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1 A bill to be entitled 2 An act relating to speeding by motor vehicles; 3 amending s. 316.191, F.S.; increasing penalties for 4 specified motor vehicle operating offenses; amending 5 s. 782.071, F.S.; providing that operation of a motor 6 vehicle in a specified amount in excess of the posted 7 speed limit creates a conclusive presumption for 8 purposes of the vehicular homicide statute; specifying 9 methods for determining a motor vehicle's speed; providing an effective date. 10 11 12 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 13 14 Section 1. Paragraphs (a), (b), and (c) of subsection (3) of section 316.191, Florida Statutes, are amended and paragraph 15 16 (a) of subsection (2) of that section is republished, to read: 17 316.191 Racing on highways, street takeovers, and stunt 18 driving.-19 A person may not: (2) 20 Drive any motor vehicle in any street takeover, stunt driving, race, speed competition or contest, drag race or 21 22 acceleration contest, test of physical endurance, or exhibition of speed or acceleration or for the purpose of making a speed 23

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(3)(a)1. A person who violates paragraph (2)(a) commits a

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record on any highway, roadway, or parking lot;

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felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s.

775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084, and shall pay a fine of not less than \$500.

2. A Any person who violates paragraphs (2)(b)-(k) subsection (2) commits a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083 and. Any person who violates subsection (2) shall pay a fine of not less than \$500 and not more than \$1,000.

- 7 and The department shall revoke the driver license of a person so convicted under this paragraph for 1 year. A hearing may be requested pursuant to s. 322.271.
- (b) 1. A person who commits a second violation of paragraph (2) (a) within 5 years after the date of a prior violation that resulted in a conviction for a violation of paragraph (2) (a) commits a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084, and shall pay a fine of not less than \$1,000.
- 2. A Any person who commits a second violation of paragraphs (2)(b)-(k) subsection (2) within 5 years after the date of a prior violation that resulted in a conviction for a violation of subsection (2) commits a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083, and shall pay a fine of not less than \$1,000 and not more than \$3,000.

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The department shall also revoke the driver license of a that person convicted under this paragraph for 2 years. A hearing may be requested pursuant to s. 322.271.

(c)1. A person who commits a third or subsequent violation

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 - of paragraph (2)(a) within 5 years after the date of a prior violation that resulted in a conviction for a violation of paragraph(2)(a) commits a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084 and shall
- 60 pay a fine of not less than \$2,000.
 - 2. A Any person who commits a third or subsequent violation of paragraphs (2) (b) - (k) subsection (2) within 5 years after the date of a prior violation that resulted in a conviction for a violation of subsection (2) commits a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083, and shall pay a fine of not less than \$2,000 and not more than \$5,000.

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The department shall also revoke the driver license of a that person convicted under this paragraph for 4 years. A hearing may be requested pursuant to s. 322.271.

Section 2. Subsections (3) and (4) of section 782.071, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (4) and (5), respectively, and a new subsection (3) is added to that section, to read:

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782.071 Vehicular homicide.—"Vehicular homicide" is the killing of a human being, or the killing of an unborn child by any injury to the mother, caused by the operation of a motor vehicle by another in a reckless manner likely to cause the death of, or great bodily harm to, another.

- (3) (a) Operation of a motor vehicle 30 miles per hour or more above the posted speed limit creates a conclusive presumption that the motor vehicle was being operated in a reckless manner likely to cause the death of, or great bodily harm to, another for purposes of this section.
- (b) For purposes of this subsection, a motor vehicle's speed may be determined by any of the following methods:
- 1. A speed calculating device operated by a law enforcement agency or a speed detection system installed by a governmental entity.
 - 2. The motor vehicle's airbag control module.
- 3. The motor vehicle's event data recorder or other similar device in the vehicle.
- 4. A determination made by an accredited traffic accident reconstructionist.
 - Section 3. This act shall take effect October 1, 2024.