at least 10 days before ~~prior to~~ the time the
327 discontinuance, sale, or transfer takes effect. Such notice must
328 ~~shall~~ give the date of discontinuance and, in the event of a
329 sale or transfer of the business, the date thereof and the name
330 and address of the purchaser or transferee. All ~~diesel fuel or~~
331 motor fuel use taxes are ~~shall become~~ due and payable
332 concurrently with such discontinuance, sale, or transfer; ~~and~~
333 any such person shall, concurrently with such discontinuance,
334 sale, or transfer, make a report and, pay all such taxes,
335 interest, and penalties; and the fuel tax decals must be
336 destroyed and the motor carrier to whom the decals were issued
337 shall notify the department by letter of their destruction and
338 of the numbers of the fuel tax decals that were destroyed, ~~and~~

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339 ~~surrender to the department the registration issued to such~~
340 ~~person.~~

341 Section 7. Subsection (1) of section 316.065, Florida
342 Statutes, is amended to read:

343 316.065 Crashes; reports; penalties.—

344 (1) The driver of a vehicle involved in a crash resulting
345 in injury to or death of any persons or damage to any vehicle or
346 other property in an apparent amount of at least \$2,000 ~~\$500~~
347 shall immediately by the quickest means of communication give
348 notice of the crash to the local police department, if such
349 crash occurs within a municipality; otherwise, to the office of
350 the county sheriff or the nearest office or station of the
351 Florida Highway Patrol. A violation of this subsection is a
352 noncriminal traffic infraction, punishable as a nonmoving
353 violation as provided in chapter 318.

354 Section 8. Subsection (2) and paragraph (e) of subsection
355 (5) of section 320.02, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

356 320.02 Registration required; application for
357 registration; forms.—

358 (2)(a) The application for registration must include the
359 street address of the owner's permanent Florida residence or the
360 address of his or her permanent place of business in Florida and
361 be accompanied by personal or business identification
362 information. If the vehicle is registered to an active duty
363 member of the United States Armed Forces who is a Florida

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364 resident, the active duty member is not required to provide the
365 street address of a permanent Florida residence.

366 (b) An individual applicant must provide proof of address
367 satisfactory to the department and:

368 1. A valid REAL ID driver license or identification card
369 issued by this state or another state; or

370 2. A valid, unexpired United States passport; or

371 3. A valid, unexpired passport issued by another country
372 and an unexpired Form I-94 issued by the United States Bureau of
373 Customs and Border Protection.

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375 For purposes of this paragraph, the term "REAL ID driver license
376 or identification card" has the same meaning as provided in 6
377 C.F.R. s. 37.3.

378 (c) A business applicant must provide a federal employer
379 identification number, if applicable, or verification that the
380 business is authorized to conduct business in this the state, or
381 a Florida municipal or county business license or number.

382 ~~1. If the owner does not have a permanent residence or~~
383 ~~permanent place of business or if the owner's permanent~~
384 ~~residence or permanent place of business cannot be identified by~~
385 ~~a street address, the application must include:~~

386 ~~a. If the vehicle is registered to a business, the name~~
387 ~~and street address of the permanent residence of an owner of the~~
388 ~~business, an officer of the corporation, or an employee who is~~

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389 ~~in a supervisory position.~~

390 ~~b. If the vehicle is registered to an individual, the name~~
391 ~~and street address of the permanent residence of a close~~
392 ~~relative or friend who is a resident of this state.~~

393 ~~2. If the vehicle is registered to an active duty member~~
394 ~~of the Armed Forces of the United States who is a Florida~~
395 ~~resident, the active duty member is exempt from the requirement~~
396 ~~to provide the street address of a permanent residence.~~

397 ~~(d)-(b)~~ The department shall prescribe a form upon which
398 motor vehicle owners may record odometer readings when
399 registering their motor vehicles.

400 (5)

401 (e) Upon the expiration date noted in the cancellation
402 notice that the department receives from the insurer, the
403 department shall suspend the registration~~7~~ issued under this
404 chapter or revoke the license issued under s. 207.004(1)~~7~~ of a
405 motor carrier who operates a commercial motor vehicle or a
406 qualified motor vehicle who permits it to be operated in this
407 state during the registration period or licensure period without
408 having in full force liability insurance, a surety bond, or a
409 valid self-insurance certificate that complies with this
410 section. The insurer shall provide notice to the department at
411 the same time the cancellation notice is provided to the insured
412 pursuant to s. 627.7281. The department may adopt rules
413 regarding the electronic submission of the cancellation notice.

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414 Section 9. Section 320.061, Florida Statutes, is amended
415 to read:

416 320.061 Unlawful to alter motor vehicle registration
417 certificates, license plates, temporary license plates, mobile
418 home stickers, or validation stickers or to obscure license
419 plates; penalty.-

420 (1) A person may not alter the original appearance of a
421 vehicle registration certificate, license plate, temporary
422 license plate, mobile home sticker, or validation sticker issued
423 for and assigned to a motor vehicle or mobile home, whether by
424 mutilation, alteration, defacement, or change of color or in any
425 other manner. A person may not apply or attach a substance,
426 reflective matter, illuminated device, spray, coating, covering,
427 or other material onto or around any license plate which
428 interferes with the legibility, angular visibility, or
429 detectability of ~~any feature or detail on~~ the license plate
430 number or validation sticker or interferes with the ability to
431 record ~~any feature or detail on~~ the license plate number or
432 validation sticker. A person who knowingly violates this section
433 commits a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as
434 provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

435 (2) The use of a license plate frame or decorative border
436 around a license plate is not an offense under this section,
437 provided that the frame or border does not obscure the
438 visibility of the following:

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439 (a) The alphanumeric designation or license plate number.

440 (b) The registration decal or validation sticker located
441 in the upper right corner.

442 Section 10. Subsection (3) of section 320.084, Florida
443 Statutes, is amended to read:

444 320.084 Free motor vehicle license plate to certain
445 disabled veterans.—

446 (3) The department shall, as it deems necessary, require
447 each person to whom a motor vehicle license plate has been
448 issued pursuant to subsection (1) to apply to the department for
449 reissuance of his or her registration license plate. Upon
450 receipt of the application and proof of the applicant's
451 continued eligibility, the department shall issue a new
452 permanent disabled veteran motor vehicle license plate which
453 shall be of the colors red, white, and blue similar to the
454 colors of the United States flag. A disabled veteran who has
455 been issued a permanent disabled veteran motor vehicle license
456 plate may retain the unique alphanumeric designation assigned to
457 the plate upon reissuance, renewal, or transfer of the plate to
458 another vehicle owned by the veteran. The operation of a motor
459 vehicle displaying a disabled veteran license plate from a
460 previous issue period or a noncurrent validation sticker after
461 the date specified by the department shall subject the owner if
462 he or she is present, otherwise the operator, to the penalty
463 provided in s. 318.18(2). Such permanent license plate shall be

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464 removed upon sale of the vehicle, but may be transferred to
465 another vehicle owned by such veteran in the manner prescribed
466 by law. Upon request of any such veteran, the department is
467 authorized to issue a designation plate containing only the
468 letters "DV," to be displayed on the front of the vehicle.

469 Section 11. Section 320.0843, Florida Statutes, is amended
470 to read:

471 320.0843 License plates for persons with disabilities
472 eligible for permanent disabled parking permits.—

473 (1) Any owner or lessee of a motor vehicle who resides in
474 this state and qualifies for a disabled parking permit under s.
475 320.0848(2), upon application to the department, or the tax
476 collector as an authorized agent of the department, and payment
477 of the license tax for a motor vehicle registered under s.
478 320.08(2), (3)(a), (b), (c), or (e), (4)(a) or (b), (6)(a), or
479 (9)(c) or (d), shall be issued a license plate as provided by s.
480 320.06 which, in lieu of or in addition to the serial number
481 prescribed by s. 320.06, shall, at the option of the applicant,
482 be stamped with the international wheelchair user symbol or the
483 letters "DV" indicating a disabled veteran after the serial
484 number of the license plate. The license plate entitles the
485 person to all privileges afforded by a parking permit issued
486 under s. 320.0848. When more than one registrant is listed on
487 the registration issued under this section, the eligible
488 applicant shall be noted on the registration certificate.

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489 (2) All applications for such license plates ~~may~~ must be
490 made to the department or the tax collector, and such plates may
491 be issued immediately on demand by the tax collector.

492 Section 12. Paragraphs (c) and (d) of subsection (1) of
493 section 320.262, Florida Statutes, are amended, and subsection
494 (5) is added to that section, to read:

495 320.262 License plate obscuring device prohibited;
496 penalties.—

497 (1) As used in this section, the term "license plate
498 obscuring device" means a manual, electronic, or mechanical
499 device designed or adapted to be installed on a motor vehicle
500 for the purpose of:

501 (c) Covering, obscuring, or otherwise interfering with the
502 legibility, angular visibility, or detectability of the ~~primary~~
503 ~~features or details, including the~~ license plate number or
504 validation sticker, ~~on the license plate;~~ or

505 (d) Interfering with the ability to record the ~~primary~~
506 ~~features or details, including the~~ license plate number or
507 validation sticker, ~~on the license plate.~~

508 (5) The use of a license plate frame or decorative border
509 device is not an offense under this section, provided that the
510 device does not obscure the visibility of the following:

511 (a) The alphanumeric designation or license plate number.

512 (b) The registration decal or validation sticker located
513 in the upper right corner.

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514 Section 13. Subsection (16) and paragraph (a) of
515 subsection (36) of section 320.64, Florida Statutes, are
516 amended, and subsection (44) is added to that section, to read:

517 320.64 Denial, suspension, or revocation of license;
518 grounds.—A license of a licensee under s. 320.61 may be denied,
519 suspended, or revoked within the entire state or at any specific
520 location or locations within the state at which the applicant or
521 licensee engages or proposes to engage in business, upon proof
522 that the section was violated with sufficient frequency to
523 establish a pattern of wrongdoing, and a licensee or applicant
524 shall be liable for claims and remedies provided in ss. 320.695
525 and 320.697 for any violation of any of the following
526 provisions. A licensee is prohibited from committing the
527 following acts:

528 (16) (a) Notwithstanding the terms of any franchise
529 agreement, the applicant or licensee prevents or refuses to
530 accept the succession to any interest in a franchise agreement
531 by any legal heir or devisee under the will of a motor vehicle
532 dealer or under the laws of descent and distribution of this
533 state; provided, the applicant or licensee is not required to
534 accept a succession:

535 1. When ~~where~~ such heir or devisee does not meet
536 licensee's written, reasonable, and uniformly applied minimal
537 standard qualifications for dealer applicants;

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538 2. ~~or~~ Which, after notice and administrative hearing
539 pursuant to chapter 120, is demonstrated to be detrimental to
540 the public interest or to the representation of the applicant or
541 licensee; or

542 3. When the direct result of such succession will cause
543 the applicant or licensee to be in violation of subsection (44).

544 (b) This subsection does not ~~Nothing contained herein,~~
545 ~~however,~~ shall prevent a motor vehicle dealer, during his or her
546 lifetime, from designating any person as his or her successor in
547 interest by written instrument filed with and accepted by the
548 applicant or licensee. A licensee who rejects the successor
549 transferee under this subsection shall have the burden of
550 establishing in any proceeding where such rejection is in issue
551 that the rejection of the successor transferee complies with
552 this subsection.

553 (36) (a) Notwithstanding the terms of any franchise
554 agreement, in addition to any other statutory or contractual
555 rights of recovery after the voluntary or involuntary
556 termination, cancellation, or nonrenewal of a franchise, failing
557 to pay the motor vehicle dealer, as provided in paragraph (d),
558 the following amounts:

559 1. The net cost paid by the dealer for each new motor
560 vehicle other than motorcycles ~~car or truck~~ in the dealer's
561 inventory with mileage of 2,000 miles or less, or each new a
562 motorcycle in the dealer's inventory with mileage of 100 miles

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563 or less, exclusive of mileage placed on the motor vehicle before
564 it was delivered to the dealer.

565 2. The current price charged for each new, unused,
566 undamaged, or unsold part or accessory that:

567 a. Is in the current parts catalog and is still in the
568 original, resalable merchandising package and in an unbroken
569 lot, except that sheet metal may be in a comparable substitute
570 for the original package; and

571 b. Was purchased by the dealer directly from the
572 manufacturer or distributor or from an outgoing authorized
573 dealer as a part of the dealer's initial inventory.

574 3. The fair market value of each undamaged sign owned by
575 the dealer which bears a trademark or trade name used or claimed
576 by the applicant or licensee or its representative which was
577 purchased from or at the request of the applicant or licensee or
578 its representative.

579 4. The fair market value of all special tools, data
580 processing equipment, and automotive service equipment owned by
581 the dealer which:

582 a. Were recommended in writing by the applicant or
583 licensee or its representative and designated as special tools
584 and equipment;

585 b. Were purchased from or at the request of the applicant
586 or licensee or its representative; and

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587 c. Are in usable and good condition except for reasonable
588 wear and tear.

589 5. The cost of transporting, handling, packing, storing,
590 and loading any property subject to repurchase under this
591 section.

592 (44) (a) The applicant or licensee has directly or
593 indirectly distributed 1,000 or more motor vehicles of a
594 particular line-make to motor vehicle dealers in this state
595 during any 12-month period and has directly or indirectly
596 distributed more than 33.33 percent of those same line-make
597 motor vehicles during that 12-month period to one motor vehicle
598 dealer or to multiple motor vehicle dealers that share common
599 ownership or control. For purposes of this subsection, a motor
600 vehicle dealer shares common ownership or control with another
601 motor vehicle dealer if:

602 1. It is directly or indirectly controlled by or has more
603 than 30 percent of its equity interest directly or indirectly
604 owned by another motor vehicle dealer; or

605 2. It has more than 30 percent of its equity interest
606 directly or indirectly controlled or owned by one or more
607 persons who also directly or indirectly control or own more than
608 30 percent of the equity interests of another motor vehicle
609 dealer.

610 (b) This subsection does not apply to any line-make of
611 motor vehicle for which there exists a licensed franchised

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612 dealer in this state as of January 1, 2026, or to an applicant
613 or licensee who is not prohibited by s. 320.645 from owning or
614 operating a motor vehicle dealership.

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616 A motor vehicle dealer who can demonstrate that a violation of,
617 or failure to comply with, any of the preceding provisions by an
618 applicant or licensee will or may adversely and pecuniarily
619 affect the complaining dealer, shall be entitled to pursue all
620 of the remedies, procedures, and rights of recovery available
621 under ss. 320.695 and 320.697.

622 Section 14. Subsections (1) and (2) of section 320.643,
623 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

624 320.643 Transfer, assignment, or sale of franchise
625 agreements.—

626 (1) (a) Notwithstanding the terms of any franchise
627 agreement, a licensee may ~~shall~~ not, by contract or otherwise,
628 fail or refuse to give effect to, prevent, prohibit, or penalize
629 or attempt to refuse to give effect to, prohibit, or penalize
630 any motor vehicle dealer from selling, assigning, transferring,
631 alienating, or otherwise disposing of its franchise agreement to
632 any other person or persons, including a corporation established
633 or existing for the purpose of owning or holding a franchise
634 agreement, unless the licensee proves at a hearing pursuant to a
635 complaint filed by a motor vehicle dealer under this section
636 that the sale, transfer, alienation, or other disposition:

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637 1. Is to a person who is not, or whose controlling
638 executive management is not, of good moral character;

639 2. Is to a person who ~~or~~ does not meet the written,
640 reasonable, and uniformly applied standards or qualifications of
641 the licensee relating to financial qualifications of the
642 transferee and business experience of the transferee or the
643 transferee's executive management; or

644 3. Would directly cause the licensee to be in violation of
645 s. 320.64(44).

646 (b) A motor vehicle dealer who desires to sell, assign,
647 transfer, alienate, or otherwise dispose of a franchise shall
648 notify, or cause the proposed transferee to notify, the
649 licensee, in writing, setting forth the prospective transferee's
650 name, address, financial qualifications, and business experience
651 during the previous 5 years. A licensee who receives such notice
652 may, within 60 days following such receipt, notify the motor
653 vehicle dealer, in writing, that the proposed transferee is not
654 a person qualified to be a transferee under this section and
655 setting forth the material reasons for such rejection. Failure
656 of the licensee to notify the motor vehicle dealer within the
657 60-day period of such rejection shall be deemed an approval of
658 the transfer. No such transfer, assignment, or sale shall be
659 valid unless the transferee agrees in writing to comply with all
660 requirements of the franchise then in effect, but with the
661 ownership changed to the transferee.

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662 (c) ~~(b)~~ A motor vehicle dealer whose proposed sale is
663 rejected may, within 60 days following such receipt of such
664 rejection, file with the department a complaint for a
665 determination that the proposed transferee has been rejected in
666 violation of this section. The licensee has the burden of proof
667 with respect to all issues raised by the complaint. The
668 department shall determine, and enter an order providing, that
669 the proposed transferee is either qualified or is not and cannot
670 be qualified for specified reasons, or the order may provide the
671 conditions under which a proposed transferee would be qualified.
672 If the licensee fails to file such a response to the motor
673 vehicle dealer's complaint within 30 days after receipt of the
674 complaint, unless the parties agree in writing to an extension,
675 or if the department, after a hearing, renders a decision other
676 than one disqualifying the proposed transferee, the franchise
677 agreement between the motor vehicle dealer and the licensee is
678 deemed amended to incorporate such transfer or amended in
679 accordance with the determination and order rendered, effective
680 upon compliance by the proposed transferee with any conditions
681 set forth in the determination or order.

682 (2) (a) Notwithstanding the terms of any franchise
683 agreement, a licensee may ~~shall~~ not, by contract or otherwise,
684 fail or refuse to give effect to, prevent, prohibit, or
685 penalize, or attempt to refuse to give effect to, prevent,
686 prohibit, or penalize, any motor vehicle dealer or any

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687 proprietor, partner, stockholder, owner, or other person who
688 holds or otherwise owns an interest therein from selling,
689 assigning, transferring, alienating, or otherwise disposing of,
690 in whole or in part, the equity interest of any of them in such
691 motor vehicle dealer to any other person or persons, including a
692 corporation established or existing for the purpose of owning or
693 holding the stock or ownership interests of other entities,
694 unless the licensee proves at a hearing pursuant to a complaint
695 filed by a motor vehicle dealer under this section that the
696 sale, transfer, alienation, or other disposition:

697 1. Is to a person who is not, or whose controlling
698 executive management is not, of good moral character; or
699 2. Would directly cause the licensee to be in violation of
700 s. 320.64(44).

701 (b) A motor vehicle dealer, or any proprietor, partner,
702 stockholder, owner, or other person who holds or otherwise owns
703 an interest in the motor vehicle dealer, who desires to sell,
704 assign, transfer, alienate, or otherwise dispose of any interest
705 in such motor vehicle dealer shall notify, or cause the proposed
706 transferee to so notify, the licensee, in writing, of the
707 identity and address of the proposed transferee. A licensee who
708 receives such notice may, within 60 days following such receipt,
709 notify the motor vehicle dealer in writing that the proposed
710 transferee is not a person qualified to be a transferee under
711 this section and setting forth the material reasons for such

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712 rejection. Failure of the licensee to notify the motor vehicle
713 dealer within the 60-day period of such rejection shall be
714 deemed an approval of the transfer. Any person whose proposed
715 sale of stock is rejected may file within 60 days of receipt of
716 such rejection a complaint with the department alleging that the
717 rejection was in violation of the law or the franchise
718 agreement. The licensee has the burden of proof with respect to
719 all issues raised by such complaint. The department shall
720 determine, and enter an order providing, that the proposed
721 transferee either is qualified or is not and cannot be qualified
722 for specified reasons; or the order may provide the conditions
723 under which a proposed transferee would be qualified. If the
724 licensee fails to file a response to the motor vehicle dealer's
725 complaint within 30 days of receipt of the complaint, unless the
726 parties agree in writing to an extension, or if the department,
727 after a hearing, renders a decision on the complaint other than
728 one disqualifying the proposed transferee, the transfer shall be
729 deemed approved in accordance with the determination and order
730 rendered, effective upon compliance by the proposed transferee
731 with any conditions set forth in the determination or order.

732 (c) ~~(b)~~ Notwithstanding paragraph (a), a licensee may not
733 reject a proposed transfer of a legal, equitable, or beneficial
734 interest in a motor vehicle dealer to a trust or other entity,
735 or to any beneficiary thereof, which is established by an owner
736 of any interest in a motor vehicle dealer for purposes of estate

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737 planning, if the controlling person of the trust or entity, or
738 the beneficiary, is of good moral character.

739 Section 15. Subsection (2) of section 320.95, Florida
740 Statutes, is amended to read:

741 320.95 Transactions by electronic or telephonic means.—

742 (2) The department may collect e-mail ~~electronic mail~~
743 addresses and use e-mail ~~electronic mail~~ in lieu of the United
744 States Postal Service as a method of notification ~~for the~~
745 ~~purpose of providing renewal notices.~~

746 Section 16. Subsection (44) of section 322.01, Florida
747 Statutes, is amended to read:

748 322.01 Definitions.—As used in this chapter:

749 (44) "Tank vehicle" means a commercial motor vehicle that
750 is designed to transport any liquid or gaseous material within
751 one or more tanks that each have an individual rated capacity of
752 more than 119 gallons and an aggregate rated capacity of 1,000
753 gallons or more and that are a tank either permanently or
754 temporarily attached to the vehicle or chassis. The term does
755 not include a commercial motor vehicle transporting an empty
756 storage tank that is not designed for transportation but that is
757 temporarily attached to a flatbed trailer, ~~if such tank has a~~
758 ~~designed capacity of 1,000 gallons or more.~~

759 Section 17. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section
760 322.051, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

761 322.051 Identification cards.—

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762 (1) Any person who is 5 years of age or older, or any
763 person who has a disability, regardless of age, who applies for
764 a disabled parking permit under s. 320.0848, may be issued an
765 identification card by the department upon completion of an
766 application and payment of an application fee.

767 (a) The application must include the following information
768 regarding the applicant:

769 1. Full name (first, middle or maiden, and last), gender,
770 proof of social security card number satisfactory to the
771 department, which may include a military identification card,
772 county of residence, mailing address, e-mail address, proof of
773 residential address satisfactory to the department, country of
774 birth, and a brief description.

775 2. Proof of birth date satisfactory to the department.

776 3. Proof of identity satisfactory to the department. Such
777 proof must include one of the following documents issued to the
778 applicant:

779 a. A driver license record or identification card record
780 from another jurisdiction that required the applicant to submit
781 a document for identification which is substantially similar to
782 a document required under sub-subparagraph b., sub-subparagraph
783 c., sub-subparagraph d., sub-subparagraph e., sub-subparagraph
784 f., sub-subparagraph g., or sub-subparagraph h.;

785 b. A certified copy of a United States birth certificate;

786 c. A valid, unexpired United States passport;

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787 d. A naturalization certificate issued by the United
788 States Department of Homeland Security;

789 e. A valid, unexpired alien registration receipt card
790 (green card);

791 f. A Consular Report of Birth Abroad provided by the
792 United States Department of State;

793 g. An unexpired employment authorization card issued by
794 the United States Department of Homeland Security; or

795 h. Proof of nonimmigrant classification provided by the
796 United States Department of Homeland Security, for an original
797 identification card. In order to prove nonimmigrant
798 classification, an applicant must provide at least one of the
799 following documents. In addition, the department may require
800 applicants to produce United States Department of Homeland
801 Security documents for the sole purpose of establishing the
802 maintenance of, or efforts to maintain, continuous lawful
803 presence:

804 (I) A notice of hearing from an immigration court
805 scheduling a hearing on any proceeding.

806 (II) A notice from the Board of Immigration Appeals
807 acknowledging pendency of an appeal.

808 (III) A notice of the approval of an application for
809 adjustment of status issued by the United States Citizenship and
810 Immigration Services.

811 (IV) An official documentation confirming the filing of a

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812 petition for asylum or refugee status or any other relief issued
813 by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services.

814 (V) A notice of action transferring any pending matter
815 from another jurisdiction to Florida, issued by the United
816 States Citizenship and Immigration Services.

817 (VI) An order of an immigration judge or immigration
818 officer granting relief that authorizes the alien to live and
819 work in the United States, including, but not limited to,
820 asylum.

821 (VII) Evidence that an application is pending for
822 adjustment of status to that of an alien lawfully admitted for
823 permanent residence in the United States or conditional
824 permanent resident status in the United States, if a visa number
825 is available having a current priority date for processing by
826 the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services.

827 (VIII) On or after January 1, 2010, an unexpired foreign
828 passport with an unexpired United States Visa affixed,
829 accompanied by an approved I-94, documenting the most recent
830 admittance into the United States.

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832 An identification card issued based on documents required in
833 sub-subparagraph g. or sub-subparagraph h. is valid for a period
834 not to exceed the expiration date of the document presented or 1
835 year, whichever occurs first.

836 Section 18. Subsection (1) of section 322.17, Florida

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837 Statutes, is amended to read:

838 322.17 Replacement licenses and permits.—

839 (1) (a) In the event that an instruction permit or driver
840 license issued under ~~the provisions of~~ this chapter is lost or
841 destroyed, the person to whom the same was issued may, upon
842 payment of the appropriate fee pursuant to s. 322.21, obtain a
843 replacement upon furnishing proof satisfactory to the department
844 that such permit or license has been lost or destroyed, and
845 further furnishing the full name, date of birth, sex, residence
846 and mailing address, e-mail address, proof of birth satisfactory
847 to the department, and proof of identity satisfactory to the
848 department.

849 (b) In the event that an instruction permit or driver
850 license issued under ~~the provisions of~~ this chapter is stolen,
851 the person to whom the same was issued may, at no charge, obtain
852 a replacement upon furnishing proof satisfactory to the
853 department that such permit or license was stolen and further
854 furnishing the full name, date of birth, sex, residence and
855 mailing address, e-mail address, proof of birth satisfactory to
856 the department, and proof of identity satisfactory to the
857 department.

858 Section 19. Subsections (1), (2), (3), and (6) of section
859 322.251, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

860 322.251 Notice of cancellation, suspension, revocation, or
861 disqualification of license.—

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862 (1) All orders of cancellation, suspension, revocation, or
863 disqualification issued under ~~the provisions of~~ this chapter,
864 chapter 318, chapter 324, or ss. 627.732-627.734 must ~~shall~~ be
865 given ~~either~~ by personal delivery ~~thereof~~ to the licensee whose
866 license is being canceled, suspended, revoked, or disqualified;
867 ~~or~~ by deposit in the United States mail in an envelope, first
868 class, postage prepaid, addressed to the licensee at his or her
869 last known mailing address furnished to the department; or by e-
870 mail notification if authorized by the licensee. Such methods of
871 notification ~~mailing~~ by the department constitute notice
872 ~~constitutes notification~~, and any failure by the person to
873 receive the ~~mailed~~ order does ~~will~~ not affect or stay the
874 effective date or term of the cancellation, suspension,
875 revocation, or disqualification of the licensee's driving
876 privilege.

877 (2) The giving of notice and an order of cancellation,
878 suspension, revocation, or disqualification ~~by mail~~ is complete
879 upon expiration of 20 days after e-mail notification or deposit
880 in the United States mail for all notices except those issued
881 under chapter 324 or ss. 627.732-627.734, which are complete 15
882 days after e-mail notification or deposit in the United States
883 mail. Proof of the giving of notice and an order of
884 cancellation, suspension, revocation, or disqualification in
885 such ~~either~~ manner must ~~shall~~ be made by entry in the records of
886 the department that such notice was given. The entry is

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887 | admissible in the courts of this state and constitutes
888 | sufficient proof that such notice was given.

889 | (3) Whenever the driving privilege is suspended, revoked,
890 | or disqualified under ~~the provisions of~~ this chapter, the period
891 | of such suspension, revocation, or disqualification must ~~shall~~
892 | be indicated on the order of suspension, revocation, or
893 | disqualification, and the department shall require the licensee
894 | whose driving privilege is suspended, revoked, or disqualified
895 | to surrender all licenses then held by him or her to the
896 | department. However, if ~~should~~ the person fails ~~fail~~ to
897 | surrender such licenses, the suspension, revocation, or
898 | disqualification period does ~~shall~~ not expire until a period
899 | identical to the period for which the driving privilege was
900 | suspended, revoked, or disqualified has expired after the date
901 | of surrender of the licenses, or the date an affidavit swearing
902 | such licenses are lost has been filed with the department. In
903 | any instance where notice of the suspension, revocation, or
904 | disqualification order is given ~~mailed~~ as provided herein, and
905 | the license is not surrendered to the department, and such
906 | license thereafter expires, the department may ~~shall~~ not renew
907 | that license until a period of time identical to the period of
908 | such suspension, revocation, or disqualification imposed has
909 | expired.

910 | (6) Whenever a cancellation, suspension, revocation, or
911 | disqualification occurs, the department shall enter the

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912 cancellation, suspension, revocation, or disqualification order
913 on the licensee's driver file 20 days after e-mail notification
914 or deposit ~~the notice was actually placed~~ in the United States
915 mail. Any inquiry into the file after the 20-day period shall
916 reveal that the license is canceled, suspended, revoked, or
917 disqualified and whether the license has been received by the
918 department.

919 Section 20. Paragraphs (a) and (i) of subsection (3) and
920 paragraphs (b), (d), and (r) of subsection (7) of section
921 337.401, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

922 337.401 Use of right-of-way for utilities subject to
923 regulation; permit; fees.—

924 (3) (a) Because of the unique circumstances applicable to
925 providers of communications services, including, but not limited
926 to, the circumstances described in paragraph (e) and the fact
927 that federal and state law require the nondiscriminatory
928 treatment of providers of telecommunications services, and
929 because of the desire to promote competition among providers of
930 communications services, it is the intent of the Legislature
931 that municipalities and counties treat providers of
932 communications services in a nondiscriminatory and competitively
933 neutral manner when imposing rules or regulations governing the
934 placement or maintenance of communications facilities in the
935 public roads or rights-of-way. Rules or regulations imposed by a
936 municipality or county relating to providers of communications

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937 services placing or maintaining communications facilities in its
938 roads or rights-of-way must be generally applicable to all
939 providers of communications services, taking into account the
940 distinct engineering, construction, operation, maintenance,
941 public works, and safety requirements of the provider's
942 facilities, and, notwithstanding any other law, may not require
943 a provider of communications services to apply for or enter into
944 an individual license, franchise, or other agreement with the
945 municipality or county as a condition of placing or maintaining
946 communications facilities in its roads or rights-of-way. In
947 addition to other reasonable rules or regulations that a
948 municipality or county may adopt relating to the placement or
949 maintenance of communications facilities in its roads or rights-
950 of-way under this subsection or subsection (7), a municipality
951 or county may require a provider of communications services that
952 places or seeks to place facilities in its roads or rights-of-
953 way to register with the municipality or county. To register, a
954 provider of communications services may be required only to
955 provide its name; the name, address, and telephone number of a
956 contact person for the registrant; the number of the
957 registrant's current certificate of authorization issued by the
958 Florida Public Service Commission, the Federal Communications
959 Commission, or the Department of State; a statement of whether
960 the registrant is a pass-through provider as defined in
961 subparagraph (6)(a)1.; the registrant's federal employer

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962 identification number; and any required proof of insurance or
963 self-insuring status adequate to defend and cover claims. A
964 municipality or county may not require a registrant to renew a
965 registration more frequently than every 5 years but may require
966 during this period that a registrant update the registration
967 information provided under this subsection within 90 days after
968 a change in such information. A municipality or county may not
969 require the registrant to provide an inventory of communications
970 facilities, maps, locations of such facilities, or other
971 information by a registrant as a condition of registration,
972 renewal, or for any other purpose; provided, however, that a
973 municipality or county may require as part of a permit
974 application that the applicant identify at-grade communications
975 facilities within 50 feet of the proposed installation location
976 for the placement of at-grade communications facilities. A
977 municipality or county may not require that a provider locate or
978 perform a survey of any facilities except its own or any right-
979 of-way boundary when requesting a permit consistent with chapter
980 556. If the owner of a facility fails to locate their facilities
981 as required under chapter 556, a provider may proceed with the
982 work but must use reasonable care and detection equipment or
983 other acceptable means to avoid damaging existing underground
984 facilities. A municipality or county may not require a provider
985 to pay any fee, cost, or other charge for registration or
986 renewal thereof. A municipality or county may not limit the

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987 number of permits in any way, including by project size or by
988 limiting the number of open permits or applications, provided
989 that the permit is closed out within 45 days after the
990 provider's completion of work. A municipality or county may
991 require the submission or maintenance of a bond or other
992 financial instrument as set out in this section but may not
993 require a cash deposit or other escrow, payment, or exaction as
994 a condition of issuing a permit. It is the intent of the
995 Legislature that the placement, operation, maintenance,
996 upgrading, and extension of communications facilities not be
997 unreasonably interrupted or delayed through the permitting or
998 other local regulatory process. Except as provided in this
999 chapter or otherwise expressly authorized by chapter 202,
1000 chapter 364, or chapter 610, a municipality or county may not
1001 adopt or enforce any ordinance, regulation, or requirement as to
1002 the placement or operation of communications facilities in a
1003 right-of-way by a communications services provider authorized by
1004 state or local law to operate in a right-of-way; regulate any
1005 communications services; or impose or collect any tax, fee,
1006 cost, charge, or exaction for the placement of communications
1007 facilities or the provision of communications services over the
1008 communications services provider's communications facilities in
1009 a right-of-way.

1010 (i) Except as expressly provided in this section, this
1011 section does not modify the authority of municipalities and

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1012 counties to levy the tax authorized in chapter 202 or the duties
1013 of providers of communications services under ss. 337.402-
1014 337.404. This section does not apply to ~~building permits,~~ pole
1015 attachments, ~~or~~ private roads, private easements, ~~and~~ private
1016 rights-of-way, or building permits unrelated to the placement of
1017 communications facilities.

(7)

1018 (b) As used in subsections (3)-(9) ~~this subsection,~~ the
1019 term:

1021 1. "Antenna" means communications equipment that transmits
1022 or receives electromagnetic radio frequency signals used in
1023 providing wireless services.

1024 2. "Applicable codes" means uniform building, fire,
1025 electrical, plumbing, or mechanical codes adopted by a
1026 recognized national code organization or local amendments to
1027 those codes enacted solely to address threats of destruction of
1028 property or injury to persons, and includes the National
1029 Electric Safety Code and the 2017 edition of the Florida
1030 Department of Transportation Utility Accommodation Manual.

1031 3. "Applicant" means a person who submits an application
1032 and is a wireless provider.

1033 4. "Application" means a request submitted by an applicant
1034 to an authority for a permit to collocate small wireless
1035 facilities, ~~or to~~ place a new utility pole used to support a
1036 small wireless facility, or place other communications

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1037 facilities. An authority's permit application form or process
1038 must include all required permissions, however designated,
1039 required by the authority to grant a permit to place
1040 communications facilities, including, but not limited to, right-
1041 of-way occupancy, building permits, electrical permits, or
1042 historic review.

1043 5. "Authority" means a county or municipality having
1044 jurisdiction and control of the rights-of-way of any public
1045 road. The term does not include the Department of
1046 Transportation. Rights-of-way under the jurisdiction and control
1047 of the department are excluded from this subsection.

1048 6. "Authority utility pole" means a utility pole owned by
1049 an authority in the right-of-way. The term does not include a
1050 utility pole owned by a municipal electric utility, a utility
1051 pole used to support municipally owned or operated electric
1052 distribution facilities, or a utility pole located in the right-
1053 of-way within:

1054 a. A retirement community that:

1055 (I) Is deed restricted as housing for older persons as
1056 defined in s. 760.29(4)(b);

1057 (II) Has more than 5,000 residents; and

1058 (III) Has underground utilities for electric transmission
1059 or distribution.

1060 b. A municipality that:

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1061 (I) Is located on a coastal barrier island as defined in
1062 s. 161.053(1)(b)3.;

1063 (II) Has a land area of less than 5 square miles;

1064 (III) Has less than 10,000 residents; and

1065 (IV) Has, before July 1, 2017, received referendum
1066 approval to issue debt to finance municipal-wide undergrounding
1067 of its utilities for electric transmission or distribution.

1068 7. "Collocate" or "collocation" means to install, mount,
1069 maintain, modify, operate, or replace one or more wireless
1070 facilities on, under, within, or adjacent to a wireless support
1071 structure or utility pole. The term does not include the
1072 installation of a new utility pole or wireless support structure
1073 in the public rights-of-way.

1074 8. "FCC" means the Federal Communications Commission.

1075 9. "Micro wireless facility" means a small wireless
1076 facility having dimensions no larger than 24 inches in length,
1077 15 inches in width, and 12 inches in height and an exterior
1078 antenna, if any, no longer than 11 inches.

1079 10. "Small wireless facility" means a wireless facility
1080 that meets the following qualifications:

1081 a. Each antenna associated with the facility is located
1082 inside an enclosure of no more than 6 cubic feet in volume or,
1083 in the case of antennas that have exposed elements, each antenna
1084 and all of its exposed elements could fit within an enclosure of
1085 no more than 6 cubic feet in volume; and

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1086 b. All other wireless equipment associated with the
1087 facility is cumulatively no more than 28 cubic feet in volume.
1088 The following types of associated ancillary equipment are not
1089 included in the calculation of equipment volume: electric
1090 meters, concealment elements, telecommunications demarcation
1091 boxes, ground-based enclosures, grounding equipment, power
1092 transfer switches, cutoff switches, vertical cable runs for the
1093 connection of power and other services, and utility poles or
1094 other support structures.

1095 11. "Utility pole" means a pole or similar structure that
1096 is used in whole or in part to provide communications services
1097 or for electric distribution, lighting, traffic control,
1098 signage, or a similar function. The term includes the vertical
1099 support structure for traffic lights but does not include a
1100 horizontal structure to which signal lights or other traffic
1101 control devices are attached and does not include a pole or
1102 similar structure 15 feet in height or less unless an authority
1103 grants a waiver for such pole.

1104 12. "Wireless facility" means equipment at a fixed
1105 location which enables wireless communications between user
1106 equipment and a communications network, including radio
1107 transceivers, antennas, wires, coaxial or fiber-optic cable or
1108 other cables, regular and backup power supplies, and comparable
1109 equipment, regardless of technological configuration, and

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1110 equipment associated with wireless communications. The term
1111 includes small wireless facilities. The term does not include:
1112 a. The structure or improvements on, under, within, or
1113 adjacent to the structure on which the equipment is collocated;
1114 b. Wireline backhaul facilities; or
1115 c. Coaxial or fiber-optic cable that is between wireless
1116 structures or utility poles or that is otherwise not immediately
1117 adjacent to or directly associated with a particular antenna.

1118 13. "Wireless infrastructure provider" means a person who
1119 has been certificated under chapter 364 to provide
1120 telecommunications service or under chapter 610 to provide cable
1121 or video services in this state, or that person's affiliate, and
1122 who builds or installs wireless communication transmission
1123 equipment, wireless facilities, or wireless support structures
1124 but is not a wireless services provider.

1125 14. "Wireless provider" means a wireless infrastructure
1126 provider or a wireless services provider.

1127 15. "Wireless services" means any services provided using
1128 licensed or unlicensed spectrum, whether at a fixed location or
1129 mobile, using wireless facilities.

1130 16. "Wireless services provider" means a person who
1131 provides wireless services.

1132 17. "Wireless support structure" means a freestanding
1133 structure, such as a monopole, a guyed or self-supporting tower,
1134 or another existing or proposed structure designed to support or

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1135 | capable of supporting wireless facilities. The term does not
1136 | include a utility pole, pedestal, or other support structure for
1137 | ground-based equipment not mounted on a utility pole and less
1138 | than 5 feet in height.

1139 | (d) An authority may require a registration process and
1140 | permit fees in accordance with subsection (3). An authority
1141 | shall accept applications for permits and shall process and
1142 | issue permits subject to the following requirements:

1143 | 1. An authority may not directly or indirectly require an
1144 | applicant to perform services unrelated to the collocation for
1145 | which approval is sought, such as in-kind contributions to the
1146 | authority, including reserving fiber, conduit, or pole space for
1147 | the authority.

1148 | 2. An applicant may not be required to provide more
1149 | information to obtain a permit than is necessary to demonstrate
1150 | the applicant's compliance with applicable codes for the
1151 | placement of small wireless facilities in the locations
1152 | identified in the application. An applicant may not be required
1153 | to provide inventories, maps, or locations of communications
1154 | facilities in the right-of-way other than as necessary to avoid
1155 | interference with other at-grade or aerial facilities located at
1156 | the specific location proposed for a small wireless facility or
1157 | within 50 feet of such location.

1158 | 3. An authority may not:

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- 1159 a. Require the placement of small wireless facilities on
1160 any specific utility pole or category of poles;
- 1161 b. Require the placement of multiple antenna systems on a
1162 single utility pole;
- 1163 c. Require a demonstration that collocation of a small
1164 wireless facility on an existing structure is not legally or
1165 technically possible as a condition for granting a permit for
1166 the collocation of a small wireless facility on a new utility
1167 pole except as provided in paragraph (i);
- 1168 d. Require compliance with an authority's provisions
1169 regarding placement of communications facilities, including
1170 small wireless facilities or a new utility poles ~~pole~~ used to
1171 support ~~a~~ small wireless facilities, facility in rights-of-way
1172 under the control of the department unless the authority has
1173 received a delegation from the department for the location of
1174 the small wireless facility or utility pole; ~~or~~ or require such
1175 compliance as a condition to receive a permit that is ancillary
1176 to the permit for collocation of a small wireless facility,
1177 including an electrical permit;
- 1178 e. Require a meeting before filing an application;
- 1179 f. Require direct or indirect public notification or a
1180 public meeting for the placement of communication facilities in
1181 the right-of-way;

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1182 g. Limit the size or configuration of a small wireless
1183 facility or any of its components, if the small wireless
1184 facility complies with the size limits in this subsection;

1185 h. Prohibit the installation of a new utility pole used to
1186 support the collocation of a small wireless facility if the
1187 installation otherwise meets the requirements of this
1188 subsection; ~~or~~

1189 i. Require that any component of a small wireless facility
1190 be placed underground except as provided in paragraph (i); or

1191 j. Require compliance with provisions regarding the
1192 placement of communications facilities, including small wireless
1193 facilities or new utility poles used to support small wireless
1194 facilities, in rights-of-way not owned and controlled by the
1195 authority and public utility easements that are within areas not
1196 owned and controlled by the authority unless a permit delegation
1197 agreement exists between the authority and the owner of the
1198 right-of-way or area that contains the public utility easement.

1199 4. Subject to paragraph (r), an authority may not limit
1200 the placement, by minimum separation distances, of small
1201 wireless facilities, utility poles on which small wireless
1202 facilities are or will be collocated, or other at-grade
1203 communications facilities. However, within 14 days after the
1204 date of filing the application, an authority may request that
1205 the proposed location of a small wireless facility be moved to
1206 another location in the right-of-way and placed on an

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1207 alternative authority utility pole or support structure or
1208 placed on a new utility pole. The authority and the applicant
1209 may negotiate the alternative location, including any objective
1210 design standards and reasonable spacing requirements for ground-
1211 based equipment, for 30 days after the date of the request. At
1212 the conclusion of the negotiation period, if the alternative
1213 location is accepted by the applicant, the applicant must notify
1214 the authority of such acceptance and the application shall be
1215 deemed granted for any new location for which there is agreement
1216 and all other locations in the application. If an agreement is
1217 not reached, the applicant must notify the authority of such
1218 nonagreement and the authority must grant or deny the original
1219 application within 90 days after the date the application was
1220 filed. A request for an alternative location, an acceptance of
1221 an alternative location, or a rejection of an alternative
1222 location must be in writing and provided by electronic mail.

1223 5. An authority shall limit the height of a small wireless
1224 facility to 10 feet above the utility pole or structure upon
1225 which the small wireless facility is to be collocated. Unless
1226 waived by an authority, the height for a new utility pole is
1227 limited to the tallest existing utility pole as of July 1, 2017,
1228 located in the same right-of-way, other than a utility pole for
1229 which a waiver has previously been granted, measured from grade
1230 in place within 500 feet of the proposed location of the small
1231 wireless facility. If there is no utility pole within 500 feet,

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1232 the authority shall limit the height of the utility pole to 50
1233 feet.

1234 6. The installation by a communications services provider
1235 of a utility pole in the public rights-of-way, other than a
1236 utility pole used to support a small wireless facility, is
1237 subject to authority rules or regulations governing the
1238 placement of utility poles in the public rights-of-way.

1239 7. Within 14 days after receiving an application, an
1240 authority must determine and notify the applicant by electronic
1241 mail as to whether the application is complete. If an
1242 application is deemed incomplete, the authority must
1243 specifically identify the missing information. An application is
1244 deemed complete if the authority fails to provide notification
1245 to the applicant within 14 days.

1246 8. An application must be processed on a nondiscriminatory
1247 basis. A complete application is deemed approved if an authority
1248 fails to approve or deny the application within 60 days after
1249 receipt of the application. If an authority does not use the 30-
1250 day negotiation period provided in subparagraph 4., the parties
1251 may mutually agree to extend the 60-day application review
1252 period. The authority shall grant or deny the application at the
1253 end of the extended period. A permit issued pursuant to an
1254 approved application shall remain effective for 1 year unless
1255 extended by the authority.

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1256 9. An authority must notify the applicant of approval or
1257 denial by electronic mail. An authority shall approve a complete
1258 application unless it does not meet the authority's applicable
1259 codes. If the application is denied, the authority must specify
1260 in writing the basis for denial, including the specific code
1261 provisions on which the denial was based, and send the
1262 documentation to the applicant by electronic mail on the day the
1263 authority denies the application. The applicant may cure the
1264 deficiencies identified by the authority and resubmit the
1265 application within 30 days after notice of the denial is sent to
1266 the applicant. The authority shall approve or deny the revised
1267 application within 30 days after receipt or the application is
1268 deemed approved. The review of a revised application is limited
1269 to the deficiencies cited in the denial. If an authority
1270 provides for administrative review of the denial of an
1271 application, the review must be complete and a written decision
1272 issued within 45 days after a written request for review is
1273 made. A denial must identify the specific code provisions on
1274 which the denial is based. If the administrative review is not
1275 complete within 45 days, the authority waives any claim
1276 regarding failure to exhaust administrative remedies in any
1277 judicial review of the denial of an application.

1278 10. An applicant seeking to collocate small wireless
1279 facilities within the jurisdiction of a single authority may, at
1280 the applicant's discretion, file a consolidated application and

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1281 receive a single permit for the collocation of up to 30 small
1282 wireless facilities. If the application includes multiple small
1283 wireless facilities, an authority may separately address small
1284 wireless facility collocations for which incomplete information
1285 has been received or which are denied.

1286 11. An authority may deny an application to collocate a
1287 small wireless facility or place a utility pole used to support
1288 a small wireless facility in the public rights-of-way if the
1289 proposed small wireless facility or utility pole used to support
1290 a small wireless facility:

1291 a. Materially interferes with the safe operation of
1292 traffic control equipment.

1293 b. Materially interferes with sight lines or clear zones
1294 for transportation, pedestrians, or public safety purposes.

1295 c. Materially interferes with compliance with the
1296 Americans with Disabilities Act or similar federal or state
1297 standards regarding pedestrian access or movement.

1298 d. Materially fails to comply with the 2017 edition of the
1299 Florida Department of Transportation Utility Accommodation
1300 Manual.

1301 e. Fails to comply with applicable codes.

1302 f. Fails to comply with objective design standards
1303 authorized under paragraph (r).

1304 12. An authority may adopt by ordinance provisions for
1305 insurance coverage, indemnification, force majeure, abandonment,

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1306 authority liability, or authority warranties. Such provisions
1307 must be reasonable and nondiscriminatory and apply to all
1308 providers of communications services, including, if applicable,
1309 any local government or nonprofit providers. An authority may
1310 require a construction bond to secure restoration of the
1311 postconstruction rights-of-way to the preconstruction condition.
1312 However, such bond must be time-limited to not more than 18
1313 months after the construction to which the bond applies is
1314 completed, and such bond must be reasonably related to the cost
1315 to secure restoration of the rights-of-way. An authority may not
1316 limit the number of permits allowed under the same bond. For any
1317 financial obligation required by an authority allowed under this
1318 section, the authority may not limit the number of permits in
1319 any way, including by project size or by limiting the number of
1320 applications or open permits, provided that the permit is closed
1321 out within 45 days after the provider's completion of work; may
1322 not impose additional requirements based on the scope or linear
1323 feet of the project; and shall accept, at the option of the
1324 applicant, a bond or a letter of credit or similar financial
1325 instrument issued by any financial institution that is
1326 authorized to do business within the United States and, ~~provided~~
1327 that a claim against the financial instrument may be made by
1328 electronic means, ~~including by facsimile.~~ An authority may not
1329 require a deposit or escrow of cash as a condition of issuing a
1330 permit or compel the applicant to agree to any additional terms

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1331 or agreements not specifically authorized by this act or
1332 directly related to the work set out in the application. A
1333 provider of communications services may add an authority to any
1334 existing bond, insurance policy, or other relevant financial
1335 instrument, and the authority must accept such proof of coverage
1336 without any conditions other than consent to venue for purposes
1337 of any litigation to which the authority is a party. An
1338 authority may not require a communications services provider to
1339 indemnify it for liabilities not caused by the provider, its
1340 agents, or its employees, including liabilities arising from the
1341 authority's negligence, gross negligence, or willful conduct by
1342 an unaffiliated third party.

1343 13. Collocation of a small wireless facility on an
1344 authority utility pole does not provide the basis for the
1345 imposition of an ad valorem tax on the authority utility pole.

1346 14. An authority may reserve space on authority utility
1347 poles for future public safety uses. However, a reservation of
1348 space may not preclude collocation of a small wireless facility.
1349 If replacement of the authority utility pole is necessary to
1350 accommodate the collocation of the small wireless facility and
1351 the future public safety use, the pole replacement is subject to
1352 make-ready provisions and the replaced pole shall accommodate
1353 the future public safety use.

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1354 15. A structure granted a permit and installed pursuant to
1355 this subsection shall comply with chapter 333 and federal
1356 regulations pertaining to airport airspace protections.

1357 (r) An authority may require wireless providers to comply
1358 with objective design standards adopted by ordinance. The
1359 ordinance may only require:

1360 1. A new utility pole that replaces an existing utility
1361 pole to be of substantially similar design, material, and color;

1362 2. Reasonable spacing requirements concerning the location
1363 of a ground-mounted component of a small wireless facility which
1364 does not exceed 15 feet from the associated support structure;

1365 or

1366 3. A small wireless facility to meet reasonable location
1367 context, color, camouflage, and concealment requirements,
1368 subject to the limitations in this subsection; and

1369 4. A new utility pole used to support a small wireless
1370 facility to meet reasonable location context, color, and
1371 material of the predominant utility pole type at the proposed
1372 location of the new utility pole.

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1374 Such design standards under this paragraph may be waived by the
1375 authority upon a showing that the design standards are not
1376 reasonably compatible for the particular location of a small
1377 wireless facility or utility pole or are technically infeasible
1378 or that the design standards impose an excessive expense. The

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1379 waiver must be granted or denied within 45 days after the date
1380 of the request. An authority may not require landscaping,
1381 landscaping maintenance, or vegetation management other than
1382 that necessary for right-of-way restoration.

1383 Section 21. Paragraph (a) of subsection (8) of section
1384 120.80, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1385 120.80 Exceptions and special requirements; agencies.—

1386 (8) DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAY SAFETY AND MOTOR VEHICLES.—

1387 (a) Driver licenses.—

1388 1. Notwithstanding s. 120.57(1)(a), hearings regarding
1389 driver licensing pursuant to chapter 322 need not be conducted
1390 by an administrative law judge assigned by the division.

1391 2. Notwithstanding s. 120.60(5), cancellation, suspension,
1392 or revocation of a driver license shall be by personal delivery
1393 to the licensee or by first-class mail or e-mail as provided in
1394 s. 322.251.

1395 Section 22. Section 207.003, Florida Statutes, is amended
1396 to read:

1397 207.003 Privilege tax levied.—A tax for the privilege of
1398 operating any qualified ~~commercial~~ motor vehicle upon the public
1399 highways of this state shall be levied upon every motor carrier
1400 at a rate which includes the minimum rates provided in parts I-
1401 III of chapter 206 on each gallon of ~~diesel fuel or~~ motor fuel
1402 used for the propulsion of a qualified ~~commercial~~ motor vehicle
1403 by such motor carrier within this ~~the~~ state.

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1404 Section 23. Section 207.008, Florida Statutes, is amended
1405 to read:

1406 207.008 Retention of records by motor carrier.—Each
1407 licensed ~~registered~~ motor carrier shall maintain and keep
1408 pertinent records and papers as may be required by the
1409 department for the reasonable administration of this chapter and
1410 shall preserve the records upon which each ~~quarterly~~ tax return
1411 is based for 4 years after ~~following~~ the due date or filing date
1412 of the return, whichever is later.

1413 Section 24. Subsection (3) of section 207.011, Florida
1414 Statutes, is amended to read:

1415 207.011 Inspection of records; hearings; forms; rules.—

1416 (3) The department, or any authorized agent thereof, may
1417 ~~is authorized to~~ examine the records, books, papers, and
1418 equipment of any motor carrier, any retail dealer of motor
1419 ~~diesel~~ fuels, and any wholesale distributor of ~~diesel fuels or~~
1420 motor fuels which ~~that~~ are deemed necessary to verify the truth
1421 and accuracy of any statement, ~~or~~ report, or return and
1422 ascertain whether the tax imposed by this chapter has been paid.

1423 Section 25. Section 207.013, Florida Statutes, is amended
1424 to read:

1425 207.013 Suits for collection of unpaid taxes, penalties,
1426 and interest.—Upon demand of the department, the Department of
1427 Legal Affairs or the state attorney for a judicial circuit shall
1428 bring appropriate actions, in the name of the state or in the

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1429 name of the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles in
1430 the capacity of its office, for the recovery of taxes,
1431 penalties, and interest due under this chapter; and judgment
1432 shall be rendered for the amount so found to be due together
1433 with costs. However, if it is ~~shall be~~ found as a fact that such
1434 claim for, or grant of, an exemption or credit was willful on
1435 the part of any motor carrier, retail dealer, or distributor of
1436 ~~diesel fuel or~~ motor fuel, judgment must ~~shall~~ be rendered for
1437 double the amount of the tax found to be due with costs. The
1438 department may employ an attorney at law to institute and
1439 prosecute proper proceedings to enforce payment of the taxes,
1440 penalties, and interest provided for by this chapter and may fix
1441 the compensation for the services of such attorney at law.

1442 Section 26. Subsection (3) of section 207.014, Florida
1443 Statutes, is amended to read:

1444 207.014 Departmental warrant for collection of unpaid
1445 taxes.—

1446 (3) In the event there is a contest or claim of any kind
1447 with reference to the property levied upon or the amount of
1448 taxes, costs, or penalties due, such contest or claim must ~~shall~~
1449 be tried in the circuit court in and for the county in which the
1450 warrant was executed, as nearly as may be in the same manner and
1451 means as such contest or claim would have been tried in such
1452 court had the warrant originally issued upon a judgment rendered
1453 by such court. The warrant issued as provided in this section

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1454 constitutes ~~shall constitute~~ prima facie evidence of the amount
1455 of taxes, interest, and penalties due to the state by the motor
1456 carrier, ~~and~~ and the burden of proof is ~~shall be~~ upon the motor
1457 carrier, retail dealer, or distributor of ~~diesel fuel or~~ motor
1458 fuel to show that the amounts or penalties were incorrect.

1459 Section 27. Subsections (1) and (3) of section 207.023,
1460 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1461 207.023 Authority to inspect vehicles, make arrests, seize
1462 property, and execute warrants.—

1463 (1) As a part of their responsibility when inspecting
1464 qualified motor ~~commercial~~ vehicles, the Department of Highway
1465 Safety and Motor Vehicles, the Department of Agriculture and
1466 Consumer Services, and the Department of Transportation shall
1467 ensure that all vehicles are properly qualified under ~~the~~
1468 ~~provisions of~~ this chapter.

1469 (3) Qualified ~~commercial~~ motor vehicles owned or operated
1470 by any motor carrier who refuses to comply with this chapter may
1471 be seized by authorized agents or employees of the Department of
1472 Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, the Department of Agriculture
1473 and Consumer Services, or the Department of Transportation; or
1474 authorized agents and employees of any of these departments also
1475 may seize property as set out in ss. 206.205, 206.21, and
1476 206.215. Upon such seizure, the property must ~~shall~~ be
1477 surrendered without delay to the sheriff of the county where the
1478 property was seized for further proceedings.

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1479 Section 28. Subsections (1) and (6) of section 207.0281,
1480 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1481 207.0281 ~~Registration~~; Cooperative reciprocal agreements
1482 between states.—

1483 (1) The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles
1484 may enter into a cooperative reciprocal agreement, including,
1485 but not limited to, the International Fuel Tax ~~fuel-tax~~
1486 Agreement, with another state or group of states for the
1487 administration of the tax imposed by this chapter. An agreement
1488 arrangement, declaration, or amendment is not effective until
1489 stated in writing and filed with the Department of Highway
1490 Safety and Motor Vehicles.

1491 (6) This section and the contents of any reciprocal
1492 agreement entered into under this section supersede all other
1493 fuel-tax requirements of this chapter for qualified ~~commercial~~
1494 motor vehicles.

1495 Section 29. Paragraph (aa) of subsection (7) of section
1496 212.08, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1497 212.08 Sales, rental, use, consumption, distribution, and
1498 storage tax; specified exemptions.—The sale at retail, the
1499 rental, the use, the consumption, the distribution, and the
1500 storage to be used or consumed in this state of the following
1501 are hereby specifically exempt from the tax imposed by this
1502 chapter.

1503 (7) MISCELLANEOUS EXEMPTIONS.—Exemptions provided to any

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1504 entity by this chapter do not inure to any transaction that is
1505 otherwise taxable under this chapter when payment is made by a
1506 representative or employee of the entity by any means,
1507 including, but not limited to, cash, check, or credit card, even
1508 when that representative or employee is subsequently reimbursed
1509 by the entity. In addition, exemptions provided to any entity by
1510 this subsection do not inure to any transaction that is
1511 otherwise taxable under this chapter unless the entity has
1512 obtained a sales tax exemption certificate from the department
1513 or the entity obtains or provides other documentation as
1514 required by the department. Eligible purchases or leases made
1515 with such a certificate must be in strict compliance with this
1516 subsection and departmental rules, and any person who makes an
1517 exempt purchase with a certificate that is not in strict
1518 compliance with this subsection and the rules is liable for and
1519 shall pay the tax. The department may adopt rules to administer
1520 this subsection.

1521 (aa) Qualified motor ~~certain commercial~~ vehicles.—Also
1522 exempt is the sale, lease, or rental of a qualified ~~commercial~~
1523 motor vehicle as defined in s. 207.002, when the following
1524 conditions are met:

- 1525 1. The sale, lease, or rental occurs between two commonly
1526 owned and controlled corporations;
- 1527 2. Such vehicle was titled and registered in this state at
1528 the time of the sale, lease, or rental; and

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1529 3. Florida sales tax was paid on the acquisition of such
1530 vehicle by the seller, lessor, or renter.

1531 Section 30. Paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (4) of
1532 section 316.545, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1533 316.545 Weight and load unlawful; special fuel and motor
1534 fuel tax enforcement; inspection; penalty; review.—

1535 (4) (a) A commercial vehicle may not be operated over the
1536 highways of this state unless it has been properly licensed
1537 ~~registered~~ under s. 207.004. Whenever any law enforcement
1538 officer identified in s. 207.023(1), upon inspecting the vehicle
1539 or combination of vehicles, determines that the vehicle is in
1540 violation of s. 207.004, a penalty in the amount of \$50 shall be
1541 assessed, and the vehicle may be detained until payment is
1542 collected by the law enforcement officer.

1543 (b) In addition to the penalty provided for in paragraph
1544 (a), the vehicle may be detained until the owner or operator of
1545 the vehicle furnishes evidence that the vehicle has been
1546 properly licensed ~~registered~~ pursuant to s. 207.004. Any officer
1547 of the Florida Highway Patrol or agent of the Department of
1548 Transportation may issue a temporary fuel-use ~~fuel-use~~ permit
1549 and collect the appropriate fee as provided for in s. 207.004(5)
1550 ~~s. 207.004(4)~~. Notwithstanding ~~the provisions of~~ subsection (6),
1551 all permit fees collected pursuant to this paragraph shall be
1552 transferred to the Department of Highway Safety and Motor
1553 Vehicles to be allocated pursuant to s. 207.026.

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1554 Section 31. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section
1555 318.15, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1556 318.15 Failure to comply with civil penalty or to appear;
1557 penalty.—

1558 (1)(a) If a person fails to comply with the civil
1559 penalties provided in s. 318.18 within the time period specified
1560 in s. 318.14(4), fails to enter into or comply with the terms of
1561 a penalty payment plan with the clerk of the court in accordance
1562 with ss. 318.14 and 28.246, fails to attend driver improvement
1563 school, or fails to appear at a scheduled hearing, the clerk of
1564 the court must notify the Department of Highway Safety and Motor
1565 Vehicles of such failure within 10 days after such failure. Upon
1566 receipt of such notice, the department must immediately issue an
1567 order suspending the driver license and privilege to drive of
1568 such person effective 20 days after the date the order of
1569 suspension is provided ~~mailed~~ in accordance with s. 322.251(1),
1570 (2), and (6). The order also must inform the person that he or
1571 she may contact the clerk of the court to establish a payment
1572 plan pursuant to s. 28.246(4) to make partial payments for
1573 court-related fines, fees, service charges, and court costs. Any
1574 such suspension of the driving privilege which has not been
1575 reinstated, including a similar suspension imposed outside of
1576 this state, must remain on the records of the department for a
1577 period of 7 years after ~~from~~ the date imposed and must be
1578 removed from the records after the expiration of 7 years after

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1579 ~~from~~ the date it is imposed. The department may not accept the
1580 resubmission of such suspension.

1581 Section 32. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section
1582 319.35, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1583 319.35 Unlawful acts in connection with motor vehicle
1584 odometer readings; penalties.—

1585 (1)

1586 (b) It is unlawful for any person to knowingly provide
1587 false information on the odometer readings required pursuant to
1588 ss. 319.23(3) and 320.02(2)(d) ~~320.02(2)(b)~~.

1589 Section 33. Subsection (3) of section 319.40, Florida
1590 Statutes, is amended to read:

1591 319.40 Transactions by electronic or telephonic means.—

1592 (3) The department may collect e-mail ~~electronic mail~~
1593 addresses and use e-mail ~~electronic mail~~ in lieu of the United
1594 States Postal Service as a method of notification. However, any
1595 notice regarding the potential forfeiture or foreclosure of an
1596 interest in property must be sent via the United States Postal
1597 Service.

1598 Section 34. Paragraph (b) of subsection (5) of section
1599 320.03, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1600 320.03 Registration; duties of tax collectors;
1601 International Registration Plan.—

1602 (5)

1603 (b) Upon a tax collector's request, the department may

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1604 provide ancillary technology to integrate other tax collection
1605 systems used by tax collectors in order to provide tax
1606 collectors with data access and uniform interface
1607 functionalities for registration renewal transactions performed
1608 at a tax collector's office or online via a tax collector's
1609 website. The department shall prescribe the best manner of
1610 delivering the data access and uniform interface functionalities
1611 to tax collectors for the purpose of processing registration
1612 renewal transactions and shall provide the ability to record and
1613 process registration renewal transactions in the state system in
1614 real time and bulk data reporting for vehicle registrations,
1615 including each applicant's e-mail ~~electronic mail~~ address
1616 collected pursuant to s. 320.95. Such data and functionality may
1617 be used only for purposes of fulfilling the tax collector's
1618 statutory duties pursuant to this chapter, chapter 319, chapter
1619 322, or chapter 328 and may not be resold or used for any other
1620 purpose. Such data access and uniform interface functionalities
1621 shall be developed no later than July 1, 2023. For the purposes
1622 of this paragraph, the term "registration renewal transactions"
1623 means issuance of motor vehicle, mobile home, and trailer
1624 registration certificates, registration license plates, and
1625 validation stickers.

1626 Section 35. Subsection (10) of section 322.08, Florida
1627 Statutes, is amended to read:

1628 322.08 Application for license; requirements for license

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1629 and identification card forms.-

1630 (10) The department may collect e-mail ~~electronic mail~~
1631 addresses and use e-mail ~~electronic mail~~ in lieu of the United
1632 States Postal Service as a method of notification ~~for the~~
1633 ~~purpose of providing renewal notices.~~

1634 Section 36. Paragraph (a) of subsection (8) of section
1635 322.18, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1636 322.18 Original applications, licenses, and renewals;
1637 expiration of licenses; delinquent licenses.-

1638 (8) The department shall issue 8-year renewals using a
1639 convenience service without reexamination to drivers who have
1640 not attained 80 years of age. The department shall issue 6-year
1641 renewals using a convenience service when the applicant has
1642 satisfied the requirements of subsection (5).

1643 (a) If the department determines from its records that the
1644 holder of a license about to expire is eligible for renewal, the
1645 department must ~~shall~~ mail a renewal notice to the licensee at
1646 his or her last known address or provide a renewal notice to the
1647 licensee by e-mail notification at least, ~~not less than~~ 30 days
1648 before ~~prior to~~ the licensee's birthday. The renewal notice must
1649 ~~shall~~ direct the licensee to appear at a driver license office
1650 for in-person renewal or to transmit the completed renewal
1651 notice and the fees required by s. 322.21 to the department
1652 using a convenience service.

1653 Section 37. Subsection (4) of section 322.21, Florida

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1654 Statutes, is amended to read:

1655 322.21 License fees; procedure for handling and collecting
1656 fees.—

1657 (4) If the department determines from its records or is
1658 otherwise satisfied that the holder of a license about to expire
1659 is entitled to have it renewed, the department must ~~shall~~ mail a
1660 renewal notice to the licensee at his or her last known address
1661 or provide a renewal notice to the licensee by e-mail
1662 notification at least, ~~within~~ 30 days before the licensee's
1663 birthday. The licensee must ~~shall~~ be issued a renewal license,
1664 after reexamination, if required, during the 30 days immediately
1665 preceding his or her birthday upon presenting a renewal notice,
1666 his or her current license, and the fee for renewal to the
1667 department at any driver license examining office.

1668 Section 38. Subsection (3) and paragraph (a) of subsection
1669 (5) of section 322.245, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1670 322.245 Suspension of license upon failure of person
1671 charged with specified offense under chapter 316, chapter 320,
1672 or this chapter to comply with directives ordered by traffic
1673 court or upon failure to pay child support in non-IV-D cases as
1674 provided in chapter 61 or failure to pay any financial
1675 obligation in any other criminal case.—

1676 (3) If the person fails to comply with the directives of
1677 the court within the 30-day period, or, in non-IV-D cases, fails
1678 to comply with the requirements of s. 61.13016 within the period

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1679 specified in that statute, the depository or the clerk of the
1680 court must electronically notify the department of such failure
1681 within 10 days. Upon electronic receipt of the notice, the
1682 department shall immediately issue an order suspending the
1683 person's driver license and privilege to drive effective 20 days
1684 after the date the order of suspension is provided ~~mailed~~ in
1685 accordance with s. 322.251(1), (2), and (6). The order of
1686 suspension must also contain information specifying that the
1687 person may contact the clerk of the court to establish a payment
1688 plan pursuant to s. 28.246(4) to make partial payments for
1689 fines, fees, service charges, and court costs.

1690 (5) (a) When the department receives notice from a clerk of
1691 the court that a person licensed to operate a motor vehicle in
1692 this state under ~~the provisions of~~ this chapter has failed to
1693 pay financial obligations for any criminal offense other than
1694 those specified in subsection (1), in full or in part under a
1695 payment plan pursuant to s. 28.246(4), the department must
1696 suspend the license of the person named in the notice. The
1697 department shall provide ~~mail~~ an order of suspension in
1698 accordance with s. 322.251(1), (2), and (6), which must also
1699 contain information specifying that the person may contact the
1700 clerk of the court to establish a payment plan pursuant to s.
1701 28.246(4) to make partial payments for fines, fees, service
1702 charges, and court costs.

1703 Section 39. Subsections (3) and (5) of section 322.2615,

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1704 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1705 322.2615 Suspension of license; right to review.—

1706 (3) If the department determines that the license should
1707 be suspended pursuant to this section and if the notice of
1708 suspension has not already been served upon the person by a law
1709 enforcement officer or correctional officer as provided in
1710 subsection (1), the department shall issue a notice of
1711 suspension and, unless the notice is provided ~~mailed~~ pursuant to
1712 s. 322.251, a temporary permit that expires 10 days after the
1713 date of issuance if the driver is otherwise eligible.

1714 (5) After completion of the informal review, notice of the
1715 department's decision sustaining, amending, or invalidating the
1716 suspension of the driver license of the person whose license was
1717 suspended must be provided to such person. Such notice must be
1718 mailed to the person at the last known address shown on the
1719 department's records, mailed ~~or~~ to the address provided in the
1720 law enforcement officer's report if such address differs from
1721 the address of record, or e-mailed to the e-mail address
1722 furnished to the department within 21 days after the expiration
1723 of the temporary permit issued pursuant to subsection (1) or
1724 subsection (3).

1725 Section 40. Subsection (4) of section 322.2616, Florida
1726 Statutes, is amended to read:

1727 322.2616 Suspension of license; persons under 21 years of
1728 age; right to review.—

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1729 (4) If the department finds that the license of the person
1730 should be suspended under this section and if the notice of
1731 suspension has not already been served upon the person by a law
1732 enforcement officer or correctional officer as provided in
1733 subsection (2), the department must ~~shall~~ issue a notice of
1734 suspension and, unless the notice is provided ~~mailed~~ under s.
1735 322.251, a temporary driving permit that expires 10 days after
1736 the date of issuance if the driver is otherwise eligible.

1737 Section 41. Subsection (3) of section 322.64, Florida
1738 Statutes, is amended to read:

1739 322.64 Holder of commercial driver license; persons
1740 operating a commercial motor vehicle; driving with unlawful
1741 blood-alcohol level; refusal to submit to breath, urine, or
1742 blood test.—

1743 (3) If the department determines that the person arrested
1744 should be disqualified from operating a commercial motor vehicle
1745 pursuant to this section and if the notice of disqualification
1746 has not already been served upon the person by a law enforcement
1747 officer or correctional officer as provided in subsection (1),
1748 the department must ~~shall~~ issue a notice of disqualification
1749 and, unless the notice is provided ~~mailed~~ pursuant to s.
1750 322.251, a temporary permit which expires 10 days after the date
1751 of issuance if the driver is otherwise eligible.

1752 Section 42. Subsection (1) of section 324.091, Florida
1753 Statutes, is amended to read:

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1754 324.091 Notice to department; notice to insurer.—
1755 (1) Each owner and operator involved in a crash or
1756 conviction case within the purview of this chapter shall furnish
1757 evidence of automobile liability insurance or motor vehicle
1758 liability insurance within 14 days after the date of providing
1759 ~~the mailing of~~ notice of crash by the department in the form and
1760 manner as it may designate. Upon receipt of evidence that an
1761 automobile liability policy or motor vehicle liability policy
1762 was in effect at the time of the crash or conviction case, the
1763 department shall forward to the insurer such information for
1764 verification in a method as determined by the department. The
1765 insurer shall respond to the department within 20 days after the
1766 notice whether or not such information is valid. If the
1767 department determines that an automobile liability policy or
1768 motor vehicle liability policy was not in effect and did not
1769 provide coverage for both the owner and the operator, it must
1770 ~~shall~~ take action as it is authorized to do under this chapter.

1771 Section 43. Paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of section
1772 324.171, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1773 324.171 Self-insurer.—
1774 (1) Any person may qualify as a self-insurer by obtaining
1775 a certificate of self-insurance from the department which may,
1776 in its discretion and upon application of such a person, issue
1777 said certificate of self-insurance when such person has
1778 satisfied the requirements of this section to qualify as a self-

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1779 insurer under this section:

1780 (c) The owner of a commercial motor vehicle, as defined in
1781 ~~s. 207.002~~ or s. 320.01 or a qualified motor vehicle as defined
1782 in s. 207.002, may qualify as a self-insurer subject to the
1783 standards provided for in subparagraph (b)2.

1784 Section 44. Subsection (3) of section 328.30, Florida
1785 Statutes, is amended to read:

1786 328.30 Transactions by electronic or telephonic means.—

1787 (3) The department may collect e-mail ~~electronic mail~~
1788 addresses and use e-mail ~~electronic mail~~ in lieu of the United
1789 States Postal Service as a method of notification ~~for the~~
1790 ~~purpose of providing renewal notices.~~

1791 Section 45. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section
1792 328.73, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1793 328.73 Registration; duties of tax collectors.—

1794 (1)

1795 (b) Upon a tax collector's request, the department may
1796 provide ancillary technology to integrate other tax collection
1797 systems used by tax collectors in order to provide tax
1798 collectors with data access and uniform interface
1799 functionalities for registration renewal transactions performed
1800 at a tax collector's office or online via a tax collector's
1801 website. The department shall prescribe the best manner of
1802 delivering the data access and uniform interface functionalities
1803 to tax collectors for the purpose of processing registration

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1804 renewal transactions and shall provide the ability to record and
1805 process registration renewal transactions in the state system in
1806 real time and bulk data reporting for vessel registrations,
1807 including each applicant's e-mail ~~electronic mail~~ address
1808 collected pursuant to s. 328.30. Such data and functionality may
1809 be used only for purposes of fulfilling the tax collector's
1810 statutory duties pursuant to this chapter, chapter 319, chapter
1811 320, or chapter 322 and may not be resold or used for any other
1812 purpose. Such data access and uniform interface functionalities
1813 shall be developed no later than July 1, 2023. For the purposes
1814 of this paragraph, the term "registration renewal transactions"
1815 means vessel registration certificates, vessel numbers, and
1816 decals.

1817 Section 46. Section 627.7415, Florida Statutes, is amended
1818 to read:

1819 627.7415 Commercial motor vehicles and qualified motor
1820 vehicles; additional liability insurance coverage.—Commercial
1821 motor vehicles~~;~~ as defined in ~~s. 207.002~~ or s. 320.01 and
1822 qualified motor vehicles as defined in s. 207.002~~;~~ operated upon
1823 the roads and highways of this state must ~~shall~~ be insured with
1824 the following minimum levels of combined bodily liability
1825 insurance and property damage liability insurance in addition to
1826 any other insurance requirements:

1827 (1) Fifty thousand dollars per occurrence for a commercial
1828 motor vehicle or qualified motor vehicle with a gross vehicle

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1829 weight of 26,000 pounds or more, but less than 35,000 pounds.

1830 (2) One hundred thousand dollars per occurrence for a
1831 commercial motor vehicle or qualified motor vehicle with a gross
1832 vehicle weight of 35,000 pounds or more, but less than 44,000
1833 pounds.

1834 (3) Three hundred thousand dollars per occurrence for a
1835 commercial motor vehicle or qualified motor vehicle with a gross
1836 vehicle weight of 44,000 pounds or more.

1837 (4) All commercial motor vehicles and qualified motor
1838 vehicles subject to regulations of the United States Department
1839 of Transportation, 49 C.F.R. part 387, subparts A and B, and as
1840 may be hereinafter amended, must ~~shall~~ be insured in an amount
1841 equivalent to the minimum levels of financial responsibility as
1842 set forth in such regulations.

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1844 A violation of this section is a noncriminal traffic infraction,
1845 punishable as a nonmoving violation as provided in chapter 318.

1846 Section 47. This act shall take effect October 1, 2026.

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1848 **T I T L E A M E N D M E N T**

1849 Remove everything before the enacting clause and insert:

1850 A bill to be entitled

1851 An act relating to transportation; amending s.

1852 207.001, F.S.; revising a short title; amending s.

1853 207.002, F.S.; providing and revising definitions;

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1854 amending s. 207.004, F.S.; requiring licensing, rather
1855 than registration, of motor carriers; requiring fuel
1856 tax decals, rather than identifying devices, for motor
1857 carriers; requiring a copy of the license to be
1858 carried in each qualified motor vehicle or made
1859 available electronically; specifying how fuel tax
1860 decals are to be displayed on qualified motor
1861 vehicles; requiring the Department of Highway Safety
1862 and Motor Vehicles or its authorized agent to issue
1863 licenses and fuel tax decals; requiring fuel tax decal
1864 renewal orders to be submitted electronically
1865 beginning on a specified date; revising required
1866 contents of temporary fuel-use permits; removing
1867 provisions relating to driveaway permits; amending s.
1868 207.005, F.S.; revising reporting periods and due
1869 dates for motor fuel use tax returns; requiring such
1870 tax returns to be submitted electronically beginning
1871 on a specified date; amending s. 207.007, F.S.;
1872 revising requirements for calculation of interest due
1873 for delinquent tax; providing penalties for any person
1874 who counterfeits, alters, manufactures, or sells fuel
1875 tax licenses, fuel tax decals, or temporary fuel-use
1876 permits except under certain circumstances; amending
1877 s. 207.019, F.S.; requiring motor carriers to destroy
1878 fuel tax decals under certain circumstances and notify

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1879 the department; amending s. 316.065, F.S.; revising
1880 the apparent amount of property damage that requires
1881 the driver of a vehicle involved in a crash to notify
1882 law enforcement of the crash; amending s. 320.02,
1883 F.S.; providing an exemption from certain vehicle
1884 registration requirements for certain active duty
1885 military members; requiring applicants to provide
1886 proof of address; revising requirements for
1887 documenting an applicant's address and proof of legal
1888 presence; defining the term "REAL ID driver license or
1889 identification card"; removing certain requirements
1890 for business applicants; amending s. 320.061, F.S.;
1891 revising a prohibition on obscuring a license plate;
1892 providing that the use of a license plate frame or
1893 decorative border is not prohibited under specified
1894 conditions; amending s. 320.084, F.S.; providing that
1895 a disabled veteran may retain a certain license plate
1896 designation upon reissuance, renewal, or transfer of
1897 the plate; amending s. 320.0843, F.S.; authorizing
1898 applications for certain license plates to be made to
1899 the tax collector; providing that such license plates
1900 may be stamped with specified letters at the option of
1901 the applicant; authorizing the tax collector to issue
1902 such plates immediately on demand; amending s.
1903 320.262, F.S.; revising the definition of the term

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1904 "license plate obscuring device"; providing that the
1905 use of a license plate frame or decorative border
1906 device is not prohibited under specified conditions;
1907 amending s. 320.64, F.S.; authorizing licensees to
1908 reject the succession to interest in a franchise
1909 agreement of a motor vehicle dealer under certain
1910 circumstances; clarifying the motor vehicles for which
1911 a licensee must pay certain costs to a motor vehicle
1912 dealer under certain circumstances; prohibiting a
1913 licensee from distributing more than a specified
1914 percentage of a specified number of motor vehicles of
1915 a particular line-make during a certain period to one
1916 motor vehicle dealer or dealers that share common
1917 ownership or control; providing applicability;
1918 amending s. 320.643, F.S.; authorizing a licensee to
1919 reject a sale, transfer, alienation, or other
1920 disposition of a franchise agreement or an equity
1921 interest in a motor vehicle dealer under certain
1922 circumstances; amending s. 320.95, F.S.; authorizing
1923 the department to use e-mail as a method of
1924 notification; amending s. 322.01, F.S.; revising the
1925 definition of the term "tank vehicle"; amending ss.
1926 322.051 and 322.17, F.S.; requiring an e-mail address
1927 to be included on an identification card application
1928 and a request for a replacement driver license or

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1929 instruction permit, respectively; amending s. 322.251,
1930 F.S.; authorizing orders of cancellation, suspension,
1931 revocation, or disqualification to be provided by e-
1932 mail notification; amending s. 337.401, F.S.;
1933 prohibiting municipalities and counties from requiring
1934 that providers locate or perform surveys of certain
1935 facilities; requiring a provider to use certain means
1936 to avoid damaging certain facilities under specified
1937 circumstances; prohibiting municipalities and counties
1938 from taking certain actions relating to certain
1939 facility permits; authorizing municipalities and
1940 counties to require a bond or other financial
1941 instrument; prohibiting municipalities and counties
1942 from imposing or collecting a tax, fee, cost, charge,
1943 or exaction for the placement of certain
1944 communications facilities; revising applicability;
1945 revising the definition of the term "application";
1946 prohibiting an authority from requiring compliance
1947 with an authority's provisions regarding placement of
1948 communications facilities in certain locations;
1949 providing exceptions; requiring that certain authority
1950 ordinances apply to all providers of communications
1951 services; providing bond requirements; providing
1952 requirements for certain financial obligations
1953 required by an authority; prohibiting an authority

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1954 from requiring a deposit or escrow of cash or
1955 agreement with certain terms; prohibiting an authority
1956 from requiring a communications service provider to
1957 indemnify it for certain liabilities; prohibiting an
1958 authority from imposing certain landscaping and
1959 vegetation management requirements; amending ss.
1960 120.80, 207.003, 207.008, 207.011, 207.013, 207.014,
1961 207.023, 207.0281, 212.08, 316.545, 318.15, 319.35,
1962 319.40, 320.03, 322.08, 322.18, 322.21, 322.245,
1963 322.2615, 322.2616, 322.64, 324.091, 324.171, 328.30,
1964 328.73, and 627.7415, F.S.; conforming provisions to
1965 changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

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