

1 A bill to be entitled

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

26 | revising requirements for calculation of interest due
27 | for delinquent tax; providing penalties for any person
28 | who counterfeits, alters, manufactures, or sells fuel
29 | tax licenses, fuel tax decals, or temporary fuel-use
30 | permits except under certain circumstances; amending
31 | s. 207.019, F.S.; requiring motor carriers to destroy
32 | fuel tax decals under certain circumstances and notify
33 | the department; amending s. 261.03, F.S.; revising the
34 | definition of the term "off-highway vehicle"; amending
35 | s. 261.11, F.S.; revising penalties; transferring,
36 | renumbering, and amending s. 311.10(4), F.S.; defining
37 | the terms "cargo purposes" and "commercial space
38 | launch industry"; requiring certain seaports to submit
39 | an annual report describing measures taken to support
40 | the commercial space launch industry to the chair of
41 | the Space Florida board of directors beginning on a
42 | specified date; requiring the seaport to post such
43 | report on its website; prohibiting certain seaports
44 | from converting planned or existing land, facilities,
45 | or infrastructure that supports cargo purposes unless
46 | specified conditions are met; requiring legislative
47 | approval for the use of state funds for specified
48 | projects; amending s. 316.003, F.S.; revising the
49 | definition of the term "micromobility device";
50 | amending s. 316.0777, F.S.; authorizing a private

51 entity to install an automated license plate
52 recognition system for use on certain property for a
53 specified purpose and providing requirements therefor;
54 amending s. 316.20655, F.S.; clarifying a provision;
55 repealing ss. 316.272 and 316.293, F.S., relating to
56 the prevention of noise from exhaust systems and motor
57 vehicle noise, respectively; amending s. 316.3045,
58 F.S.; requiring a motor vehicle to be equipped with an
59 exhaust system to prevent excessive or unusual noise;
60 prohibiting such system from allowing noise that is
61 audible at a specified distance from the vehicle;
62 amending s. 319.1401, F.S.; authorizing certain golf
63 carts to be titled and registered for operation on
64 certain roads without an inspection by the department
65 and providing requirements therefor; amending s.
66 322.032, F.S.; providing definitions; providing
67 requirements for an electronic credentialing system;
68 providing exceptions to certain prohibitions;
69 providing for enforcement and penalties; amending s.
70 337.11, F.S.; authorizing the department to make
71 direct payments to certain subcontractors under
72 specified conditions; amending s. 337.18, F.S.;
73 requiring the department and surety to enter into a
74 takeover agreement under certain conditions; providing
75 requirements for such agreement; amending s. 339.85,

76 F.S.; providing legislative findings; requiring the
 77 department to implement a Next-generation Traffic
 78 Signal Modernization Grant Program; providing program
 79 purpose; requiring the department to implement a
 80 state-local partnership through a cost-sharing
 81 arrangement; providing requirements for such
 82 arrangement; authorizing the department to waive local
 83 match requirements for certain intersections;
 84 requiring the department to prioritize grant
 85 applications for certain intersections and use
 86 competitive procurement to find certain vendors;
 87 providing program requirements; providing for an
 88 annual appropriation; amending ss. 207.003, 207.008,
 89 207.011, 207.013, 207.014, 207.023, 207.0281, 212.08,
 90 316.455, 316.545, 318.18, 319.35, 324.171, 403.061,
 91 403.415, and 627.7415, F.S.; conforming provisions to
 92 changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

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

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 96 **Section 1.** The Department of Transportation shall increase
 97 the minimum perception reaction time of all steady yellow
 98 signals in this state by 0.4 seconds.

99 **Section 2. Section 207.001, Florida Statutes, is amended**
 100 **to read:**

101 207.001 Short title.—This chapter shall be known as the
102 "Florida ~~Diesel Fuel and Motor Fuel Use Tax Act of 1981,~~" and
103 the taxes levied under this chapter shall be in addition to all
104 other taxes imposed by law.

105 **Section 3. Section 207.002, Florida Statutes, is amended**
106 **to read:**

107 207.002 Definitions.—As used in this chapter, the term:

108 ~~(1)(2)~~ "Department" means the Department of Highway Safety
109 and Motor Vehicles.

110 (2) "International Fuel Tax Agreement" means the
111 reciprocal agreement among certain states of the United States,
112 provinces of Canada, and other member jurisdictions which
113 provides for the administration, collection, and enforcement of
114 taxes on the basis of fuel consumed or distance accrued, or
115 both, in member jurisdictions.

116 ~~(3) "Diesel fuel" means any liquid product or gas product~~
117 ~~or combination thereof, including, but not limited to, all forms~~
118 ~~of fuel known or sold as diesel fuel, kerosene, butane gas, or~~
119 ~~propane gas and all other forms of liquefied petroleum gases,~~
120 ~~except those defined as "motor fuel," used to propel a motor~~
121 ~~vehicle.~~

122 ~~(4) "International Registration Plan" means a registration~~
123 ~~reciprocity agreement among states of the United States and~~
124 ~~provinces of Canada providing for payment of license fees or~~
125 ~~license taxes on the basis of fleet miles operated in various~~

126 ~~jurisdictions.~~

127 ~~(3)-(5)~~ "Interstate" means vehicle movement between or
128 through two or more member jurisdictions ~~states~~.

129 ~~(4)-(6)~~ "Intrastate" means vehicle movement from one point
130 within a member jurisdiction ~~state~~ to another point within the
131 same member jurisdiction ~~state~~.

132 ~~(5)~~ "Member jurisdiction" means a member of the
133 International Fuel Tax Agreement.

134 ~~(6)-(7)~~ "Motor carrier" means any person owning,
135 controlling, operating, or managing any motor vehicle used to
136 transport persons or property over any public highway.

137 ~~(7)-(8)~~ "Motor fuel" means any fuel placed in the fuel
138 supply storage unit of a qualified motor vehicle, including an
139 alternative fuel such as pure methanol, ethanol, or other
140 alcohol; a blend of 85 percent or more alcohol with gasoline;
141 natural gas and liquid fuel produced from natural gas; propane;
142 coal-derived liquified fuel; hydrogen; electricity; pure
143 biodiesel (B100) fuel, other than alcohol, derived from
144 biological materials; P-series fuel; or any other type of fuel
145 or energy used to propel a qualified motor vehicle ~~what is~~
146 ~~commonly known and sold as gasoline and fuels containing a~~
147 ~~mixture of gasoline and other products.~~

148 ~~(8)-(9)~~ "Operate," "operated," "operation," or "operating"
149 means ~~and includes~~ the use ~~utilization~~ in any form of any
150 qualified ~~commercial~~ motor vehicle, whether loaded or empty,

151 whether used ~~utilized~~ for compensation or not for compensation,
152 and whether owned by or leased to the motor carrier who uses it
153 or causes it to be used.

154 ~~(9)-(10)~~ "Person" means ~~and includes~~ natural persons,
155 corporations, copartnerships, firms, companies, agencies, or
156 associations, singular or plural.

157 ~~(10)-(11)~~ "Public highway" means any public street, road,
158 or highway in this state.

159 ~~(11)-(1)~~ "Qualified commercial motor vehicle" means any
160 vehicle not owned or operated by a governmental entity which
161 uses ~~diesel fuel or~~ motor fuel on the public highways; and which
162 has two axles and a gross vehicle weight or registered gross
163 vehicle weight in excess of 26,000 pounds, or has three or more
164 axles regardless of weight, or is used in combination when the
165 weight of such combination exceeds 26,000 pounds gross vehicle
166 weight or registered gross vehicle weight. The term excludes any
167 recreational vehicle or vehicle owned or operated by a community
168 transportation coordinator as defined in s. 427.011 or by a
169 private operator that provides public transit services under
170 contract with such a provider.

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

173 ~~(12)-(13)~~ "Use," "uses," or "used" means the consumption of
174 ~~diesel fuel or~~ motor fuel in a qualified commercial motor
175 vehicle for the propulsion thereof.

Section 4. Section 207.004, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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

(1) (a) A ~~no~~ motor carrier may not ~~shall~~ operate or cause to be operated in this state any qualified ~~commercial~~ motor vehicle, other than a Florida-based qualified ~~commercial~~ motor vehicle that travels Florida intrastate mileage only, which ~~that~~ uses ~~diesel fuel or~~ motor fuel until such carrier is licensed ~~has registered with the department or has registered under the International Fuel Tax Agreement a cooperative reciprocal agreement as described in s. 207.0281, after such time as this state enters into such agreement,~~ and has been issued fuel tax decals ~~an identifying device~~ or such carrier has been issued a temporary fuel-use permit as authorized under subsection ~~subsections (4) and (5)~~ for each vehicle operated. The fee for each set of fuel tax decals is ~~There shall be a fee of \$4 per year or any fraction thereof.~~ A copy of the license must be carried in each vehicle or made available electronically. The fuel tax decal for each such identifying device issued. The identifying device shall be provided by the department and must be conspicuously displayed on the qualified ~~commercial~~ motor vehicle as prescribed by the instructions on the reverse side of the decal ~~department~~ while the vehicle ~~it~~ is being operated on

201 the public highways of this state. The transfer of a fuel tax
202 decal ~~an identifying device~~ from one vehicle to another vehicle
203 or from one motor carrier to another motor carrier is
204 prohibited. The department or its authorized agent shall issue
205 the licenses and fuel tax decals.

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

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

220 (3) If a motor carrier licensed in this state no longer
221 operates or causes to be operated in this state any qualified a
222 ~~commercial~~ motor vehicle, the fuel tax decal for each motor
223 carrier that is no longer operated or caused to be operated by
224 the motor carrier must ~~identifying device shall~~ be destroyed and
225 the motor carrier to whom the fuel tax decal ~~device~~ was issued

226 must ~~shall~~ notify the department immediately by letter of such
227 removal and of the number of the fuel tax decal ~~identifying~~
228 ~~device~~ that was ~~has been~~ destroyed.

229 (4) A motor carrier, before operating a qualified
230 ~~commercial~~ motor vehicle on the public highways of this state,
231 must require each qualified motor vehicle to display a fuel tax
232 decal ~~an identifying device~~ as required under subsections (1)
233 and (2) or must obtain a temporary fuel-use permit for that
234 vehicle as provided in subsection (5). ~~A temporary fuel-use~~
235 ~~permit shall expire within 10 days after date of issuance. The~~
236 ~~cost of a temporary fuel-use permit is \$45, and the permit~~
237 ~~exempts the vehicle from the payment of the motor fuel or diesel~~
238 ~~fuel tax imposed under this chapter during the term for which~~
239 ~~the permit is valid. However, the vehicle is not exempt from~~
240 ~~paying the fuel tax at the pump.~~

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

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

251 chapter 206.

252 (c) A ~~blank~~ temporary fuel-use permit, ~~before its use,~~
253 ~~must be executed by the motor carrier, in ink or type, so as to~~
254 identify the carrier, the vehicle to which the permit is
255 assigned, and the permit's effective date and expiration date
256 ~~that the vehicle is placed in and removed from service. The~~
257 ~~temporary fuel-use permit shall also show a complete~~
258 ~~identification of the vehicle on which the permit is to be used,~~
259 ~~together with the name and address of the owner or lessee of the~~
260 ~~vehicle. The endorsed temporary fuel-use permit must shall then~~
261 be carried on the vehicle that it identifies and must ~~shall~~ be
262 exhibited on demand to any authorized personnel. Temporary fuel-
263 use permits may be transmitted to the motor carrier by
264 electronic means ~~and shall be completed as outlined by~~
265 ~~department personnel prior to transmittal.~~

266 (d) The motor carrier to whom a temporary fuel-use permit
267 is issued is ~~shall be~~ solely responsible for the proper use of
268 the permit by its employees, consignees, or lessees. Any
269 erasure, alteration, or unauthorized use of a temporary fuel-use
270 permit renders ~~shall render~~ it invalid and of no effect. A motor
271 carrier to whom a temporary fuel-use permit is issued may not
272 knowingly allow the permit to be used by any other person ~~or~~
273 ~~organization.~~

274 ~~(b) An unregistered motor carrier may, upon payment of the~~
275 ~~\$45 fee, secure from any wire service authorized by the~~

276 ~~department, by electronic means, a temporary fuel-use permit~~
277 ~~that shall be valid for a period of 10 days. Such permit must~~
278 ~~show the name and address of the unregistered motor carrier to~~
279 ~~whom it is issued, the date the vehicle is placed in and removed~~
280 ~~from service, a complete identification of the vehicle on which~~
281 ~~the permit is to be used, and the name and address of the owner~~
282 ~~or lessee of the vehicle. The temporary fuel-use permit shall~~
283 ~~then be carried on the vehicle that it identifies and shall be~~
284 ~~exhibited on demand to any authorized personnel. The~~
285 ~~unregistered motor carrier to whom a temporary fuel-use permit~~
286 ~~is issued shall be solely responsible for the proper use of the~~
287 ~~permit by its employees, consignees, or lessees. Any erasure,~~
288 ~~alteration, or unauthorized use of a temporary fuel-use permit~~
289 ~~shall render it invalid and of no effect. The unregistered motor~~
290 ~~carrier to whom a temporary fuel-use permit is issued may not~~
291 ~~knowingly allow the permit to be used by any other person or~~
292 ~~organization.~~

293 ~~(c) A registered motor carrier engaged in driveaway~~
294 ~~transportation, in which the cargo is the vehicle itself and is~~
295 ~~in transit to stock inventory and the ownership of the vehicle~~
296 ~~is not vested in the motor carrier, may, upon payment of the \$4~~
297 ~~fee, secure from the department a driveaway permit. The~~
298 ~~driveaway permits shall be issued for the period January 1~~
299 ~~through December 31. An original permit must be in the~~
300 ~~possession of the operator of each vehicle and shall be~~

301 ~~exhibited on demand to any authorized personnel. Vehicle mileage~~
302 ~~reports must be submitted by the motor carrier, and the road~~
303 ~~privilege tax must be paid on all miles operated within this~~
304 ~~state during the reporting period. All other provisions of this~~
305 ~~chapter shall apply to the holder of a driveaway permit.~~

306 **Section 5. Section 207.005, Florida Statutes, is amended**
307 **to read:**

308 207.005 Returns and payment of tax; delinquencies;
309 calculation of fuel used during operations in this ~~the~~ state;
310 credit; bond.—

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

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

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

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

332 (2) The amount of fuel used in the propulsion of any
 333 qualified commercial motor vehicle within this state may be
 334 calculated, if the motor carrier maintains adequate records, by
 335 applying total interstate vehicular consumption of all ~~diesel~~
 336 ~~fuel and~~ motor fuel used as related to total miles traveled and
 337 applying such rate to total miles traveled within this state. In
 338 the absence of adequate documentation by the motor carrier, the
 339 department may adopt ~~is authorized to promulgate~~ rules
 340 converting miles driven to gallons used.

341 (3) For the purpose of computing the carrier's liability
 342 for the fuel road privilege tax, the total gallons of fuel used
 343 in the propulsion of any qualified commercial motor vehicle in
 344 this state shall be multiplied by the rates provided in parts I-
 345 III of chapter 206. From the sum determined by this calculation,
 346 there shall be allowed a credit equal to the amount of the tax
 347 per gallon under parts I-III of chapter 206 for each gallon of
 348 fuel purchased in this state during the reporting period when
 349 the ~~diesel fuel or~~ motor fuel tax was paid at the time of
 350 purchase. If the tax paid under parts I-III of chapter 206

351 exceeds the total tax due under this chapter, the excess may be
352 allowed as a credit against future tax payments, until the
353 credit is fully offset or until eight calendar quarters shall
354 have passed since the end of the calendar quarter in which the
355 credit accrued, whichever occurs first. A refund may be made for
356 this credit provided it exceeds \$10.

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

361 (5) Beginning October 1, 2026, except as otherwise
362 authorized by the department, all returns must be submitted
363 electronically through an online system prescribed by the
364 department.

365 **Section 6. Section 207.007, Florida Statutes, is amended**
366 **to read:**

367 207.007 Offenses; penalties and interest.—

368 (1) If any motor carrier licensed ~~registered~~ under this
369 chapter fails to file a return or ~~and~~ pay any tax liability
370 under this chapter within the time required ~~hereunder~~, the
371 department may impose a delinquency penalty of \$50 or 10 percent
372 of the delinquent taxes due, whichever is greater, if the
373 failure is for not more than 30 days, with an additional 10
374 percent penalty for each additional 30 days, or fraction
375 thereof, during the time which the failure continues, not to

376 exceed a total penalty of 100 percent in the aggregate. However,
377 the penalty may not be less than \$50.

378 (2) In addition to any other penalties, any delinquent tax
379 shall bear interest in accordance with the International Fuel
380 Tax Agreement at the rate of 1 percent per month, or fraction
381 thereof, calculated from the date the tax was due. If the
382 department enters into a cooperative reciprocal agreement under
383 the provisions of s. 207.0281, the department shall collect and
384 distribute all interest due to other jurisdictions at the same
385 rate as if such interest were due to the state.

386 (3) Any person who:

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

389 (b) Knowingly makes, or assists any other person in
390 making, a false statement in a return or report ~~or~~ in connection
391 with an application for licensure registration under this
392 chapter or in connection with an audit; or

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

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

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399 commits is guilty of a felony of the third degree, punishable as
400 provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084. In addition,

401 the department may revoke or suspend the licensure and
402 registration privileges under ss. 207.004 and 320.02,
403 respectively, of the violator. Each day or part thereof during
404 which a person operates or causes to be operated a qualified
405 ~~commercial~~ motor vehicle without being the holder of fuel tax
406 decals ~~an identifying device~~ or having a valid temporary fuel-
407 use ~~or driveaway~~ permit as required by this chapter constitutes
408 a separate offense within the meaning of this section. In
409 addition to the penalty imposed by this section, the defendant
410 is ~~shall be~~ required to pay all taxes, interest, and penalties
411 due to this ~~the~~ state.

412 **Section 7. Subsection (1) of section 207.019, Florida**
413 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

414 207.019 Discontinuance or transfer of business; change of
415 address.—

416 (1) Whenever a person ceases to engage in business as a
417 motor carrier within this ~~the~~ state by reason of the
418 discontinuance, sale, or transfer of the business of such
419 person, the person ~~he or she~~ shall notify the department in
420 writing at least 10 days before ~~prior to~~ the time the
421 discontinuance, sale, or transfer takes effect. Such notice must
422 ~~shall~~ give the date of discontinuance and, in the event of a
423 sale or transfer of the business, the date thereof and the name
424 and address of the purchaser or transferee. All ~~diesel fuel or~~
425 motor fuel use taxes are ~~shall become~~ due and payable

426 concurrently with such discontinuance, sale, or transfer; ~~and~~
 427 any such person shall, concurrently with such discontinuance,
 428 sale, or transfer, make a report and, pay all such taxes,
 429 interest, and penalties; and the fuel tax decals must be
 430 destroyed and the motor carrier to whom the decals were issued
 431 shall notify the department by letter of their destruction and
 432 of the number of fuel tax decals that were destroyed, ~~and~~
 433 ~~surrender to the department the registration issued to such~~
 434 ~~person.~~

435 **Section 8. Subsection (5) of section 261.03, Florida**
 436 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

437 261.03 Definitions.—As used in this chapter, the term:

438 (5) "Off-highway vehicle" means any ATV, two-rider ATV,
 439 ROV, ~~or~~ OHM, or other vehicle with motive power specifically
 440 designed by the manufacturer that is used off the roads or
 441 highways of this state and that is not registered and licensed
 442 for highway use under chapter 320.

443 **Section 9. Section 261.11, Florida Statutes, is amended to**
 444 **read:**

445 261.11 Penalties.—No off-highway vehicle may be operated
 446 upon the public sidewalks, roads, streets, or highways of this
 447 state, except as otherwise permitted by the managing local,
 448 state, or federal agency.

449 (1) A violation of this section is a noncriminal traffic
 450 infraction, punishable as a moving violation as provided in

451 chapter 318.

452 (2) A second or subsequent violation of this section is a
453 misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in s.
454 775.082 or s. 775.083.

455 **Section 10. Subsection (4) of section 311.10, Florida**
456 **Statutes, is transferred, renumbered as section 311.15, Florida**
457 **Statutes, and amended to read:**

458 311.15 Seaports; cargo facilities; reporting requirements
459 ~~311.10 Strategic Port Investment Initiative.~~

460 (1) As used in this section, the term:

461 (a) "Cargo purposes" means any facility, activity,
462 property, energy source, or infrastructure asset that is not
463 intended to facilitate the transport of passengers and includes,
464 but is not limited to, such facilities, activities, properties,
465 energy sources, or infrastructure assets that support spaceport
466 activities.

467 (b) "Commercial space launch industry" means any company
468 substantially engaged in the transport, operation, and recovery
469 of space launch or landing services with active maritime
470 operations.

471 (2) Beginning February 1, 2027, and each February 1
472 thereafter, each seaport located in a county in which real
473 property is designated as spaceport territory under s. 331.304
474 and that uses land, facilities, or infrastructure for the
475 purpose of supporting spacecraft launch and recovery operations

476 must submit a report to the chair of the Space Florida board of
477 directors which describes all measures the seaport has taken to
478 support the commercial space launch industry. The seaport must
479 post a copy of the report on its website once it has been
480 submitted to the chair of the board.

481 ~~(3)-(4) As a condition of receiving a project grant under~~
482 ~~any program established in this chapter and as a condition of~~
483 ~~receiving state funds as described in s. 215.31, A seaport that~~
484 ~~is located in a county in which real property is designated as~~
485 ~~spaceport territory under s. 331.304 and that uses land,~~
486 ~~facilities, or infrastructure for the purpose of supporting~~
487 ~~spacecraft launch and recovery operations must, in any agreement~~
488 ~~with the Department of Transportation, agree that the seaport~~
489 ~~may not convert any planned or existing land, facility, or~~
490 ~~infrastructure that supports cargo purposes to any alternative~~
491 ~~purpose unless all of the following conditions are met:~~

492 (a) The governing board of the seaport must provide public
493 notice as provided in s. 50.011 at least 30 days before holding
494 a public meeting on the proposed conversion.

495 (b) Before approving the proposed conversion, the
496 governing board of the seaport must prepare or cause to be
497 prepared a report estimating the impact of the conversion on the
498 cargo operations of the seaport. The report must be prominently
499 posted on the seaport's website at least 30 days before holding
500 a public meeting on the proposed conversion.

501 (c) The conversion must be ~~is~~ approved by a two-thirds
502 vote of ~~by the seaport's~~ governing board of the seaport at a
503 publicly noticed meeting as a separate line on the agenda and
504 with a reasonable opportunity for public comment ~~, and, if~~
505 ~~approved,~~

506 (4) The Legislature must expressly approve ~~approves~~ the
507 use of state funds for any ~~a~~ project that includes the ~~such a~~
508 conversion of any planned or existing land, facility, or
509 infrastructure that supports cargo purposes to any alternative
510 purpose, whether by a work program amendment or through the
511 General Appropriations Act. ~~As used in this subsection, the term~~
512 ~~"cargo purposes" includes, but is not limited to, any facility,~~
513 ~~activity, property, energy source, or infrastructure asset that~~
514 ~~supports spaceport activities.~~

515 **Section 11. Subsection (41) of section 316.003, Florida**
516 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

517 316.003 Definitions.—The following words and phrases, when
518 used in this chapter, shall have the meanings respectively
519 ascribed to them in this section, except where the context
520 otherwise requires:

521 (41) MICROMOBILITY DEVICE.—A motorized transportation
522 device designed for individual use which is typically 20 to 36
523 inches in width and 50 pounds or less in weight and which
524 operates at a speed of typically less than 15 miles per hour but
525 no more than 28 miles per hour. This term includes devices ~~both~~

526 ~~a human-powered and a nonhuman-powered device such as an a~~
527 ~~bicycle, electric bicycle and a, motorized scooter, or any other~~
528 ~~device that is owned by an individual or part of a shared fleet.~~

529 **Section 12. Subsections (3), (4), and (5) of section**
530 **316.0777, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (4),**
531 **(5), and (6), respectively, and a new subsection (3) is added to**
532 **that section to read:**

533 316.0777 Automated license plate recognition systems;
534 installation within rights-of-way of State Highway System and on
535 and within property owned or controlled by private entity;
536 public records exemption.—

537 (3) A private entity may install an automated license
538 plate recognition system solely for use on and within the
539 property owned or controlled by the entity and for a public
540 safety-related purpose. A private entity that installs such a
541 system:

542 (a) May not access vehicle registration data generated by
543 the system, except to the extent that such data cannot
544 reasonably be linked to an identified or identifiable
545 individual.

546 (b) May not share or sell images or data generated by the
547 system, except to the extent required to respond to a lawful
548 request from a law enforcement agency.

549 (c) Must contractually obligate any third party that
550 installs, maintains, or operates the system to protect the

551 images or data generated by the system from disclosure,
552 including a prohibition on sharing or selling such images or
553 data, except to the extent required to respond to a lawful
554 request from a law enforcement agency.

555 (d) May not offer or provide as payment or other
556 consideration any portion of the proceeds derived from a fine or
557 charge imposed based on images or data generated by the system
558 to any third party that installs, maintains, or operates the
559 system.

560 **Section 13. Subsection (2) of section 316.20655, Florida**
561 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

562 316.20655 Electric bicycle regulations.—

563 (2) An electric bicycle as defined in s. 316.003 or an
564 operator of an electric bicycle is not subject to the provisions
565 of law relating to financial responsibility, driver or motor
566 vehicle licenses, vehicle registration, title certificates, off-
567 highway motorcycles, or off-highway vehicles.

568 **Section 14. Sections 316.272 and 316.293, Florida**
569 **Statutes, are repealed.**

570 **Section 15. Subsections (2) through (5) of section**
571 **316.3045, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (3)**
572 **through (6), respectively, and a new subsection (2) is added to**
573 **that section to read:**

574 316.3045 Operation of radios or other mechanical or
575 electronic soundmaking devices or instruments in vehicles;

576 exhaust systems; prevention of noise; exemptions.—

577 (2) Every motor vehicle shall at all times be equipped
578 with an exhaust system in good working order including muffler,
579 manifold pipe, and tailpiping to prevent excessive or unusual
580 noise. In no event shall an exhaust system allow noise at a
581 level plainly audible at a distance of 100 feet or more from the
582 motor vehicle.

583 **Section 16. Section 319.1401, Florida Statutes, is created**
584 **to read:**

585 319.1401 Titling and registering golf carts converted to
586 low-speed vehicles.—A golf cart converted to a low-speed vehicle
587 may be titled and registered for operation on certain roads
588 without an inspection by the department. The owner of the low-
589 speed vehicle shall affirm in writing that the vehicle complies
590 with the requirements of chapter 316 and shall be assigned an
591 identification number by the department. The identification
592 number shall be unique to the low-speed vehicle and used for the
593 issuance of a title and registration for the vehicle.

594 **Section 17. Section 322.032, Florida Statutes, is amended**
595 **to read:**

596 322.032 Digital proof of driver license or identification
597 card; electronic credential autonomy and verification
598 integrity.—

599 (1) As used in this section, the term:

600 (a) "Credentialholder" means a person who is issued a

601 digital proof of driver license or identification card.

602 (b)~~(a)~~ "Digital proof of driver license" means an
603 electronic credential viewable on an electronic credentialing
604 system.

605 (c)~~(b)~~ "Digital proof of identification card" means an
606 electronic credential viewable on an electronic credentialing
607 system.

608 (d)~~(e)~~ "Electronic credentialing system" means a computer
609 system accessed using a computer, a cellular telephone, or any
610 other personal device which queries the department's driver
611 license and identification card records, displays or transmits
612 digital proofs of driver licenses and identification cards, and
613 verifies the authenticity of those electronic credentials.

614 (e) "Fair information practice principles" means
615 internationally recognized privacy principles, including data
616 minimization, purpose specification, use limitation,
617 transparency, and strict data retention controls.

618 (f)~~(d)~~ "Limited profile" means an electronic credential
619 containing some, but not all, of the information displayed on a
620 printed driver license or identification card.

621 (g) "Record integrity" means the capability of ensuring
622 historical continuity and verifiability of electronic
623 credentials by maintaining a tamper-evident, append-only record
624 of digital driver license and identification card issuance,
625 renewal, replacement, or revocation.

626 (h)-(e) "Scanning" means obtaining data from a digital
627 proof of driver license or identification card in an electronic
628 format.

629 (2) (a) The department shall establish a secure and uniform
630 system for issuing an optional digital proof of driver license
631 or identification card. The department may contract with one or
632 more private entities to develop an electronic credentialing
633 system.

634 (b) The electronic credentialing system may not retain
635 Internet protocol addresses, geolocation data, or other
636 information that describes the location, computer, computer
637 system, or computer network from which a customer accesses the
638 system.

639 (c) The electronic credentialing system must:

640 1. Require the explicit consent of the credentialholder
641 before performing any communication.

642 2. Provide offline cryptographic verification mechanisms
643 that:

644 a. Do not require communication with the department.

645 b. Are fully auditable and interoperable with open
646 standards.

647 c. Preserve the anonymity and unlinkability of
648 transactions unless explicitly waived by the credentialholder.

649 3. Adhere to fair information practice principles,
650 including collecting only the minimum data strictly necessary to

651 fulfill the stated purpose of verification.

652 4. Collect data only for a single, clearly defined, and
653 limited purpose that is explicitly communicated to the
654 credentialholder.

655 5. Ensure that data is not reused, repurposed, shared, or
656 transmitted beyond the initial purpose without the explicit
657 consent of the credentialholder.

658 6. Securely delete data or render data irreversibly
659 anonymized immediately upon fulfillment of the stated purpose
660 unless a longer retention period is required by law and narrowly
661 tailored to that legal necessity.

662 7. Implement measures to ensure record integrity. The
663 electronic credentials must be verified based solely on the
664 record integrity and without relying on third parties.

665 8. Implement verifiable receipt mechanisms that ensure any
666 changes made to electronic credentials are independently
667 confirmable and auditable by any relying party.

668 (d) Electronic credential verifiers must:

669 1. Perform full cryptographic validation of electronic
670 credential authenticity, integrity, and issuer attribution
671 without requiring online access to external systems, the
672 department's systems, or any state system.

673 2. Retain only temporary user-authorized verification data
674 that is strictly necessary for the transaction.

675 3. Create written strict data minimization principles that

676 must be provided to a credentialholder upon request.

677 4. Provide a credentialholder with the ability to audit
678 verification requests and control the sharing of electronic
679 credential attributes.

680 (e) Electronic credentials must:

681 1. Be issued as tamper-evident, cryptographically
682 verifiable statements capable of being selectively disclosed.

683 2. Contain clear metadata specifying cryptographic
684 material necessary for independent verification.

685 3. Be controlled by the credentialholder, who may choose
686 to disclose only the minimum information necessary for a
687 transaction.

688 4. Use a cryptographically derived identifier format that:

689 a. Is capable of secure key rotation, recovery,
690 delegation, and revocation without requiring a centralized
691 registry or continuous third-party oversight.

692 b. Rotates cryptographic keys without requiring reissuance
693 or reregistration with a central authority.

694 c. Is resolvable to metadata that contains authentication
695 and authorization material without dependence on a single
696 service endpoint or central registry.

697 d. Implements delegation, recovery, and secure binding to
698 cryptographic keys without requiring persistent correlatable
699 identifiers across contexts.

700 (3) (a) The digital proof of driver license or

701 identification card established by the department or by an
702 entity contracted by the department must be in such a format as
703 to allow verification of the authenticity of the digital proof
704 of driver license or identification card. The department may
705 adopt rules to ensure valid authentication of digital driver
706 licenses and identification cards.

707 (b)1. Notwithstanding ss. 322.14-322.142, and any other
708 law prescribing the design for, or information required to be
709 displayed on, a driver license, a digital proof of driver
710 license may comprise a limited profile that includes only
711 information necessary to conduct a specific transaction on the
712 electronic credentialing system.

713 2. Notwithstanding ss. 322.051 and 322.141, and any other
714 law prescribing the design for, or information required to be
715 displayed on, an identification card, a digital proof of
716 identification card may comprise a limited profile that includes
717 only information necessary to conduct a specific transaction on
718 the electronic credentialing system.

719 (4) A person may not be issued a digital proof of driver
720 license or identification card until he or she satisfies all
721 requirements of this chapter for issuance of the respective
722 driver license or identification card and has been issued a
723 printed driver license or identification card. The electronic
724 credentialing system must, upon each presentation of a digital
725 driver license or identification card, display or transmit

726 current records for the driver license or identification card.
727 If a licensee's driving privilege is suspended, revoked, or
728 disqualified, or if his or her driver license is otherwise
729 canceled or expired, a digital proof of driver license may not
730 be issued; however, a digital proof of identification card may
731 be issued if the licensee is otherwise eligible for an
732 identification card under s. 322.051.

733 (5) The department may use a telephone number submitted by
734 a licensee or cardholder in connection with a digital driver
735 license or identification card only for purposes of
736 communication regarding the digital proof of driver license or
737 identification card or the motor vehicle records, as defined in
738 s. 119.0712(2)(a), of the licensee or cardholder.

739 (6) The department may enter into contracts with one or
740 more private entities which authorize online data calls or
741 offline data verification through the electronic credentialing
742 system that queries the department's driver license and
743 identification card records, displays or transmits digital
744 proofs of driver licenses or identification cards, or verifies
745 the authenticity of such electronic credentials.

746 (7)(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b), a private
747 entity that scans a digital proof of driver license or
748 identification card may not store, sell, or share personal
749 information collected from such scanning of the digital proof of
750 driver license or identification card unless:

751 1. The credentialholder has provided clear, informed, and
752 revocable consent.

753 2. The retention serves a legally justified, narrowly
754 tailored, and time-limited purpose.

755 (b) A credentialholder ~~An individual~~ may consent to allow
756 a private entity to collect and store personal information
757 obtained by scanning his or her digital proof of driver license
758 or identification card. However, the credentialholder ~~individual~~
759 must be informed what information is collected and the purpose
760 or purposes for which the information will be used. If the
761 credentialholder ~~individual~~ does not want the private entity to
762 scan his or her digital proof of the credentialholder's
763 ~~individual's~~ driver license or identification card, the private
764 entity may manually collect personal information from the
765 credentialholder ~~individual~~.

766 (c) A private entity that violates this subsection is
767 subject to a civil penalty not to exceed \$5,000 per occurrence,
768 suspension of eligibility to participate in the electronic
769 credentialing system, and public disclosure of the private
770 entity's noncompliance.

771 (d) This subsection does not apply to a financial
772 institution as defined in s. 655.005(1)(i).

773 (8) Courts shall afford strict scrutiny to any unnecessary
774 government or commercial surveillance or remote verification
775 practices that do not comply with this section.

776 (9)~~(8)~~ A person who:

777 (a) Manufactures a false digital proof of driver license
778 or identification card commits a felony of the third degree,
779 punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

780 (b) Possesses a false digital proof of driver license or
781 identification card commits a misdemeanor of the second degree,
782 punishable as provided in s. 775.082.

783 **Section 18. Paragraph (d) is added to subsection (11) of**
784 **section 337.11, Florida Statutes, to read:**

785 337.11 Contracting authority of department; bids;
786 emergency repairs, supplemental agreements, and change orders;
787 combined design and construction contracts; progress payments;
788 records; requirements of vehicle registration.-

789 (11)

790 (d)1. The department may make direct payments to first-
791 tier subcontractors if the following conditions are met:

792 a. The contractor has not requested payment from the
793 department for at least 6 months.

794 b. There is a binding, written subcontract between the
795 contractor and the subcontractor, and the department is in
796 possession of a complete copy of the subcontract.

797 c. The subcontractor has performed work that is unpaid by
798 the contractor, and the department has sufficient documentation
799 of such unpaid work.

800 d. There is no bona fide, documented dispute between the

801 contractor and the subcontractor.

802 2. Any amounts paid by the department under this paragraph
803 shall be deducted from amounts otherwise due the contractor.

804 **Section 19. Subsection (6) of section 337.18, Florida**
805 **Statutes, is renumbered as subsection (7), and a new subsection**
806 **(6) is added to that section, to read:**

807 337.18 Surety bonds for construction or maintenance
808 contracts; requirement with respect to contract award; bond
809 requirements; defaults; damage assessments.—

810 (6) If the department declares a default on the part of
811 any contractor for cause attributable to such contractor, and
812 the department engages the surety to perform pursuant to the
813 terms of the bond, the department and the surety shall enter
814 into a takeover agreement requiring the surety's completion
815 contractor to meet the prequalification requirements of the
816 original contract bid solicitation and requiring the surety to
817 follow the contract's procedures regarding the completion
818 contractor default and certification of disbursement of payment
819 to subcontractors.

820 **Section 20. Section 339.85, Florida Statutes, is amended**
821 **to read:**

822 (Substantial rewording of section. See
823 s. 339.85, F.S., for present text.)

824 339.85 Next-generation Traffic Signal Modernization Grant
825 Program.—

826 (1) The Legislature finds that:

827 (a) This state's growing population and economic activity
828 place increasing demands on public roads, resulting in
829 congestion, delay, and avoidable crashes at signalized
830 intersections.

831 (b) Modern signal control systems that incorporate
832 artificial intelligence and machine learning (AI/ML) can
833 dynamically optimize timing plans in response to real-time
834 conditions, improving travel time reliability, reducing
835 secondary crashes, and lowering emissions from idling vehicles.

836 (c) Intersections are often owned or operated by local
837 governments, yet the benefits of improved operations accrue to
838 the traveling public statewide; therefore, a coordinated state-
839 local partnership is in the public interest.

840 (d) Leveraging AI/ML for signal operations complements
841 existing investments in managed lanes, transit priority,
842 connected vehicle pilots, emergency preemption, and freight
843 corridors, and can be deployed at comparatively low cost and
844 high speed.

845 (e) A voluntary, performance-based grant program with
846 local matching funds will accelerate deployment of signal
847 modernizations while protecting taxpayers through measurable
848 outcomes and transparent reporting.

849 (2) The department shall implement a Next-generation
850 Traffic Signal Modernization Grant Program. The purpose of the

851 program is to assist counties and municipalities in upgrading
852 eligible signalized intersections with AI/ML-enabled detection,
853 controllers, communications, and software that prioritizes
854 modernization in key corridors across this state.

855 (3) (a) The department shall implement a state-local
856 partnership through a cost-sharing arrangement as follows:

857 1. Authorize the department to fund first-year pilot
858 corridors at up to 80 percent of eligible costs, with a minimum
859 20 percent local contribution.

860 2. Authorize the department to fund 50 percent of ensuing
861 year research and development and installation.

862 (b) Ongoing maintenance after signal modernization shall
863 be the responsibility of the local government and the vendor.

864 (4) The department may waive any local match requirement
865 for state-owned or state-operated intersections.

866 (5) The department shall prioritize grant applications for
867 intersections at which a signal modernization will measurably:

868 (a) Reduce average control delay and corridor travel
869 times.

870 (b) Improve surrogate safety measures, such as failures to
871 stop at red lights and hard-braking events, and support
872 emergency vehicle preemption.

873 (c) Provide transit signal priority and multimodal
874 benefits to pedestrians and cyclists.

875 (6) The department shall use competitive procurement as

876 provided in chapter 287 to find a vendor or vendors that uses
877 state-of-the-art technology that complies with leading
878 cybersecurity standards, such as SOC 2 and ISO 27001, ensuring
879 robust data protection. The program shall also:

880 (a) Require open, interoperable, and secure systems that
881 avoid vendor lock in and protect cybersecurity.

882 (b) Ensure data transparency through standardized
883 performance dashboards and annual public reports demonstrating
884 benefits relative to cost.

885 (c) Coordinate with metropolitan planning organizations,
886 regional traffic management centers, and law enforcement, fire
887 rescue, and transit agencies to maximize systemwide benefits.

888 (d) Encourage use of state-based pilots, sandboxes, and
889 independent evaluations to validate performance before large-
890 scale rollout.

891 (e) Support workforce development and local operations
892 staff training so upgrades remain effective over the life of the
893 equipment.

894 (7) Beginning in fiscal year 2026-2027, \$20 million is
895 appropriated annually from the State Transportation Trust Fund
896 to the department to fund the Next-generation Traffic Signal
897 Modernization Grant Program as described in this section.

898 **Section 21. Section 207.003, Florida Statutes, is amended**
899 **to read:**

900 207.003 Privilege tax levied.—A tax for the privilege of

901 operating any qualified ~~commercial~~ motor vehicle upon the public
 902 highways of this state shall be levied upon every motor carrier
 903 at a rate which includes the minimum rates provided in parts I-
 904 III of chapter 206 on each gallon of ~~diesel fuel or~~ motor fuel
 905 used for the propulsion of a qualified ~~commercial~~ motor vehicle
 906 by such motor carrier within this ~~the~~ state.

907 **Section 22. Section 207.008, Florida Statutes, is amended**
 908 **to read:**

909 207.008 Retention of records by motor carrier.—Each
 910 licensed ~~registered~~ motor carrier shall maintain and keep
 911 pertinent records and papers as may be required by the
 912 department for the reasonable administration of this chapter and
 913 shall preserve the records upon which each ~~quarterly~~ tax return
 914 is based for 4 years after ~~following~~ the due date or filing date
 915 of the return, whichever is later.

916 **Section 23. Subsection (3) of section 207.011, Florida**
 917 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

918 207.011 Inspection of records; hearings; forms; rules.—
 919 (3) The department, or any authorized agent thereof, may
 920 ~~is authorized to~~ examine the records, books, papers, and
 921 equipment of any motor carrier, any retail dealer of motor
 922 ~~diesel~~ fuels, and any wholesale distributor of ~~diesel fuels or~~
 923 motor fuels which ~~that~~ are deemed necessary to verify the truth
 924 and accuracy of any statement, ~~or~~ report, or return and
 925 ascertain whether the tax imposed by this chapter has been paid.

926 **Section 24. Section 207.013, Florida Statutes, is amended**
 927 **to read:**

928 207.013 Suits for collection of unpaid taxes, penalties,
 929 and interest.—Upon demand of the department, the Department of
 930 Legal Affairs or the state attorney for a judicial circuit shall
 931 bring appropriate actions, in the name of the state or in the
 932 name of the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles in
 933 the capacity of its office, for the recovery of taxes,
 934 penalties, and interest due under this chapter; and judgment
 935 shall be rendered for the amount so found to be due together
 936 with costs. However, if it is ~~shall~~ be found as a fact that such
 937 claim for, or grant of, an exemption or credit was willful on
 938 the part of any motor carrier, retail dealer, or distributor of
 939 ~~diesel fuel or~~ motor fuel, judgment must ~~shall~~ be rendered for
 940 double the amount of the tax found to be due with costs. The
 941 department may employ an attorney at law to institute and
 942 prosecute proper proceedings to enforce payment of the taxes,
 943 penalties, and interest provided for by this chapter and may fix
 944 the compensation for the services of such attorney at law.

945 **Section 25. Subsection (3) of section 207.014, Florida**
 946 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

947 207.014 Departmental warrant for collection of unpaid
 948 taxes.—

949 (3) In the event there is a contest or claim of any kind
 950 with reference to the property levied upon or the amount of

951 taxes, costs, or penalties due, such contest or claim must ~~shall~~
 952 be tried in the circuit court in and for the county in which the
 953 warrant was executed, as nearly as may be in the same manner and
 954 means as such contest or claim would have been tried in such
 955 court had the warrant originally issued upon a judgment rendered
 956 by such court. The warrant issued as provided in this section
 957 constitutes ~~shall constitute~~ prima facie evidence of the amount
 958 of taxes, interest, and penalties due to the state by the motor
 959 carrier,⁷ and the burden of proof is ~~shall be~~ upon the motor
 960 carrier, retail dealer, or distributor of ~~diesel fuel or~~ motor
 961 fuel to show that the amounts or penalties were incorrect.

962 **Section 26. Subsections (1) and (3) of section 207.023,**
 963 **Florida Statutes, are amended to read:**

964 207.023 Authority to inspect vehicles, make arrests, seize
 965 property, and execute warrants.—

966 (1) As a part of their responsibility when inspecting
 967 qualified motor ~~commercial~~ vehicles, the Department of Highway
 968 Safety and Motor Vehicles, the Department of Agriculture and
 969 Consumer Services, and the Department of Transportation shall
 970 ensure that all vehicles are properly qualified under ~~the~~
 971 ~~provisions of~~ this chapter.

972 (3) Qualified ~~commercial~~ motor vehicles owned or operated
 973 by any motor carrier who refuses to comply with this chapter may
 974 be seized by authorized agents or employees of the Department of
 975 Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, the Department of Agriculture

976 and Consumer Services, or the Department of Transportation; or
 977 authorized agents and employees of any of these departments also
 978 may seize property as set out in ss. 206.205, 206.21, and
 979 206.215. Upon such seizure, the property must ~~shall~~ be
 980 surrendered without delay to the sheriff of the county where the
 981 property was seized for further proceedings.

982 **Section 27. Subsections (1) and (6) of section 207.0281,**
 983 **Florida Statutes, are amended to read:**

984 207.0281 ~~Registration;~~ Cooperative reciprocal agreements
 985 between states.—

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

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

998 **Section 28. Paragraph (aa) of subsection (7) of section**
 999 **212.08, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

1000 212.08 Sales, rental, use, consumption, distribution, and

1001 storage tax; specified exemptions.—The sale at retail, the
 1002 rental, the use, the consumption, the distribution, and the
 1003 storage to be used or consumed in this state of the following
 1004 are hereby specifically exempt from the tax imposed by this
 1005 chapter.

1006 (7) MISCELLANEOUS EXEMPTIONS.—Exemptions provided to any
 1007 entity by this chapter do not inure to any transaction that is
 1008 otherwise taxable under this chapter when payment is made by a
 1009 representative or employee of the entity by any means,
 1010 including, but not limited to, cash, check, or credit card, even
 1011 when that representative or employee is subsequently reimbursed
 1012 by the entity. In addition, exemptions provided to any entity by
 1013 this subsection do not inure to any transaction that is
 1014 otherwise taxable under this chapter unless the entity has
 1015 obtained a sales tax exemption certificate from the department
 1016 or the entity obtains or provides other documentation as
 1017 required by the department. Eligible purchases or leases made
 1018 with such a certificate must be in strict compliance with this
 1019 subsection and departmental rules, and any person who makes an
 1020 exempt purchase with a certificate that is not in strict
 1021 compliance with this subsection and the rules is liable for and
 1022 shall pay the tax. The department may adopt rules to administer
 1023 this subsection.

1024 (aa) Qualified motor ~~certain commercial~~ vehicles.—Also
 1025 exempt is the sale, lease, or rental of a qualified ~~commercial~~

1026 | motor vehicle as defined in s. 207.002, when the following
 1027 | conditions are met:

1028 | 1. The sale, lease, or rental occurs between two commonly
 1029 | owned and controlled corporations;

1030 | 2. Such vehicle was titled and registered in this state at
 1031 | the time of the sale, lease, or rental; and

1032 | 3. Florida sales tax was paid on the acquisition of such
 1033 | vehicle by the seller, lessor, or renter.

1034 | **Section 29. Subsection (6) of section 316.455, Florida**
 1035 | **Statutes, is amended to read:**

1036 | 316.455 Other equipment.—Every motorcycle and every motor-
 1037 | driven cycle when operated upon a highway shall comply with the
 1038 | requirements and limitations of:

1039 | ~~(6) Section 316.272 on the requirement for mufflers and~~
 1040 | ~~prevention of noise.~~

1041 |
 1042 | A violation of this section is a noncriminal traffic infraction,
 1043 | punishable as a nonmoving violation as provided in chapter 318.

1044 | **Section 30. Paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (4) of**
 1045 | **section 316.545, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:**

1046 | 316.545 Weight and load unlawful; special fuel and motor
 1047 | fuel tax enforcement; inspection; penalty; review.—

1048 | (4) (a) A commercial vehicle may not be operated over the
 1049 | highways of this state unless it has been properly licensed
 1050 | ~~registered~~ under s. 207.004. Whenever any law enforcement

1051 officer identified in s. 207.023(1), upon inspecting the vehicle
 1052 or combination of vehicles, determines that the vehicle is in
 1053 violation of s. 207.004, a penalty in the amount of \$50 shall be
 1054 assessed, and the vehicle may be detained until payment is
 1055 collected by the law enforcement officer.

1056 (b) In addition to the penalty provided for in paragraph
 1057 (a), the vehicle may be detained until the owner or operator of
 1058 the vehicle furnishes evidence that the vehicle has been
 1059 properly licensed ~~registered~~ pursuant to s. 207.004. Any officer
 1060 of the Florida Highway Patrol or agent of the Department of
 1061 Transportation may issue a temporary fuel-use ~~fuel-use~~ permit
 1062 and collect the appropriate fee as provided for in s. 207.004(5)
 1063 ~~s. 207.004(4)~~. Notwithstanding ~~the provisions of~~ subsection (6),
 1064 all permit fees collected pursuant to this paragraph shall be
 1065 transferred to the Department of Highway Safety and Motor
 1066 Vehicles to be allocated pursuant to s. 207.026.

1067 **Section 31. Subsection (24) of section 318.18, Florida**
 1068 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

1069 318.18 Amount of penalties.—The penalties required for a
 1070 noncriminal disposition pursuant to s. 318.14 or a criminal
 1071 offense listed in s. 318.17 are as follows:

1072 ~~(24) In addition to any penalties imposed, a fine of \$200~~
 1073 ~~for a first offense and a fine of \$500 for a second or~~
 1074 ~~subsequent offense for a violation of s. 316.293(5).~~

1075 **Section 32. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section**

1076 **319.35, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

1077 319.35 Unlawful acts in connection with motor vehicle
1078 odometer readings; penalties.—

1079 (1)

1080 (b) It is unlawful for any person to knowingly provide
1081 false information on the odometer readings required pursuant to
1082 ss. 319.23(3) and 320.02(2)(d) ~~320.02(2)(b)~~.

1083 **Section 33. Paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of section**
1084 **324.171, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

1085 324.171 Self-insurer.—

1086 (1) Any person may qualify as a self-insurer by obtaining
1087 a certificate of self-insurance from the department which may,
1088 in its discretion and upon application of such a person, issue
1089 said certificate of self-insurance when such person has
1090 satisfied the requirements of this section to qualify as a self-
1091 insurer under this section:

1092 (c) The owner of a qualified ~~commercial~~ motor vehicle, as
1093 defined in s. 207.002 or a commercial motor vehicle as defined
1094 in s. 320.01, may qualify as a self-insurer subject to the
1095 standards provided for in subparagraph (b)2.

1096 **Section 34. Paragraph (c) of subsection (11) of section**
1097 **403.061, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

1098 403.061 Department; powers and duties.—The department
1099 shall have the power and the duty to control and prohibit
1100 pollution of air and water in accordance with the law and rules

1101 adopted and promulgated by it and, for this purpose, to:
 1102 (11) Establish ambient air quality and water quality
 1103 standards for the state as a whole or for any part thereof, and
 1104 also standards for the abatement of excessive and unnecessary
 1105 noise. The department is authorized to establish reasonable
 1106 zones of mixing for discharges into waters. For existing
 1107 installations as defined by rule 62-520.200(10), Florida
 1108 Administrative Code, effective July 12, 2009, zones of discharge
 1109 to groundwater are authorized horizontally to a facility's or
 1110 owner's property boundary and extending vertically to the base
 1111 of a specifically designated aquifer or aquifers. Such zones of
 1112 discharge may be modified in accordance with procedures
 1113 specified in department rules. Exceedance of primary and
 1114 secondary groundwater standards that occur within a zone of
 1115 discharge does not create liability pursuant to this chapter or
 1116 chapter 376 for site cleanup, and the exceedance of soil cleanup
 1117 target levels is not a basis for enforcement or site cleanup.

1118 (c) The department, by rule, shall establish water quality
 1119 criteria for wetlands which criteria give appropriate
 1120 recognition to the water quality of such wetlands in their
 1121 natural state.

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 1123 This act may not be construed to invalidate any existing
 1124 department rule relating to mixing zones. ~~The department shall~~
 1125 ~~cooperate with the Department of Highway Safety and Motor~~

1126 ~~Vehicles in the development of regulations required by s.~~
 1127 ~~316.272(1).~~

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 1129 The department shall implement such programs in conjunction with
 1130 its other powers and duties and shall place special emphasis on
 1131 reducing and eliminating contamination that presents a threat to
 1132 humans, animals or plants, or to the environment.

1133 **Section 35. Subsection (9) of section 403.415, Florida**
 1134 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

1135 403.415 Motor vehicle noise.—

1136 (9) OPERATING VEHICLE NOISE MEASUREMENTS.—~~The department~~
 1137 ~~shall establish, with the cooperation of the Department of~~
 1138 ~~Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, measurement procedures for~~
 1139 ~~determining compliance of operating vehicles with the noise~~
 1140 ~~limits of s. 316.293(2).~~ The department shall advise the
 1141 Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles on technical
 1142 aspects of motor vehicle noise enforcement regulations, assist
 1143 in the training of enforcement officers, and administer a sound-
 1144 level meter loan program for local enforcement agencies.

1145 **Section 36. Section 627.7415, Florida Statutes, is amended**
 1146 **to read:**

1147 627.7415 Commercial or qualified motor vehicles;
 1148 additional liability insurance coverage.—Commercial motor
 1149 vehicles, as defined in ~~s. 207.002~~ or s. 320.01 and qualified
 1150 motor vehicles as defined in s. 207.002, operated upon the roads

1151 and highways of this state must ~~shall~~ be insured with the
1152 following minimum levels of combined bodily liability insurance
1153 and property damage liability insurance in addition to any other
1154 insurance requirements:

1155 (1) Fifty thousand dollars per occurrence for a commercial
1156 motor vehicle or qualified motor vehicle with a gross vehicle
1157 weight of 26,000 pounds or more, but less than 35,000 pounds.

1158 (2) One hundred thousand dollars per occurrence for a
1159 commercial motor vehicle or qualified motor vehicle with a gross
1160 vehicle weight of 35,000 pounds or more, but less than 44,000
1161 pounds.

1162 (3) Three hundred thousand dollars per occurrence for a
1163 commercial motor vehicle or qualified motor vehicle with a gross
1164 vehicle weight of 44,000 pounds or more.

1165 (4) All commercial motor vehicles and qualified motor
1166 vehicles subject to regulations of the United States Department
1167 of Transportation, 49 C.F.R. part 387, subparts A and B, and as
1168 may be hereinafter amended, must ~~shall~~ be insured in an amount
1169 equivalent to the minimum levels of financial responsibility as
1170 set forth in such regulations.

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1172 A violation of this section is a noncriminal traffic infraction,
1173 punishable as a nonmoving violation as provided in chapter 318.

1174 **Section 37.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.