1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to motor vehicle racing penalties;
3	amending s. 316.191, F.S.; increasing the fine for
4	offenses of drag race, street takeover, stunt driving,
5	competition, contest, test, or exhibition; increasing
6	the criminal penalty and revising applicability of the
7	criminal penalty for second offenses of drag race,
8	street takeover, stunt driving, competition, contest,
9	test, or exhibition occurring within a specified time
10	period; increasing the fine for such violations;
11	increasing the penalty for third or subsequent
12	offenses of drag race, street takeover, stunt driving,
13	competition, contest, test, or exhibition occurring
14	within a specified time period; increasing the fine
15	for such violations; increasing the fine for acting as
16	a spectator at a drag race, street takeover, stunt
17	driving, competition, contest, test, or exhibition;
18	providing penalties for impeding, obstructing, or
19	interfering with an emergency vehicle while
20	participating in a drag race, street takeover, stunt
21	driving, competition, contest, test, or exhibition;
22	providing an effective date.
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24	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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Section 1. Subsection (3), and paragraph (b) of subsection (4) of section 316.191, Florida Statutes, are amended, and subsection (2) and paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of that section are republished, to read:

30 316.191 Racing on highways, street takeovers, and stunt 31 driving.-

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(2) A person may not:

(a) Drive any motor vehicle in any street takeover, stunt driving, race, speed competition or contest, drag race or acceleration contest, test of physical endurance, or exhibition of speed or acceleration or for the purpose of making a speed record on any highway, roadway, or parking lot;

(b) In any manner participate in, coordinate through social media or otherwise, facilitate, or collect moneys at any location for any such race, drag race, street takeover, stunt driving, competition, contest, test, or exhibition;

42 (c) Knowingly ride as a passenger in any such race, drag 43 race, street takeover, stunt driving, competition, contest, 44 test, or exhibition;

(d) Purposefully cause the movement of traffic, including
pedestrian traffic, to slow, stop, or be impeded in any way for
any such race, drag race, street takeover, stunt driving,
competition, contest, test, or exhibition;

(e) Operate a motor vehicle for the purpose of filming orrecording the activities of participants in any such race, drag

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51 race, street takeover, stunt driving, competition, contest, 52 test, or exhibition. This paragraph does not apply to bona fide 53 members of the news media; or

(f) Operate a motor vehicle carrying any amount of fuel for the purposes of fueling a motor vehicle involved in any such race, drag race, street takeover, stunt driving, competition, contest, test, or exhibition.

58 (3) (a) Except as provided in paragraphs (b), (c), and (d), 59 any person who violates subsection (2) commits a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 60 61 775.083. Any person who violates subsection (2) shall pay a fine of not less than \$500 and not more than $$2,000 \frac{1000}{1000}$, and the 62 department shall revoke the driver license of a person so 63 64 convicted for 1 year. A hearing may be requested pursuant to s. 65 322.271.

66 (b) Any person who commits a second violation of subsection (2) within <u>1 year</u> 5 years after the date of a prior 67 68 violation that resulted in a conviction for a violation of 69 subsection (2) commits a felony of the third degree misdemeanor 70 of the first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, or s. 775.083, or s. 775.084, and shall pay a fine of not less than 71 \$2,500 \$1,000 and not more than \$4,000 \$3,000. The department 72 shall also revoke the driver license of that person for 2 years. 73 74 A hearing may be requested pursuant to s. 322.271. 75 Any person who commits a third or subsequent (C)

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76 violation of subsection (2) within 5 years after the date of a 77 prior violation that resulted in a conviction for a violation of 78 subsection (2) commits a felony misdemeanor of the third first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, or s. 775.083, or 79 80 s. 775.084, and shall pay a fine of not less than \$3,500 \$2,000 and not more than \$7,500 + 5000. The department shall also 81 82 revoke the driver license of that person for 4 years. A hearing 83 may be requested pursuant to s. 322.271.

(d) Except as provided in paragraph (e), any person who violates subsection (2) and, in the course of committing the offense, knowingly impedes, obstructs, or interferes with an authorized emergency vehicle, as defined in s. 316.003(1), that is on call and responding to an emergency other than a violation of this section, commits a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in paragraph (b).

91 (e) Any person who commits a second or subsequent 92 violation of paragraph (d) commits a felony of the second 93 degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 94 775.084. The department shall also revoke the driver license of 95 that person for 4 years. A hearing may be requested pursuant to 96 s. 322.271.

97 <u>(f)(d)</u> In any case charging a violation of subsection (2), 98 the court shall be provided a copy of the driving record of the 99 person charged and may obtain any records from any other source 100 to determine if one or more prior convictions of the person for

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101 a violation of subsection (2) have occurred within <u>a specified</u> 102 period 5 years before the charged offense.

103 (4)(a) A person may not be a spectator at any race, drag
104 race, or street takeover prohibited under subsection (2).

(b) A person who violates paragraph (a) commits a
noncriminal traffic infraction, punishable by a fine of \$250 as
a moving violation as provided in chapter 318.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.

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