

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to transportation; amending s.
3 207.001, F.S.; revising a short title; amending s.
4 207.002, F.S.; providing and revising definitions;
5 amending s. 207.004, F.S.; requiring licensing, rather
6 than registration, of motor carriers; requiring fuel
7 tax decals, rather than identifying devices, for motor
8 carriers; requiring a copy of the license to be
9 carried in each qualified motor vehicle or made
10 available electronically; specifying how fuel tax
11 decals are to be displayed on qualified motor
12 vehicles; requiring the Department of Highway Safety
13 and Motor Vehicles or its authorized agent to issue
14 licenses and fuel tax decals; requiring fuel tax decal
15 renewal orders to be submitted electronically
16 beginning on a specified date; revising required
17 contents of temporary fuel-use permits; removing
18 provisions relating to driveaway permits; amending s.
19 207.005, F.S.; revising reporting periods and due
20 dates for motor fuel use tax returns; requiring such
21 tax returns to be submitted electronically beginning
22 on a specified date; amending s. 207.007, F.S.;
23 revising requirements for calculation of interest due
24 for delinquent tax; providing penalties for any person
25 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,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(2) The amount of fuel used in the propulsion of any qualified ~~commercial~~ motor vehicle within this state may be calculated, if the motor carrier maintains adequate records, by 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.~~

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

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**

Statutes, is amended to read:

316.065 Crashes; reports; penalties.—

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

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

320.02 Registration required; application for registration; forms.—

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

(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~~7~~ issued under this
463 chapter or revoke the license issued under s. 207.004(1)~~7~~ 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

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

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

320.95 Transactions by electronic or telephonic means.—

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

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

322.01 Definitions.—As used in this chapter:

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

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

322.051 Identification cards.—

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

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

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

2. Proof of birth date satisfactory to the department.

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

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

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

c. A valid, unexpired United States passport;

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

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

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.

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

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

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

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

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

322.17 Replacement licenses and permits.—

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

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

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

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

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

(1) All orders of cancellation, suspension, revocation, or disqualification issued under ~~the provisions of~~ this chapter, chapter 318, chapter 324, or ss. 627.732-627.734 must ~~shall~~ be given ~~either~~ by personal delivery ~~thereof~~ to the licensee whose 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

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

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

120.80 Exceptions and special requirements; agencies.—

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

(a) Driver licenses.—

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

207.014 Departmental warrant for collection of unpaid taxes.—

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

751 carrier,⁺ 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:**

207.0281 ~~Registration~~, Cooperative reciprocal agreements between states.—

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1. The sale, lease, or rental occurs between two commonly owned and controlled corporations;
2. Such vehicle was titled and registered in this state at the time of the sale, lease, or rental; and
3. Florida sales tax was paid on the acquisition of such 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:**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.—

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

324.091 Notice to department; notice to insurer.—

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

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

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

324.171 Self-insurer.—

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

(c) The owner of a commercial motor vehicle~~7~~, 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.—

1089 (1)

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

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

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

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

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

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