

CHAPTER 2026-39

Senate Bill No. 488

An act relating to transportation; amending s. 207.001, F.S.; revising a short title; amending s. 207.002, F.S.; providing and revising definitions; amending s. 207.004, F.S.; requiring licensing, rather than registration, of motor carriers; requiring fuel tax decals, rather than identifying devices, for motor carriers; requiring a copy of the license to be carried in each qualified motor vehicle or made available electronically; specifying how fuel tax decals are to be displayed on qualified motor vehicles; requiring the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles or its authorized agent to issue licenses and fuel tax decals; requiring fuel tax decal renewal orders to be submitted electronically beginning on a specified date; revising required contents of temporary fuel-use permits; removing provisions relating to driveaway permits; amending s. 207.005, F.S.; revising reporting periods and due dates for motor fuel use tax returns; requiring such tax returns to be submitted electronically beginning on a specified date; amending s. 207.007, F.S.; revising requirements for calculation of interest due for delinquent tax; providing penalties for any person who counterfeits, alters, manufactures, or sells fuel tax licenses, fuel tax decals, or temporary fuel-use permits except under certain circumstances; amending s. 207.019, F.S.; requiring motor carriers to destroy fuel tax decals under certain circumstances and notify the department; amending s. 316.065, F.S.; revising the apparent amount of property damage that requires the driver of a vehicle involved in a crash to notify law enforcement of the crash; amending s. 320.02, F.S.; providing an exemption from certain vehicle registration requirements for certain active duty military members; requiring applicants to provide proof of address; revising requirements for documenting an applicant's address and proof of legal presence; defining the term "REAL ID driver license or identification card"; removing certain requirements for business applicants; amending s. 320.061, F.S.; revising a prohibition on obscuring a license plate; providing that the use of a license plate frame or decorative border is not prohibited under specified conditions; amending s. 320.084, F.S.; providing that a disabled veteran may retain a certain license plate designation upon reissuance, renewal, or transfer of the plate; amending s. 320.0843, F.S.; authorizing applications for certain license plates to be made to the tax collector; providing that such license plates may be stamped with specified letters at the option of the applicant; authorizing the tax collector to issue such plates immediately on demand; amending s. 320.262, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "license plate obscuring device"; providing that the use of a license plate frame or decorative border device is not prohibited under specified conditions; amending s. 320.64, F.S.; authorizing licensees to reject the succession to interest in a franchise agreement of a motor vehicle dealer under certain circumstances; clarifying the motor vehicles for which a licensee must pay certain costs to a motor vehicle dealer under certain circumstances; prohibiting a

licensee from distributing more than a specified percentage of a specified number of motor vehicles of a particular line-make during a certain period to one motor vehicle dealer or dealers that share common ownership or control; providing applicability; amending s. 320.643, F.S.; authorizing a licensee to reject a sale, transfer, alienation, or other disposition of a franchise agreement or an equity interest in a motor vehicle dealer under certain circumstances; amending s. 320.95, F.S.; authorizing the department to use e-mail as a method of notification; amending s. 322.01, F.S.; revising the definition of the term “tank vehicle”; amending ss. 322.051 and 322.17, F.S.; requiring an e-mail address to be included on an identification card application and a request for a 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 s. 337.401, F.S.; prohibiting municipalities and counties from requiring that providers locate or perform surveys of certain facilities; requiring a provider to use certain means to avoid damaging certain facilities under specified circumstances; prohibiting municipalities and counties from taking certain actions relating to certain facility permits; authorizing municipalities and counties to require a bond or other financial instrument; prohibiting municipalities and counties from imposing or collecting a tax, fee, cost, charge, or exaction for the placement of certain communications facilities; revising applicability; revising the definition of the term “application”; prohibiting an authority from requiring compliance with an authority’s provisions regarding placement of communications facilities in certain locations; providing exceptions; requiring that certain authority ordinances apply to all providers of communications services; providing bond requirements; providing requirements for certain financial obligations required by an authority; prohibiting an authority from requiring a deposit or escrow of cash or agreement with certain terms; prohibiting an authority from requiring a communications service provider to indemnify it for certain liabilities; prohibiting an authority from imposing certain landscaping and vegetation management requirements; 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 21. 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 47. This act shall take effect October 1, 2026.

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