By Senator Avila

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to commercial driving schools; creating s. 488.09, F.S.; authorizing the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to enter into interagency agreements with tax collectors for a specified purpose; specifying that such an interagency agreement is a delegation of authority of the department to the tax collector; providing that such an interagency agreement may include, but need not be limited to, certain grants of authority; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 488.09, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

<u>A88.09 Interagency agreements with tax collectors.—The</u>

<u>Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles may enter into</u>

<u>interagency agreements with tax collectors authorizing such tax</u>

<u>collectors to enforce this chapter. An interagency agreement</u>

<u>entered into under this section is a delegation of the authority</u>

<u>of the department to the tax collector. Such an interagency</u>

<u>agreement may include, but need not be limited to, grants of</u>

<u>authority to the tax collector, or his or her agent, to do any</u>

<u>of the following:</u>

(1) Prohibit licensees operating commercial driving schools, and their agents, from entering upon the tax collector's premises, including its parking areas, unless such licensees and agents are seeking tax collector services in their

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- (2) Prohibit any course of conduct by licensees operating commercial driving schools, and their agents, which operates or would operate as a fraud or deceit upon a person, the department, or the tax collector.
- (3) Prohibit any transaction, practice, or course of business related to a commercial driving school which undermines the integrity of the driver license issuance process.
- (4) Require persons licensed to operate commercial driving schools, and their agents, to present pertinent licenses, agent identification cards, and certificates issued under this chapter upon demand of a law enforcement officer, a department employee, or an employee of the tax collector.
- (5) Enter the premises where a commercial driving school is located to ensure compliance with state and local laws regulating the business of commercial driving schools.
  - Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.