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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to animals in vehicles; creating s. 316.2003, F.S.; providing noncriminal penalties for a driver who allows an animal on his or her lap or to be in the driver's immediate area; requiring a person transporting a dog in the flatbed of a truck or open area of any vehicle or trailer to keep the dog within a secured container or securely tethered; providing penalties for violation; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 316.2003, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

316.2003 Animals in motor vehicles.-

- (1) A person operating or in actual physical control of a motor vehicle who allows an animal on his or her lap, or allows an animal to be in the driver's immediate area, commits a noncriminal traffic infraction, punishable as a moving violation as provided in chapter 318.
- (2) A person transporting a dog on a public street or highway in the flatbed of a truck or open area of any vehicle or trailer must keep the dog within a secured container or securely cross-tethered to the vehicle or trailer in such a way as to prevent the dog from falling out or off of such vehicle or trailer and to prevent injury to the animal. A person who

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27	violates this subsection commits a noncriminal traffic
28	infraction, punishable as a nonmoving violation as provided in
29	<pre>chapter 318.</pre>
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