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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to transportation; amending s. 207.001, F.S.; revising a short title; amending s. 207.002, F.S.; providing and revising definitions; amending s. 207.004, F.S.; requiring licensing, rather than registration, of motor carriers; requiring fuel tax decals, rather than identifying devices, for motor carriers; requiring a copy of the license to be carried in each qualified motor vehicle or made available electronically; specifying how fuel tax decals are to be displayed on qualified motor vehicles; requiring the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles or its authorized agent to issue licenses and fuel tax decals; requiring fuel tax decal renewal orders to be submitted electronically beginning on a specified date; revising required contents of temporary fuel-use permits; removing provisions relating to driveaway permits; amending s. 207.005, F.S.; revising reporting periods and due dates for motor fuel use tax returns; requiring such tax returns to be submitted electronically beginning on a specified date; amending s. 207.007, F.S.; revising requirements for calculation of interest due for delinquent tax; providing penalties for any person who counterfeits, alters, manufactures, or sells fuel

26 tax licenses, fuel tax decals, or temporary fuel-use
27 permits except under certain circumstances; amending
28 s. 207.019, F.S.; requiring motor carriers to destroy
29 fuel tax decals under certain circumstances and notify
30 the department; amending s. 316.065, F.S.; revising
31 the apparent amount of property damage that requires
32 the driver of a vehicle involved in a crash to notify
33 law enforcement of the crash; amending s. 320.02,
34 F.S.; providing an exemption from certain vehicle
35 registration requirements for certain active duty
36 military members; requiring applicants to provide
37 proof of address; revising requirements for
38 documenting an applicant's address and proof of legal
39 presence; defining the term "REAL ID driver license or
40 identification card"; removing certain requirements
41 for business applicants; amending s. 320.061, F.S.;
42 specifying how license plate legibility, angular
43 visibility, or detectability are to be maintained;
44 amending s. 320.95, F.S.; authorizing the department
45 to use e-mail as a method of notification; amending s.
46 322.01, F.S.; revising the definition of the term
47 "tank vehicle"; amending ss. 322.051 and 322.17, F.S.;
48 requiring an e-mail address to be included on an
49 identification card application and a request for a
50 replacement driver license or instruction permit,

51 respectively; amending s. 322.251, F.S.; authorizing
52 orders of cancellation, suspension, revocation, or
53 disqualification to be provided by e-mail
54 notification; amending ss. 120.80, 207.003, 207.008,
55 207.011, 207.013, 207.014, 207.023, 207.0281, 212.08,
56 316.545, 318.15, 319.35, 319.40, 320.03, 322.08,
57 322.18, 322.21, 322.245, 322.2615, 322.2616, 322.64,
58 324.091, 324.171, 328.30, 328.73, and 627.7415, F.S.;
59 conforming provisions to changes made by the act;
60 providing an effective date.

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

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64 **Section 1. Section 207.001, Florida Statutes, is amended**
65 **to read:**

66 207.001 Short title.—This chapter shall be known as the
67 "Florida ~~Diesel Fuel~~ and Motor Fuel Use Tax Act of 1981," and
68 the taxes levied under this chapter shall be in addition to all
69 other taxes imposed by law.

70 **Section 2. Section 207.002, Florida Statutes, is amended**
71 **to read:**

72 207.002 Definitions.—As used in this chapter, the term:
73 (1)-(2) "Department" means the Department of Highway Safety
74 and Motor Vehicles.
75 (2) "International Fuel Tax Agreement" means the

76 reciprocal agreement among certain states of the United States,
77 provinces of Canada, and other member jurisdictions which
78 provides for the administration, collection, and enforcement of
79 taxes on the basis of fuel consumed or distance accrued, or
80 both, in member jurisdictions.

81 ~~(3) "Diesel fuel" means any liquid product or gas product~~
82 ~~or combination thereof, including, but not limited to, all forms~~
83 ~~of fuel known or sold as diesel fuel, kerosene, butane gas, or~~
84 ~~propane gas and all other forms of liquefied petroleum gases,~~
85 ~~except those defined as "motor fuel," used to propel a motor~~
86 ~~vehicle.~~

87 ~~(4) "International Registration Plan" means a registration~~
88 ~~reciprocity agreement among states of the United States and~~
89 ~~provinces of Canada providing for payment of license fees or~~
90 ~~license taxes on the basis of fleet miles operated in various~~
91 ~~jurisdictions.~~

92 ~~(3)-(5) "Interstate" means vehicle movement between or~~
93 ~~through two or more member jurisdictions states.~~

94 ~~(4)-(6) "Intrastate" means vehicle movement from one point~~
95 ~~within a member jurisdiction state to another point within the~~
96 ~~same member jurisdiction state.~~

97 (5) "Member jurisdiction" means a member of the
98 International Fuel Tax Agreement.

99 ~~(6)-(7) "Motor carrier" means any person owning,~~
100 ~~controlling, operating, or managing any motor vehicle used to~~

101 transport persons or property over any public highway.

102 (7) ~~(8)~~ "Motor fuel" means any fuel placed in the fuel
103 supply storage unit of a qualified motor vehicle, including an
104 alternative fuel such as pure methanol, ethanol, or other
105 alcohol; a blend of 85 percent or more alcohol with gasoline;
106 natural gas and liquid fuel produced from natural gas; propane;
107 coal-derived liquified fuel; hydrogen; electricity; pure
108 biodiesel (B100) fuel, other than alcohol, derived from
109 biological materials; P-series fuel; or any other type of fuel
110 or energy used to propel a qualified motor vehicle ~~what is~~
111 ~~commonly known and sold as gasoline and fuels containing a~~
112 ~~mixture of gasoline and other products.~~

113 (8) ~~(9)~~ "Operate," "operated," "operation," or "operating"
114 means ~~and includes~~ the use utilization in any form of any
115 qualified commercial motor vehicle, whether loaded or empty,
116 whether used utilized for compensation or not for compensation,
117 and whether owned by or leased to the motor carrier who uses it
118 or causes it to be used.

119 (9) ~~(10)~~ "Person" means ~~and includes~~ natural persons,
120 corporations, copartnerships, firms, companies, agencies, or
121 associations, singular or plural.

122 (10) ~~(11)~~ "Public highway" means any public street, road,
123 or highway in this state.

124 (11) ~~(1)~~ "Qualified commercial motor vehicle" means any
125 vehicle not owned or operated by a governmental entity which

126 uses ~~diesel fuel or~~ motor fuel on the public highways; and which
127 has two axles and a gross vehicle weight or registered gross
128 vehicle weight in excess of 26,000 pounds, or has three or more
129 axles regardless of weight, or is used in combination when the
130 weight of such combination exceeds 26,000 pounds gross vehicle
131 weight or registered gross vehicle weight. The term excludes any
132 recreational vehicle or vehicle owned or operated by a community
133 transportation coordinator as defined in s. 427.011 or by a
134 private operator that provides public transit services under
135 contract with such a provider.

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

138 (12) (13) "Use," "uses," or "used" means the consumption of
139 ~~diesel fuel or~~ motor fuel in a qualified ~~commercial~~ motor
140 vehicle for the propulsion thereof.

141 **Section 3. Section 207.004, Florida Statutes, is amended
142 to read:**

143 207.004 Licensing registration of motor carriers; fuel tax
144 decals ~~identifying devices~~; fees; renewals; temporary fuel-use
145 permits and ~~driveaway permits~~.-

146 (1) (a) A ~~no~~ motor carrier may not ~~shall~~ operate or cause
147 to be operated in this state any qualified ~~commercial~~ motor
148 vehicle, other than a Florida-based qualified ~~commercial~~ motor
149 vehicle that travels Florida intrastate mileage only, which ~~that~~
150 uses ~~diesel fuel or~~ motor fuel until such carrier is licensed

151 has registered with the department or has registered under the
152 International Fuel Tax Agreement a cooperative reciprocal
153 agreement as described in s. 207.0281, after such time as this
154 state enters into such agreement, and has been issued fuel tax
155 decals an identifying device or such carrier has been issued a
156 temporary fuel-use permit as authorized under subsection
157 subsections (4) and (5) for each vehicle operated. The fee for
158 each set of fuel tax decals is ~~There shall be a fee of \$4 per~~
159 year or any fraction thereof. A copy of the license must be
160 carried in each vehicle or made available electronically. The
161 fuel tax decal for each such identifying device issued. The
162 identifying device shall be provided by the department and must
163 be conspicuously displayed on the qualified commercial motor
164 vehicle as prescribed by the instructions on the reverse side of
165 the decal ~~department~~ while the vehicle ~~it~~ is being operated on
166 the public highways of this state. The transfer of a fuel tax
167 decal an identifying device from one vehicle to another vehicle
168 or from one motor carrier to another motor carrier is
169 prohibited. The department or its authorized agent shall issue
170 the licenses and fuel tax decals.

171 (b) The motor carrier to whom fuel tax decals have ~~an~~
172 ~~identifying device has been issued~~ is ~~shall be~~ solely
173 responsible for the proper use of the fuel tax decals
174 ~~identifying device~~ by its employees, consignees, or lessees.

175 (2) Fuel tax decals ~~Identifying devices~~ shall be issued

176 each year for the period January 1 through December 31, or any
177 portion thereof, if tax returns and tax payments, when
178 applicable, have been submitted to the department for all prior
179 reporting periods. Fuel tax decals ~~Identifying devices~~ may be
180 displayed for the next succeeding indicia period beginning
181 December 1 of each year. Beginning October 1, 2026, except as
182 otherwise authorized by the department, all fuel tax decal
183 renewal orders must be submitted electronically through an
184 online system prescribed by the department.

185 (3) If a motor carrier licensed in this state no longer
186 operates or causes to be operated in this state any qualified a
187 ~~commercial~~ motor vehicle, the fuel tax decal for each qualified
188 motor vehicle that is no longer operated or caused to be
189 operated by the motor carrier must ~~identifying device~~ shall be
190 destroyed and the motor carrier to whom the fuel tax decal
191 ~~device~~ was issued must shall notify the department immediately
192 by letter of such removal and of the number of the fuel tax
193 decal ~~identifying device~~ that was ~~has been~~ destroyed.

194 (4) A motor carrier, before operating a qualified
195 ~~commercial~~ motor vehicle on the public highways of this state,
196 must require each qualified motor vehicle to display a fuel tax
197 decal ~~an identifying device~~ as required under subsections (1)
198 and (2) or must obtain a temporary fuel-use permit for that
199 vehicle as provided in subsection (5). ~~A temporary fuel-use~~
200 ~~permit shall expire within 10 days after date of issuance. The~~

201 ~~cost of a temporary fuel-use permit is \$45, and the permit~~
202 ~~exempts the vehicle from the payment of the motor fuel or diesel~~
203 ~~fuel tax imposed under this chapter during the term for which~~
204 ~~the permit is valid. However, the vehicle is not exempt from~~
205 ~~paying the fuel tax at the pump.~~

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

210 (b) The fee for a temporary fuel-use permit is \$45. A
211 temporary fuel-use permit expires 10 days after the date of
212 issuance and exempts the vehicle from payment of the motor fuel
213 tax imposed under this chapter during the period for which the
214 permit is valid. However, this paragraph does not exempt the
215 vehicle from payment at the pump of the fuel tax imposed under
216 chapter 206.

217 (c) ~~A blank temporary fuel-use permit, before its use,~~
218 ~~must be executed by the motor carrier, in ink or type, so as to~~
219 ~~identify the carrier, the vehicle to which the permit is~~
220 ~~assigned, and the permit's effective date and expiration date~~
221 ~~that the vehicle is placed in and removed from service. The~~
222 ~~temporary fuel-use permit shall also show a complete~~
223 ~~identification of the vehicle on which the permit is to be used,~~
224 ~~together with the name and address of the owner or lessee of the~~
225 ~~vehicle. The endorsed temporary fuel-use permit must shall then~~

226 be carried on the vehicle that it identifies and must shall be
227 exhibited on demand to any authorized personnel. Temporary fuel-
228 use permits may be transmitted to the motor carrier by
229 electronic means ~~and shall be completed as outlined by~~
230 ~~department personnel prior to transmittal.~~

231 (d) The motor carrier to whom a temporary fuel-use permit
232 is issued ~~is~~ shall be solely responsible for the proper use of
233 the permit by its employees, consignees, or lessees. Any
234 erasure, alteration, or unauthorized use of a temporary fuel-use
235 permit renders ~~shall render~~ it invalid and of no effect. A motor
236 carrier to whom a temporary fuel-use permit is issued may not
237 knowingly allow the permit to be used by any other person ~~or~~
238 organization.

239 (b) ~~An unregistered motor carrier may, upon payment of the~~
240 ~~\$45 fee, secure from any wire service authorized by the~~
241 ~~department, by electronic means, a temporary fuel-use permit~~
242 ~~that shall be valid for a period of 10 days. Such permit must~~
243 ~~show the name and address of the unregistered motor carrier to~~
244 ~~whom it is issued, the date the vehicle is placed in and removed~~
245 ~~from service, a complete identification of the vehicle on which~~
246 ~~the permit is to be used, and the name and address of the owner~~
247 ~~or lessee of the vehicle. The temporary fuel-use permit shall~~
248 ~~then be carried on the vehicle that it identifies and shall be~~
249 ~~exhibited on demand to any authorized personnel. The~~
250 ~~unregistered motor carrier to whom a temporary fuel-use permit~~

251 is issued shall be solely responsible for the proper use of the
252 permit by its employees, consignees, or lessees. Any erasure,
253 alteration, or unauthorized use of a temporary fuel-use permit
254 shall render it invalid and of no effect. The unregistered motor
255 carrier to whom a temporary fuel-use permit is issued may not
256 knowingly allow the permit to be used by any other person or
257 organization.

258 (c) A registered motor carrier engaged in driveaway
259 transportation, in which the cargo is the vehicle itself and is
260 in transit to stock inventory and the ownership of the vehicle
261 is not vested in the motor carrier, may, upon payment of the \$4
262 fee, secure from the department a driveaway permit. The
263 driveaway permits shall be issued for the period January 1
264 through December 31. An original permit must be in the
265 possession of the operator of each vehicle and shall be
266 exhibited on demand to any authorized personnel. Vehicle mileage
267 reports must be submitted by the motor carrier, and the road
268 privilege tax must be paid on all miles operated within this
269 state during the reporting period. All other provisions of this
270 chapter shall apply to the holder of a driveaway permit.

271 **Section 4. Section 207.005, Florida Statutes, is amended**
272 **to read:**

273 207.005 Returns and payment of tax; delinquencies;
274 calculation of fuel used during operations in this the state;
275 credit; bond.—

276 (1) The taxes levied under this chapter are shall be due
277 and payable on the first day of the month following the last
278 month of the reporting period. The department may adopt
279 promulgate rules for requiring and establishing procedures for
280 annual, semiannual, or quarterly filing. The reporting period is
281 shall be the 12 months beginning January July 1 and ending
282 December 31 June 30. It shall be the duty of Each motor carrier
283 licensed registered or required to be licensed registered under
284 the provisions of this chapter must to submit a return by the
285 following due dates, except that each due date is extended until
286 the last day of the month of the due date, and, if the last day
287 of the month falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, the
288 due date is further extended until the next day that is not a
289 Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday within 30 days after the due
290 date. The due date shall be as follows:

291 (a) If annual filing, the due date is January 31 shall be
292 July 1;

293 (b) If semiannual filing, the due dates are shall be
294 January 31 1 and July 31 1; or

295 (c) If quarterly filing, the due dates are shall be
296 January 31 1, April 30 1, July 31 1, and October 31 1.

297 (2) The amount of fuel used in the propulsion of any
298 qualified commercial motor vehicle within this state may be
299 calculated, if the motor carrier maintains adequate records, by
300 applying total interstate vehicular consumption of all ~~diesel~~

301 fuel and motor fuel used as related to total miles traveled and
302 applying such rate to total miles traveled within this state. In
303 the absence of adequate documentation by the motor carrier, the
304 department may adopt ~~is authorized to promulgate~~ rules
305 converting miles driven to gallons used.

306 (3) For the purpose of computing the carrier's liability
307 for the fuel road privilege tax, the total gallons of fuel used
308 in the propulsion of any qualified commercial motor vehicle in
309 this state shall be multiplied by the rates provided in parts I-
310 III of chapter 206. From the sum determined by this calculation,
311 there shall be allowed a credit equal to the amount of the tax
312 per gallon under parts I-III of chapter 206 for each gallon of
313 fuel purchased in this state during the reporting period when
314 the ~~diesel fuel or~~ motor fuel tax was paid at the time of
315 purchase. If the tax paid under parts I-III of chapter 206
316 exceeds the total tax due under this chapter, the excess may be
317 allowed as a credit against future tax payments, until the
318 credit is fully offset or until eight calendar quarters shall
319 have passed since the end of the calendar quarter in which the
320 credit accrued, whichever occurs first. A refund may be made for
321 this credit provided it exceeds \$10.

322 (4) The department may adopt ~~is authorized to promulgate~~
323 the necessary rules to provide for an adequate bond from each
324 motor carrier to ensure payment of taxes required under this
325 chapter.

326 (5) Beginning October 1, 2026, except as otherwise
327 authorized by the department, all returns must be submitted
328 electronically through an online system prescribed by the
329 department.

330 **Section 5. Section 207.007, Florida Statutes, is amended**
331 **to read:**

332 207.007 Offenses; penalties and interest.—

333 (1) If any motor carrier licensed registered under this
334 chapter fails to file a return or and pay any tax liability
335 under this chapter within the time required hereunder, the
336 department may impose a delinquency penalty of \$50 or 10 percent
337 of the delinquent taxes due, whichever is greater, if the
338 failure is for not more than 30 days, with an additional 10
339 percent penalty for each additional 30 days, or fraction
340 thereof, during the time which the failure continues, not to
341 exceed a total penalty of 100 percent in the aggregate. However,
342 the penalty may not be less than \$50.

343 (2) In addition to any other penalties, any delinquent tax
344 shall bear interest in accordance with the International Fuel
345 Tax Agreement at the rate of 1 percent per month, or fraction
346 thereof, calculated from the date the tax was due. If the
347 department enters into a cooperative reciprocal agreement under
348 the provisions of s. 207.0281, the department shall collect and
349 distribute all interest due to other jurisdictions at the same
350 rate as if such interest were due to the state.

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351 (3) Any person who:

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

354 (b) Knowingly makes, or assists any other person in
355 making, a false statement in a return or report ~~or~~ in connection
356 with an application for licensure registration under this
357 chapter or in connection with an audit; ~~or~~

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

361 (d) ~~(e)~~ Violates any provision of the provisions of this
362 chapter, a penalty for which is not otherwise provided,
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364 commits is guilty of a felony of the third degree, punishable as
365 provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084. In addition,
366 the department may revoke or suspend the licensure and
367 registration privileges under ss. 207.004 and 320.02,
368 respectively, of the violator. Each day or part thereof during
369 which a person operates or causes to be operated a qualified
370 commercial motor vehicle without being the holder of fuel tax
371 decals an identifying device or having a valid temporary fuel-
372 use ~~or~~ driveaway permit as required by this chapter constitutes
373 a separate offense within the meaning of this section. In
374 addition to the penalty imposed by this section, the defendant
375 is ~~shall~~ be required to pay all taxes, interest, and penalties

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376 due to this the state.

377 **Section 6. Subsection (1) of section 207.019, Florida**
378 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

379 207.019 Discontinuance or transfer of business; change of
380 address.—

381 (1) Whenever a person ceases to engage in business as a
382 motor carrier within this the state by reason of the
383 discontinuance, sale, or transfer of the business of such
384 person, the person he or she shall notify the department in
385 writing at least 10 days before prior to the time the
386 discontinuance, sale, or transfer takes effect. Such notice must
387 shall give the date of discontinuance and, in the event of a
388 sale or transfer of the business, the date thereof and the name
389 and address of the purchaser or transferee. All ~~diesel fuel or~~
390 motor fuel use taxes are shall become due and payable
391 concurrently with such discontinuance, sale, or transfer; and
392 any such person shall, concurrently with such discontinuance,
393 sale, or transfer, make a report and, pay all such taxes,
394 interest, and penalties; and the fuel tax decals must be
395 destroyed and the motor carrier to whom the decals were issued
396 shall notify the department by letter of their destruction and
397 of the numbers of the fuel tax decals that were destroyed, and
398 surrender to the department the registration issued to such
399 person.

400 **Section 7. Subsection (1) of section 316.065, Florida**

401 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

402 316.065 Crashes; reports; penalties.—

403 (1) The driver of a vehicle involved in a crash resulting
404 in injury to or death of any persons or damage to any vehicle or
405 other property in an apparent amount of at least \$2,000 ~~\$500~~
406 shall immediately by the quickest means of communication give
407 notice of the crash to the local police department, if such
408 crash occurs within a municipality; otherwise, to the office of
409 the county sheriff or the nearest office or station of the
410 Florida Highway Patrol. A violation of this subsection is a
411 noncriminal traffic infraction, punishable as a nonmoving
412 violation as provided in chapter 318.

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

415 320.02 Registration required; application for
416 registration; forms.—

417 (2) (a) The application for registration must include the
418 street address of the owner's permanent Florida residence or the
419 address of his or her permanent place of business in Florida and
420 be accompanied by personal or business identification
421 information. If the vehicle is registered to an active duty
422 member of the United States Armed Forces who is a Florida
423 resident, the active duty member is not required to provide the
424 street address of a permanent Florida residence.

425 (b) An individual applicant must provide proof of address

426 satisfactory to the department and:

427 1. A valid REAL ID driver license or identification card
428 issued by this state or another state; or
429 2. A valid, unexpired United States passport; or
430 3. A valid, unexpired passport issued by another country
431 and an unexpired Form I-94 issued by the United States Bureau of
432 Customs and Border Protection.

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

437 (c) A business applicant must provide a federal employer
438 identification number, if applicable, or verification that the
439 business is authorized to conduct business in this ~~the~~ state, or
440 a Florida municipal or county business license or number.

441 1. ~~If the owner does not have a permanent residence or~~
442 ~~permanent place of business or if the owner's permanent~~
443 ~~residence or permanent place of business cannot be identified by~~
444 ~~a street address, the application must include:~~

445 a. ~~If the vehicle is registered to a business, the name~~
446 ~~and street address of the permanent residence of an owner of the~~
447 ~~business, an officer of the corporation, or an employee who is~~
448 ~~in a supervisory position.~~

449 b. ~~If the vehicle is registered to an individual, the name~~
450 ~~and street address of the permanent residence of a close~~

451 ~~relative or friend who is a resident of this state.~~

452 ~~2. If the vehicle is registered to an active duty member~~
453 ~~of the Armed Forces of the United States who is a Florida~~
454 ~~resident, the active duty member is exempt from the requirement~~
455 ~~to provide the street address of a permanent residence.~~

456 ~~(d)(b)~~ The department shall prescribe a form upon which
457 motor vehicle owners may record odometer readings when
458 registering their motor vehicles.

459 (5)

460 (e) Upon the expiration date noted in the cancellation
461 notice that the department receives from the insurer, the
462 department shall suspend the registration, issued under this
463 chapter or revoke the license issued under s. 207.004(1), of a
464 motor carrier who operates a commercial motor vehicle or a
465 qualified motor vehicle who permits it to be operated in this
466 state during the registration period or licensure period without
467 having in full force liability insurance, a surety bond, or a
468 valid self-insurance certificate that complies with this
469 section. The insurer shall provide notice to the department at
470 the same time the cancellation notice is provided to the insured
471 pursuant to s. 627.7281. The department may adopt rules
472 regarding the electronic submission of the cancellation notice.

473 **Section 9. Section 320.061, Florida Statutes, is amended**
474 **to read:**

475 320.061 Unlawful to alter motor vehicle registration

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476 certificates, license plates, temporary license plates, mobile
477 home stickers, or validation stickers or to obscure license
478 plates; penalty.—A person may not alter the original appearance
479 of a vehicle registration certificate, license plate, temporary
480 license plate, mobile home sticker, or validation sticker issued
481 for and assigned to a motor vehicle or mobile home, whether by
482 mutilation, alteration, defacement, or change of color or in any
483 other manner. A person may not apply or attach a substance,
484 reflective matter, illuminated device, spray, coating, covering,
485 or other material onto or around any license plate which
486 interferes with the legibility, angular visibility, or
487 detectability of the primary features or details, including the
488 license plate number or validation sticker, any feature or
489 detail on the license plate or interferes with the ability to
490 record the primary features or details, including the license
491 plate number or validation sticker, any feature or detail on the
492 license plate. A license plate frame that impinges upon
493 information located on the top or bottom of the license plate is
494 permissible, as long as law enforcement can identify the state
495 issuing the license plate. A person who knowingly violates this
496 section commits a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable
497 as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

498 **Section 10. Subsection (2) of section 320.95, Florida
499 Statutes, is amended to read:**

500 320.95 Transactions by electronic or telephonic means.—

501 (2) The department may collect e-mail electronic mail
502 addresses and use e-mail electronic mail in lieu of the United
503 States Postal Service as a method of notification for the
504 purpose of providing renewal notices.

505 **Section 11. Subsection (44) of section 322.01, Florida
506 Statutes, is amended to read:**

507 322.01 Definitions.—As used in this chapter:

508 (44) "Tank vehicle" means a commercial motor vehicle that
509 is designed to transport any liquid or gaseous material within
510 one or more tanks that each have an individual rated capacity of
511 more than 119 gallons and an aggregate rated capacity of 1,000
512 gallons or more and that are a tank either permanently or
513 temporarily attached to the vehicle or chassis. The term does
514 not include a commercial motor vehicle transporting an empty
515 storage tank that is not designed for transportation but that is
516 temporarily attached to a flatbed trailer, if such tank has a
517 designed capacity of 1,000 gallons or more.

518 **Section 12. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section
519 322.051, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

520 322.051 Identification cards.—

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

526 (a) The application must include the following information
527 regarding the applicant:

528 1. Full name (first, middle or maiden, and last), gender,
529 proof of social security card number satisfactory to the
530 department, which may include a military identification card,
531 county of residence, mailing address, e-mail address, proof of
532 residential address satisfactory to the department, country of
533 birth, and a brief description.

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

535 3. Proof of identity satisfactory to the department. Such
536 proof must include one of the following documents issued to the
537 applicant:

538 a. A driver license record or identification card record
539 from another jurisdiction that required the applicant to submit
540 a document for identification which is substantially similar to
541 a document required under sub subparagraph b., sub subparagraph
542 c., sub subparagraph d., sub subparagraph e., sub subparagraph
543 f., sub subparagraph g., or sub subparagraph h.;

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

545 c. A valid, unexpired United States passport;

546 d. A naturalization certificate issued by the United
547 States Department of Homeland Security;

548 e. A valid, unexpired alien registration receipt card
549 (green card);

550 f. A Consular Report of Birth Abroad provided by the

551 United States Department of State;

552 g. An unexpired employment authorization card issued by

553 the United States Department of Homeland Security; or

554 h. Proof of nonimmigrant classification provided by the

555 United States Department of Homeland Security, for an original

556 identification card. In order to prove nonimmigrant

557 classification, an applicant must provide at least one of the

558 following documents. In addition, the department may require

559 applicants to produce United States Department of Homeland

560 Security documents for the sole purpose of establishing the

561 maintenance of, or efforts to maintain, continuous lawful

562 presence:

563 (I) A notice of hearing from an immigration court

564 scheduling a hearing on any proceeding.

565 (II) A notice from the Board of Immigration Appeals

566 acknowledging pendency of an appeal.

567 (III) A notice of the approval of an application for

568 adjustment of status issued by the United States Citizenship and

569 Immigration Services.

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

571 petition for asylum or refugee status or any other relief issued

572 by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services.

573 (V) A notice of action transferring any pending matter

574 from another jurisdiction to Florida, issued by the United

575 States Citizenship and Immigration Services.

576 (VI) An order of an immigration judge or immigration
577 officer granting relief that authorizes the alien to live and
578 work in the United States, including, but not limited to,
579 asylum.

580 (VII) Evidence that an application is pending for
581 adjustment of status to that of an alien lawfully admitted for
582 permanent residence in the United States or conditional
583 permanent resident status in the United States, if a visa number
584 is available having a current priority date for processing by
585 the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services.

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

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591 An identification card issued based on documents required in
592 sub subparagraph g. or sub subparagraph h. is valid for a period
593 not to exceed the expiration date of the document presented or 1
594 year, whichever occurs first.

595 **Section 13. Subsection (1) of section 322.17, Florida
596 Statutes, is amended to read:**

597 322.17 Replacement licenses and permits.—

598 (1) (a) In the event that an instruction permit or driver
599 license issued under ~~the provisions of~~ this chapter is lost or
600 destroyed, the person to whom the same was issued may, upon

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601 payment of the appropriate fee pursuant to s. 322.21, obtain a
602 replacement upon furnishing proof satisfactory to the department
603 that such permit or license has been lost or destroyed, and
604 further furnishing the full name, date of birth, sex, residence
605 and mailing address, e-mail address, proof of birth satisfactory
606 to the department, and proof of identity satisfactory to the
607 department.

608 (b) In the event that an instruction permit or driver
609 license issued under ~~the provisions of~~ this chapter is stolen,
610 the person to whom the same was issued may, at no charge, obtain
611 a replacement upon furnishing proof satisfactory to the
612 department that such permit or license was stolen and further
613 furnishing the full name, date of birth, sex, residence and
614 mailing address, e-mail address, proof of birth satisfactory to
615 the department, and proof of identity satisfactory to the
616 department.

617 **Section 14. Subsections (1), (2), (3), and (6) of section
618 322.251, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:**

619 322.251 Notice of cancellation, suspension, revocation, or
620 disqualification of license.—

621 (1) All orders of cancellation, suspension, revocation, or
622 disqualification issued under ~~the provisions of~~ this chapter,
623 chapter 318, chapter 324, or ss. 627.732-627.734 must shall be
624 given either by personal delivery ~~thereof~~ to the licensee whose
625 license is being canceled, suspended, revoked, or disqualified;

626 or by deposit in the United States mail in an envelope, first
627 class, postage prepaid, addressed to the licensee at his or her
628 last known mailing address furnished to the department; or by e-
629 mail notification if authorized by the licensee. Such methods of
630 notification mailing by the department constitute notice
631 ~~constitutes notification~~, and any failure by the person to
632 receive the ~~mailed~~ order does will not affect or stay the
633 effective date or term of the cancellation, suspension,
634 revocation, or disqualification of the licensee's driving
635 privilege.

636 (2) The giving of notice and an order of cancellation,
637 suspension, revocation, or disqualification ~~by mail~~ is complete
638 upon expiration of 20 days after e-mail notification or deposit
639 in the United States mail for all notices except those issued
640 under chapter 324 or ss. 627.732-627.734, which are complete 15
641 days after e-mail notification or deposit in the United States
642 mail. Proof of the giving of notice and an order of
643 cancellation, suspension, revocation, or disqualification in
644 such either manner must shall be made by entry in the records of
645 the department that such notice was given. The entry is
646 admissible in the courts of this state and constitutes
647 sufficient proof that such notice was given.

648 (3) Whenever the driving privilege is suspended, revoked,
649 or disqualified under ~~the provisions of~~ this chapter, the period
650 of such suspension, revocation, or disqualification must shall

651 be indicated on the order of suspension, revocation, or
652 disqualification, and the department shall require the licensee
653 whose driving privilege is suspended, revoked, or disqualified
654 to surrender all licenses then held by him or her to the
655 department. However, if ~~should~~ the person fails ~~fail~~ to
656 surrender such licenses, the suspension, revocation, or
657 disqualification period does ~~shall~~ not expire until a period
658 identical to the period for which the driving privilege was
659 suspended, revoked, or disqualified has expired after the date
660 of surrender of the licenses, or the date an affidavit swearing
661 such licenses are lost has been filed with the department. In
662 any instance where notice of the suspension, revocation, or
663 disqualification order is given ~~mailed~~ as provided herein, and
664 the license is not surrendered to the department, and such
665 license thereafter expires, the department may ~~shall~~ not renew
666 that license until a period of time identical to the period of
667 such suspension, revocation, or disqualification imposed has
668 expired.

669 (6) Whenever a cancellation, suspension, revocation, or
670 disqualification occurs, the department shall enter the
671 cancellation, suspension, revocation, or disqualification order
672 on the licensee's driver file 20 days after e-mail notification
673 ~~or deposit the notice was actually placed in the United States~~
674 mail. Any inquiry into the file after the 20-day period shall
675 reveal that the license is canceled, suspended, revoked, or

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676 disqualified and whether the license has been received by the
677 department.

678 **Section 15. Paragraph (a) of subsection (8) of section**
679 **120.80, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

680 120.80 Exceptions and special requirements; agencies.—

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

682 (a) Driver licenses.—

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

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

690 **Section 16. Section 207.003, Florida Statutes, is amended**
691 **to read:**

692 207.003 Privilege tax levied.—A tax for the privilege of
693 operating any qualified commercial motor vehicle upon the public
694 highways of this state shall be levied upon every motor carrier
695 at a rate which includes the minimum rates provided in parts I-
696 III of chapter 206 on each gallon of ~~diesel fuel or~~ motor fuel
697 used for the propulsion of a qualified commercial motor vehicle
698 by such motor carrier within this the state.

699 **Section 17. Section 207.008, Florida Statutes, is amended**
700 **to read:**

701 207.008 Retention of records by motor carrier.—Each
702 ~~licensed registered~~ motor carrier shall maintain and keep
703 pertinent records and papers as may be required by the
704 department for the reasonable administration of this chapter and
705 shall preserve the records upon which each ~~quarterly~~ tax return
706 is based for 4 years after ~~following~~ the due date or filing date
707 of the return, whichever is later.

708 **Section 18. Subsection (3) of section 207.011, Florida
709 Statutes, is amended to read:**

710 207.011 Inspection of records; hearings; forms; rules.—
711 (3) The department, or any authorized agent thereof, may
712 ~~is authorized to~~ examine the records, books, papers, and
713 equipment of any motor carrier, any retail dealer of motor
714 ~~diesel~~ fuels, and any wholesale distributor of ~~diesel fuels or~~
715 motor fuels which ~~that~~ are deemed necessary to verify the truth
716 and accuracy of any statement, or report, or return and
717 ascertain whether the tax imposed by this chapter has been paid.

718 **Section 19. Section 207.013, Florida Statutes, is amended
719 to read:**

720 207.013 Suits for collection of unpaid taxes, penalties,
721 and interest.—Upon demand of the department, the Department of
722 Legal Affairs or the state attorney for a judicial circuit shall
723 bring appropriate actions, in the name of the state or in the
724 name of the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles in
725 the capacity of its office, for the recovery of taxes,

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726 penalties, and interest due under this chapter; and judgment
727 shall be rendered for the amount so found to be due together
728 with costs. However, if it is ~~shall~~ be found as a fact that such
729 claim for, or grant of, an exemption or credit was willful on
730 the part of any motor carrier, retail dealer, or distributor of
731 ~~diesel fuel or~~ motor fuel, judgment must ~~shall~~ be rendered for
732 double the amount of the tax found to be due with costs. The
733 department may employ an attorney at law to institute and
734 prosecute proper proceedings to enforce payment of the taxes,
735 penalties, and interest provided for by this chapter and may fix
736 the compensation for the services of such attorney at law.

737 **Section 20. Subsection (3) of section 207.014, Florida
738 Statutes, is amended to read:**

739 207.014 Departmental warrant for collection of unpaid
740 taxes.—

741 (3) In the event there is a contest or claim of any kind
742 with reference to the property levied upon or the amount of
743 taxes, costs, or penalties due, such contest or claim must ~~shall~~
744 be tried in the circuit court in and for the county in which the
745 warrant was executed, as nearly as may be in the same manner and
746 means as such contest or claim would have been tried in such
747 court had the warrant originally issued upon a judgment rendered
748 by such court. The warrant issued as provided in this section
749 constitutes ~~shall constitute~~ prima facie evidence of the amount
750 of taxes, interest, and penalties due to the state by the motor

751 carrier, ~~is~~ and the burden of proof is shall be upon the motor
752 carrier, retail dealer, or distributor of diesel fuel or motor
753 fuel to show that the amounts or penalties were incorrect.

754 **Section 21. Subsections (1) and (3) of section 207.023,**
755 **Florida Statutes, are amended to read:**

756 207.023 Authority to inspect vehicles, make arrests, seize
757 property, and execute warrants.—

758 (1) As a part of their responsibility when inspecting
759 qualified motor ~~commercial~~ vehicles, the Department of Highway
760 Safety and Motor Vehicles, the Department of Agriculture and
761 Consumer Services, and the Department of Transportation shall
762 ensure that all vehicles are properly qualified under ~~the~~
763 ~~provisions of~~ this chapter.

764 (3) Qualified ~~commercial~~ motor vehicles owned or operated
765 by any motor carrier who refuses to comply with this chapter may
766 be seized by authorized agents or employees of the Department of
767 Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, the Department of Agriculture
768 and Consumer Services, or the Department of Transportation; or
769 authorized agents and employees of any of these departments also
770 may seize property as set out in ss. 206.205, 206.21, and
771 206.215. Upon such seizure, the property must ~~shall~~ be
772 surrendered without delay to the sheriff of the county where the
773 property was seized for further proceedings.

774 **Section 22. Subsections (1) and (6) of section 207.0281,**
775 **Florida Statutes, are amended to read:**

776 207.0281 ~~Registration;~~ Cooperative reciprocal agreements
777 between states.—

778 (1) The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles
779 may enter into a cooperative reciprocal agreement, including,
780 but not limited to, the International Fuel Tax ~~fuel-tax~~
781 Agreement, with another state or group of states for the
782 administration of the tax imposed by this chapter. An agreement
783 arrangement, declaration, or amendment is not effective until
784 stated in writing and filed with the Department of Highway
785 Safety and Motor Vehicles.

786 (6) This section and the contents of any reciprocal
787 agreement entered into under this section supersede all other
788 fuel-tax requirements of this chapter for qualified ~~commercial~~
789 motor vehicles.

790 **Section 23. Paragraph (aa) of subsection (7) of section
791 212.08, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

792 212.08 Sales, rental, use, consumption, distribution, and
793 storage tax; specified exemptions.—The sale at retail, the
794 rental, the use, the consumption, the distribution, and the
795 storage to be used or consumed in this state of the following
796 are hereby specifically exempt from the tax imposed by this
797 chapter.

798 (7) MISCELLANEOUS EXEMPTIONS.—Exemptions provided to any
799 entity by this chapter do not inure to any transaction that is
800 otherwise taxable under this chapter when payment is made by a

801 representative or employee of the entity by any means,
802 including, but not limited to, cash, check, or credit card, even
803 when that representative or employee is subsequently reimbursed
804 by the entity. In addition, exemptions provided to any entity by
805 this subsection do not inure to any transaction that is
806 otherwise taxable under this chapter unless the entity has
807 obtained a sales tax exemption certificate from the department
808 or the entity obtains or provides other documentation as
809 required by the department. Eligible purchases or leases made
810 with such a certificate must be in strict compliance with this
811 subsection and departmental rules, and any person who makes an
812 exempt purchase with a certificate that is not in strict
813 compliance with this subsection and the rules is liable for and
814 shall pay the tax. The department may adopt rules to administer
815 this subsection.

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

- 820 1. The sale, lease, or rental occurs between two commonly
821 owned and controlled corporations;
- 822 2. Such vehicle was titled and registered in this state at
823 the time of the sale, lease, or rental; and
- 824 3. Florida sales tax was paid on the acquisition of such
825 vehicle by the seller, lessor, or renter.

826 **Section 24. Paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (4) of**
827 **section 316.545, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:**

828 316.545 Weight and load unlawful; special fuel and motor
829 fuel tax enforcement; inspection; penalty; review.—

830 (4) (a) A commercial vehicle may not be operated over the
831 highways of this state unless it has been properly licensed
832 registered under s. 207.004. Whenever any law enforcement
833 officer identified in s. 207.023(1), upon inspecting the vehicle
834 or combination of vehicles, determines that the vehicle is in
835 violation of s. 207.004, a penalty in the amount of \$50 shall be
836 assessed, and the vehicle may be detained until payment is
837 collected by the law enforcement officer.

838 (b) In addition to the penalty provided for in paragraph
839 (a), the vehicle may be detained until the owner or operator of
840 the vehicle furnishes evidence that the vehicle has been
841 properly licensed ~~registered~~ pursuant to s. 207.004. Any officer
842 of the Florida Highway Patrol or agent of the Department of
843 Transportation may issue a temporary fuel-use ~~fuel-use~~ permit
844 and collect the appropriate fee as provided for in s. 207.004(5)
845 s. 207.004(4). Notwithstanding ~~the provisions of~~ subsection (6),
846 all permit fees collected pursuant to this paragraph shall be
847 transferred to the Department of Highway Safety and Motor
848 Vehicles to be allocated pursuant to s. 207.026.

849 **Section 25. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section**
850 **318.15, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

851 318.15 Failure to comply with civil penalty or to appear;
852 penalty.—

853 (1) (a) If a person fails to comply with the civil
854 penalties provided in s. 318.18 within the time period specified
855 in s. 318.14(4), fails to enter into or comply with the terms of
856 a penalty payment plan with the clerk of the court in accordance
857 with ss. 318.14 and 28.246, fails to attend driver improvement
858 school, or fails to appear at a scheduled hearing, the clerk of
859 the court must notify the Department of Highway Safety and Motor
860 Vehicles of such failure within 10 days after such failure. Upon
861 receipt of such notice, the department must immediately issue an
862 order suspending the driver license and privilege to drive of
863 such person effective 20 days after the date the order of
864 suspension is provided mailed in accordance with s. 322.251(1),
865 (2), and (6). The order also must inform the person that he or
866 she may contact the clerk of the court to establish a payment
867 plan pursuant to s. 28.246(4) to make partial payments for
868 court-related fines, fees, service charges, and court costs. Any
869 such suspension of the driving privilege which has not been
870 reinstated, including a similar suspension imposed outside of
871 this state, must remain on the records of the department for a
872 period of 7 years after from the date imposed and must be
873 removed from the records after the expiration of 7 years after
874 from the date it is imposed. The department may not accept the
875 resubmission of such suspension.

876 **Section 26. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section**
877 **319.35, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

878 319.35 Unlawful acts in connection with motor vehicle
879 odometer readings; penalties.—

880 (1)

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

884 **Section 27. Subsection (3) of section 319.40, Florida**
885 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

886 319.40 Transactions by electronic or telephonic means.—

887 (3) The department may collect e-mail ~~electronic mail~~
888 addresses and use e-mail ~~electronic mail~~ in lieu of the United
889 States Postal Service as a method of notification. However, any
890 notice regarding the potential forfeiture or foreclosure of an
891 interest in property must be sent via the United States Postal
892 Service.

893 **Section 28. Paragraph (b) of subsection (5) of section**
894 **320.03, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

895 320.03 Registration; duties of tax collectors;
896 International Registration Plan.—

897 (5)

898 (b) Upon a tax collector's request, the department may
899 provide ancillary technology to integrate other tax collection
900 systems used by tax collectors in order to provide tax

901 collectors with data access and uniform interface
902 functionalities for registration renewal transactions performed
903 at a tax collector's office or online via a tax collector's
904 website. The department shall prescribe the best manner of
905 delivering the data access and uniform interface functionalities
906 to tax collectors for the purpose of processing registration
907 renewal transactions and shall provide the ability to record and
908 process registration renewal transactions in the state system in
909 real time and bulk data reporting for vehicle registrations,
910 including each applicant's e-mail ~~electronic mail~~ address
911 collected pursuant to s. 320.95. Such data and functionality may
912 be used only for purposes of fulfilling the tax collector's
913 statutory duties pursuant to this chapter, chapter 319, chapter
914 322, or chapter 328 and may not be resold or used for any other
915 purpose. Such data access and uniform interface functionalities
916 shall be developed no later than July 1, 2023. For the purposes
917 of this paragraph, the term "registration renewal transactions"
918 means issuance of motor vehicle, mobile home, and trailer
919 registration certificates, registration license plates, and
920 validation stickers.

921 **Section 29. Subsection (10) of section 322.08, Florida
922 Statutes, is amended to read:**

923 322.08 Application for license; requirements for license
924 and identification card forms.—

925 (10) The department may collect e-mail ~~electronic mail~~

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926 addresses and use e-mail ~~electronic mail~~ in lieu of the United
927 States Postal Service as a method of notification for the
928 ~~purpose of providing renewal notices.~~

929 **Section 30. Paragraph (a) of subsection (8) of section**
930 **322.18, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

931 322.18 Original applications, licenses, and renewals;
932 expiration of licenses; delinquent licenses.—

933 (8) The department shall issue 8-year renewals using a
934 convenience service without reexamination to drivers who have
935 not attained 80 years of age. The department shall issue 6-year
936 renewals using a convenience service when the applicant has
937 satisfied the requirements of subsection (5).

938 (a) If the department determines from its records that the
939 holder of a license about to expire is eligible for renewal, the
940 department must ~~shall~~ mail a renewal notice to the licensee at
941 his or her last known address or provide a renewal notice to the
942 licensee by e-mail notification at least, not less than 30 days
943 before ~~prior to~~ the licensee's birthday. The renewal notice must
944 ~~shall~~ direct the licensee to appear at a driver license office
945 for in-person renewal or to transmit the completed renewal
946 notice and the fees required by s. 322.21 to the department
947 using a convenience service.

948 **Section 31. Subsection (4) of section 322.21, Florida**
949 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

950 322.21 License fees; procedure for handling and collecting

951 fees.—

952 (4) If the department determines from its records or is
953 otherwise satisfied that the holder of a license about to expire
954 is entitled to have it renewed, the department must shall mail a
955 renewal notice to the licensee at his or her last known address
956 or provide a renewal notice to the licensee by e-mail
957 notification at least, within 30 days before the licensee's
958 birthday. The licensee must shall be issued a renewal license,
959 after reexamination, if required, during the 30 days immediately
960 preceding his or her birthday upon presenting a renewal notice,
961 his or her current license, and the fee for renewal to the
962 department at any driver license examining office.

963 **Section 32. Subsection (3) and paragraph (a) of subsection
964 (5) of section 322.245, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:**

965 322.245 Suspension of license upon failure of person
966 charged with specified offense under chapter 316, chapter 320,
967 or this chapter to comply with directives ordered by traffic
968 court or upon failure to pay child support in non-IV-D cases as
969 provided in chapter 61 or failure to pay any financial
970 obligation in any other criminal case.—

971 (3) If the person fails to comply with the directives of
972 the court within the 30-day period, or, in non-IV-D cases, fails
973 to comply with the requirements of s. 61.13016 within the period
974 specified in that statute, the depository or the clerk of the
975 court must electronically notify the department of such failure

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976 within 10 days. Upon electronic receipt of the notice, the
977 department shall immediately issue an order suspending the
978 person's driver license and privilege to drive effective 20 days
979 after the date the order of suspension is provided mailed in
980 accordance with s. 322.251(1), (2), and (6). The order of
981 suspension must also contain information specifying that the
982 person may contact the clerk of the court to establish a payment
983 plan pursuant to s. 28.246(4) to make partial payments for
984 fines, fees, service charges, and court costs.

985 (5) (a) When the department receives notice from a clerk of
986 the court that a person licensed to operate a motor vehicle in
987 this state under ~~the provisions of~~ this chapter has failed to
988 pay financial obligations for any criminal offense other than
989 those specified in subsection (1), in full or in part under a
990 payment plan pursuant to s. 28.246(4), the department must
991 suspend the license of the person named in the notice. The
992 department shall provide mail an order of suspension in
993 accordance with s. 322.251(1), (2), and (6), which must also
994 contain information specifying that the person may contact the
995 clerk of the court to establish a payment plan pursuant to s.
996 28.246(4) to make partial payments for fines, fees, service
997 charges, and court costs.

998 **Section 33. Subsections (3) and (5) of section 322.2615,
999 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:**

1000 322.2615 Suspension of license; right to review.—

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1001 (3) If the department determines that the license should
1002 be suspended pursuant to this section and if the notice of
1003 suspension has not already been served upon the person by a law
1004 enforcement officer or correctional officer as provided in
1005 subsection (1), the department shall issue a notice of
1006 suspension and, unless the notice is provided mailed pursuant to
1007 s. 322.251, a temporary permit that expires 10 days after the
1008 date of issuance if the driver is otherwise eligible.

1009 (5) After completion of the informal review, notice of the
1010 department's decision sustaining, amending, or invalidating the
1011 suspension of the driver license of the person whose license was
1012 suspended must be provided to such person. Such notice must be
1013 mailed to the person at the last known address shown on the
1014 department's records, mailed or to the address provided in the
1015 law enforcement officer's report if such address differs from
1016 the address of record, or e-mailed to the e-mail address
1017 furnished to the department within 21 days after the expiration
1018 of the temporary permit issued pursuant to subsection (1) or
1019 subsection (3).

1020 Section 34. Subsection (4) of section 322.2616, Florida
1021 Statutes, is amended to read:

1022 322.2616 Suspension of license; persons under 21 years of
1023 age; right to review.—

1024 (4) If the department finds that the license of the person
1025 should be suspended under this section and if the notice of

1026 suspension has not already been served upon the person by a law
1027 enforcement officer or correctional officer as provided in
1028 subsection (2), the department must ~~shall~~ issue a notice of
1029 suspension and, unless the notice is provided ~~mailed~~ under s.
1030 322.251, a temporary driving permit that expires 10 days after
1031 the date of issuance if the driver is otherwise eligible.

1032 **Section 35. Subsection (3) of section 322.64, Florida
1033 Statutes, is amended to read:**

1034 322.64 Holder of commercial driver license; persons
1035 operating a commercial motor vehicle; driving with unlawful
1036 blood-alcohol level; refusal to submit to breath, urine, or
1037 blood test.—

1038 (3) If the department determines that the person arrested
1039 should be disqualified from operating a commercial motor vehicle
1040 pursuant to this section and if the notice of disqualification
1041 has not already been served upon the person by a law enforcement
1042 officer or correctional officer as provided in subsection (1),
1043 the department must ~~shall~~ issue a notice of disqualification
1044 and, unless the notice is provided ~~mailed~~ pursuant to s.
1045 322.251, a temporary permit which expires 10 days after the date
1046 of issuance if the driver is otherwise eligible.

1047 **Section 36. Subsection (1) of section 324.091, Florida
1048 Statutes, is amended to read:**

1049 324.091 Notice to department; notice to insurer.—

1050 (1) Each owner and operator involved in a crash or

1051 conviction case within the purview of this chapter shall furnish
1052 evidence of automobile liability insurance or motor vehicle
1053 liability insurance within 14 days after the date of providing
1054 ~~the mailing of~~ notice of crash by the department in the form and
1055 manner as it may designate. Upon receipt of evidence that an
1056 automobile liability policy or motor vehicle liability policy
1057 was in effect at the time of the crash or conviction case, the
1058 department shall forward to the insurer such information for
1059 verification in a method as determined by the department. The
1060 insurer shall respond to the department within 20 days after the
1061 notice whether or not such information is valid. If the
1062 department determines that an automobile liability policy or
1063 motor vehicle liability policy was not in effect and did not
1064 provide coverage for both the owner and the operator, it must
1065 shall take action as it is authorized to do under this chapter.

1066 **Section 37. Paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of section
1067 324.171, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

1068 324.171 Self-insurer.—

1069 (1) Any person may qualify as a self-insurer by obtaining
1070 a certificate of self-insurance from the department which may,
1071 in its discretion and upon application of such a person, issue
1072 said certificate of self-insurance when such person has
1073 satisfied the requirements of this section to qualify as a self-
1074 insurer under this section:

1075 (c) The owner of a commercial motor vehicle~~r~~ as defined in

1076 ~~s. 207.002 or s. 320.01 or a qualified motor vehicle as defined~~
1077 ~~in s. 207.002,~~ may qualify as a self-insurer subject to the
1078 standards provided for in subparagraph (b)2.

1079 **Section 38. Subsection (3) of section 328.30, Florida**
1080 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

1081 328.30 Transactions by electronic or telephonic means.—

1082 (3) The department may collect e-mail electronic mail
1083 addresses and use e-mail electronic mail in lieu of the United
1084 States Postal Service as a method of notification for the
1085 purpose of providing renewal notices.

1086 **Section 39. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section**
1087 **328.73, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

1088 328.73 Registration; duties of tax collectors.—

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1090 (b) Upon a tax collector's request, the department may
1091 provide ancillary technology to integrate other tax collection
1092 systems used by tax collectors in order to provide tax
1093 collectors with data access and uniform interface
1094 functionalities for registration renewal transactions performed
1095 at a tax collector's office or online via a tax collector's
1096 website. The department shall prescribe the best manner of
1097 delivering the data access and uniform interface functionalities
1098 to tax collectors for the purpose of processing registration
1099 renewal transactions and shall provide the ability to record and
1100 process registration renewal transactions in the state system in

1101 real time and bulk data reporting for vessel registrations,
1102 including each applicant's e-mail ~~electronic mail~~ address
1103 collected pursuant to s. 328.30. Such data and functionality may
1104 be used only for purposes of fulfilling the tax collector's
1105 statutory duties pursuant to this chapter, chapter 319, chapter
1106 320, or chapter 322 and may not be resold or used for any other
1107 purpose. Such data access and uniform interface functionalities
1108 shall be developed no later than July 1, 2023. For the purposes
1109 of this paragraph, the term "registration renewal transactions"
1110 means vessel registration certificates, vessel numbers, and
1111 decals.

1112 **Section 40. Section 627.7415, Florida Statutes, is amended**
1113 **to read:**

1114 627.7415 Commercial motor vehicles and qualified motor
1115 vehicles; additional liability insurance coverage.—Commercial
1116 motor vehicles, as defined in ~~s. 207.002 or s. 320.01 and~~
1117 qualified motor vehicles as defined in s. 207.002, operated upon
1118 the roads and highways of this state must ~~shall~~ be insured with
1119 the following minimum levels of combined bodily liability
1120 insurance and property damage liability insurance in addition to
1121 any other insurance requirements:

1122 (1) Fifty thousand dollars per occurrence for a commercial
1123 motor vehicle or qualified motor vehicle with a gross vehicle
1124 weight of 26,000 pounds or more, but less than 35,000 pounds.

1125 (2) One hundred thousand dollars per occurrence for a

1126 commercial motor vehicle or qualified motor vehicle with a gross
1127 vehicle weight of 35,000 pounds or more, but less than 44,000
1128 pounds.

1129 (3) Three hundred thousand dollars per occurrence for a
1130 commercial motor vehicle or qualified motor vehicle with a gross
1131 vehicle weight of 44,000 pounds or more.

1132 (4) All commercial motor vehicles and qualified motor
1133 vehicles subject to regulations of the United States Department
1134 of Transportation, 49 C.F.R. part 387, subparts A and B, and as
1135 may be hereinafter amended, must ~~shall~~ be insured in an amount
1136 equivalent to the minimum levels of financial responsibility as
1137 set forth in such regulations.

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1139 A violation of this section is a noncriminal traffic infraction,
1140 punishable as a nonmoving violation as provided in chapter 318.

1141 **Section 41.** This act shall take effect October 1, 2026.