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A bill to be entitled An act relating to penalties and fees; amending s. 27.52, F.S.; adding additional information required on certain application forms to be completed by persons seeking indigent status; amending s. 28.246, F.S.; revising requirements relating to the payment of court-related fines or other monetary penalties, fees, charges, and costs; requiring a clerk of court to pursue collection of certain fees, charges, fines, costs, or liens under certain circumstances; requiring a clerk of court to solicit competitive bids from private attorneys or collection agents for certain services, subject to certain requirements; prohibiting a clerk from assessing a certain surcharge; prohibiting a private attorney or collection agent from imposing certain additional fees or surcharges; amending s. 316.650, F.S.; requiring traffic citation forms to include certain language relating to payment of a penalty; amending s. 318.15, F.S.; prohibiting the suspension of a person's driver license solely for failure to pay a penalty if the person demonstrates to the court, when specified, that he or she is unable to pay such penalty; requiring the person to provide documentation meeting certain requirements to the appropriate clerk of court in order to be considered

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49 50 unable to pay such penalty; amending s. 318.18, F.S.; requiring a court to determine at the time a certain civil penalty is ordered whether the person is able to pay such penalty; amending s. 322.055, F.S.; decreasing the period for revocation or suspension of, or delay of eligibility for, driver licenses or driving privileges for certain persons convicted of certain drug offenses; deleting provisions authorizing a driver to petition the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles for restoration of his or her driving privilege; amending s. 322.056, F.S.; decreasing the period for revocation or suspension of, or delay of eligibility for, driver licenses or driving privileges for certain persons found guilty of certain drug offenses; deleting a provision authorizing a court to direct the department to issue a license for certain restricted driving privileges under certain circumstances; deleting a provision requiring the revocation or suspension of, or delay of eligibility for, driver licenses or driving privileges for certain persons found guilty of certain alcohol or tobacco offenses; repealing s. 322.057, F.S., relating to discretionary revocation or suspension of a driver license for certain persons who provide alcohol to persons under a specified age; amending s. 322.09,

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F.S.; deleting a provision prohibiting the issuance of a driver license or learner's driver license under certain circumstances; repealing s. 322.091, F.S., relating to attendance requirements for driving privileges; amending s. 322.245, F.S.; prohibiting the suspension of a person's driver license solely for failure to pay a penalty if the person demonstrates to the court, when specified, that he or she is unable to pay such penalty; providing applicability; requiring the person to provide documentation meeting certain requirements to the appropriate clerk of court in order to be considered unable to pay such penalty; amending s. 322.251, F.S.; deleting a provision requiring notification of persons whose driver license or driving privilege is suspended or revoked for passing worthless checks; amending s. 322.271, F.S.; providing that certain persons whose driver license or privilege to drive have been suspended may have their driver licenses or driving privileges reinstated on a restricted basis under certain circumstances; providing the period of validity of such restricted license; amending s. 322.34, F.S.; revising the underlying violations resulting in driver license or driving privilege cancellation, suspension, or revocation for which specified penalties apply;

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amending s. 562.11, F.S.; revising penalties for selling, giving, serving, or permitting to be served alcoholic beverages to a person under a specified age or permitting such person to consume such beverages on licensed premises; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 562.111, F.S.; deleting a provision requiring a court to direct the department to withhold issuance of or suspend or revoke a driver license or driving privilege of certain students convicted of certain alcohol-related offenses; amending s. 569.11, F.S.; revising penalties for persons under a specified age who knowingly possess, misrepresent their age or military service to purchase, or purchase or attempt to purchase tobacco products; authorizing, rather than requiring, a court to direct the department to withhold issuance of or suspend or revoke a person's driver license or driving privilege for certain violations; amending s. 790.22, F.S.; revising penalties relating to suspending, revoking, or withholding issuance of driver licenses or driving privileges for minors under a specified age who possess firearms under certain circumstances; deleting provisions relating to penalties for certain offenses involving the use or possession of a firearm by a minor under a specified age; amending s. 806.13,

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F.S.; deleting provisions requiring a court to direct the department to withhold issuance of or suspend or revoke a minor's driver license if the minor commits criminal mischief; deleting provisions specifying mechanisms to reduce the period of revocation, suspension or withholding; repealing s. 812.0155, F.S., relating to suspension of a driver license following an adjudication of guilt for theft; repealing s. 832.09, F.S., relating to suspension of a driver license after warrant or capias is issued in worthless check case; amending s. 877.112, F.S.; revising penalties for persons under a specified age who knowingly possess, misrepresent their age or military service to purchase, or purchase, or attempt to purchase any nicotine product or nicotine dispensing device; authorizing, rather than requiring, a court to direct the department to withhold issuance of, to suspend, or to revoke a person's driver license or driving privilege for certain violations; amending s. 938.30, F.S.; authorizing a judge to convert certain statutory financial obligations into courtordered obligations to perform community service by reliance upon specified information under certain circumstances; amending s. 1003.27, F.S.; deleting provisions relating to procedures and penalties for

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nonenrollment and nonattendance cases; amending ss.

318.14, 322.05, 322.27, and 1003.01, F.S.; conforming
provisions to changes made by the act; providing
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- Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 27.52, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
  - 27.52 Determination of indigent status.-
- (1) APPLICATION TO THE CLERK.—A person seeking appointment of a public defender under s. 27.51 based upon an inability to pay must apply to the clerk of the court for a determination of indigent status using an application form developed by the Florida Clerks of Court Operations Corporation with final approval by the Supreme Court.
- (a) The application must include, at a minimum, the following financial information:
- 1. Net income, consisting of total salary and wages, minus deductions required by law, including court-ordered support payments.
- 2. Other income, including, but not limited to, social security benefits, union funds, veterans' benefits, workers' compensation, other regular support from absent family members, public or private employee pensions, reemployment assistance or

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unemployment compensation, dividends, interest, rent, trusts, and gifts.

- 3. Assets, including, but not limited to, cash, savings accounts, bank accounts, stocks, bonds, certificates of deposit, equity in real estate, and equity in a boat or a motor vehicle or in other tangible property.
  - 4. All liabilities and debts.

- 5. If applicable, the amount of any bail paid for the applicant's release from incarceration and the source of the funds.
- 6. The election or refusal of the option to provide and complete community service as ordered by the court in lieu of fulfilling any court-ordered financial obligation.

The application must include a signature by the applicant which attests to the truthfulness of the information provided. The application form developed by the corporation must include notice that the applicant may seek court review of a clerk's determination that the applicant is not indigent, as provided in this section.

Section 2. Subsections (4) and (6) of section 28.246, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

28.246 Payment of court-related fines or other monetary penalties, fees, charges, and costs; partial payments; distribution of funds.—

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- payments for court-related fees, service charges, costs, and fines in accordance with the terms of an established payment plan. An individual seeking to defer payment of fees, service charges, costs, or fines imposed by operation of law or order of the court under any provision of general law shall apply to the clerk for enrollment in a payment plan. The clerk shall enter into a payment plan with an individual who the court determines is indigent for costs. A monthly payment amount, calculated based upon all fees and all anticipated costs, may is presumed to correspond to the person's ability to pay if the amount does not exceed 2 percent of the person's annual net income, as defined in s. 27.52(1), divided by 12, without the consent of the applicant. The court may review the reasonableness of the payment plan.
- (6) A clerk of court shall pursue the collection of any fees, service charges, fines, court costs, and liens for the payment of attorney fees and costs pursuant to s. 938.29 which remain unpaid after 90 days by referring the account to a private attorney who is a member in good standing of The Florida Bar or collection agent who is registered and in good standing pursuant to chapter 559. In pursuing the collection of such unpaid financial obligations through a private attorney or collection agent, the clerk of the court must have attempted to collect the unpaid amount through a collection court,

collections docket, or other collections process, if any, established by the court, find this to be cost-effective, and follow any applicable procurement practices.

- (a) In retaining a private attorney or collection agent as provided in this subsection, the clerk shall solicit competitive bids from private attorneys or collection agents. The contract awarded to the successful bidder may be in effect for no longer than 3 years, with a maximum of two 1-year extensions.
- (b) The clerk shall consider all pertinent criteria when considering bids, including, but not limited to, performance quality and customer service. The collection fee paid to the private attorney or collection agent, including any reasonable attorney's fee, paid to any attorney or collection agent retained by the clerk may be added to the balance owed in an amount not to exceed 40 percent of the amount owed at the time the account is referred to the private attorney or collection agent for collection.
- (c) The clerk may not assess any surcharge to refer the account to a private attorney or collection agent.
- (d) The private attorney or collection agent may not impose any additional fees or surcharges other than the contractually agreed upon amounts.
- (e) The clerk shall give the private attorney or collection agent the application for the appointment of courtappointed counsel regardless of whether the court file is

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otherwise confidential from disclosure. 226 227 Section 3. Paragraphs (b), (c), and (d) of subsection (1) 228 of section 316.650, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as 229 paragraphs (c), (d), and (e), respectively, a new paragraph (b) 230 is added to that subsection, and present paragraph (c) of that 231 subsection is amended, to read: 232 316.650 Traffic citations.-233 (1)234 The traffic citation form must include language 235 indicating that a person may enter into a payment plan with the 236 clerk of court to pay a penalty. The form must also indicate 237 that a person ordered to pay a penalty for a noncriminal traffic 238 infraction who is unable to comply due to demonstrable financial 239 hardship will be allowed by the court to satisfy the payment by 240 participating in community service pursuant to s. 318.18(8)(b). 241 (d) $\frac{(c)}{(c)}$  Notwithstanding paragraphs (a) and (c) $\frac{(b)}{(c)}$ , a 242 traffic enforcement agency may produce uniform traffic citations 243 by electronic means. Such citations must be consistent with the 244 state traffic court rules and the procedures established by the department and must be appropriately numbered and inventoried. 245 246 Affidavit-of-compliance forms may also be produced by electronic 247 means. 248 Section 4. Subsection (4) is added to section 318.15, Florida Statutes, to read: 249

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318.15 Failure to comply with civil penalty or to appear;

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251 penalty.-

- (4) Notwithstanding any other law, a person's driver license may not be suspended solely for the person's failure to pay a penalty if the person demonstrates to the court, after notice of the penalty and before the suspension takes place, that he or she is unable to pay the penalty. A person is considered unable to pay if he or she provides documentation to the appropriate clerk of court evidencing that:
- (a) The person receives reemployment assistance or unemployment compensation pursuant to chapter 443;
- (b) The person is disabled and incapable of self-support or receives benefits under the federal Supplemental Security

  Income program or Social Security Disability Insurance program;
- (c) The person receives temporary cash assistance pursuant to chapter 414;
- (d) The person is making payments in accordance with a confirmed bankruptcy plan under chapter 11, chapter 12, or chapter 13 of the United States Bankruptcy Code, 11 U.S.C. ss. 101 et seq.;
- (e) The person has been placed on a payment plan with the clerk of court which in total exceeds what is determined to be a reasonable payment plan pursuant to s. 28.246(4); or
- (f) The person has been determined to be indigent after filing an application with the clerk as set forth in s. 27.52 or s. 57.082.

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Section 5. Paragraph (b) of subsection (8) of section 318.18, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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

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- (b)1.a. If a person has been ordered to pay a civil penalty for a noncriminal traffic infraction and the person is unable to comply with the court's order due to demonstrable financial hardship, the court shall allow the person to satisfy the civil penalty by participating in community service until the civil penalty is paid.
- b. The court shall determine at the time the civil penalty is ordered whether the person is able to pay the penalty.
- <u>c.</u> If a court orders a person to perform community service, the person shall receive credit for the civil penalty at the specified hourly credit rate per hour of community service performed, and each hour of community service performed shall reduce the civil penalty by that amount.
- 2.a. As used in this paragraph, the term "specified hourly credit rate" means the wage rate that is specified in 29 U.S.C. s. 206(a)(1) under the federal Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, that is then in effect, and that an employer subject to such provision must pay per hour to each employee subject to such provision.

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b. However, if a person ordered to perform community service has a trade or profession for which there is a community service need, the specified hourly credit rate for each hour of community service performed by that person shall be the average prevailing wage rate for the trade or profession that the community service agency needs.

- 3.a. The community service agency supervising the person shall record the number of hours of community service completed and the date the community service hours were completed. The community service agency shall submit the data to the clerk of court on the letterhead of the community service agency, which must also bear the notarized signature of the person designated to represent the community service agency.
- b. When the number of community service hours completed by the person equals the amount of the civil penalty, the clerk of court shall certify this fact to the court. Thereafter, the clerk of court shall record in the case file that the civil penalty has been paid in full.
  - 4. As used in this paragraph, the term:
- a. "Community service" means uncompensated labor for a community service agency.
- b. "Community service agency" means a not-for-profit corporation, community organization, charitable organization, public officer, the state or any political subdivision of the state, or any other body the purpose of which is to improve the

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quality of life or social welfare of the community and which agrees to accept community service from persons unable to pay civil penalties for noncriminal traffic infractions.

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Section 6. Subsections (1) through (4) of section 322.055, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

322.055 Revocation or suspension of, or delay of eligibility for, driver license for persons 18 years of age or older convicted of certain drug offenses.—

Notwithstanding s. 322.28, upon the conviction of a person 18 years of age or older for possession or sale of, trafficking in, or conspiracy to possess, sell, or traffic in a controlled substance, the court shall direct the department to revoke the driver license or driving privilege of the person. The period of such revocation shall be 6 months  $\frac{1}{1}$  year or until the person is evaluated for and, if deemed necessary by the evaluating agency, completes a drug treatment and rehabilitation program approved or regulated by the Department of Children and Families. However, the court may, in its sound discretion, direct the department to issue a license for driving privilege restricted to business or employment purposes only, as defined by s. 322.271, if the person is otherwise qualified for such a license. A driver whose license or driving privilege has been suspended or revoked under this section or s. 322.056 may, upon the expiration of 6 months, petition the department for restoration of the driving privilege on a restricted or

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unrestricted basis depending on length of suspension or revocation. In no case shall A restricted license <u>may not</u> be available until <u>3</u> 6 months <u>after</u> of the suspension or revocation period has been completed expired.

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If a person 18 years of age or older is convicted for the possession or sale of, trafficking in, or conspiracy to possess, sell, or traffic in a controlled substance and such person is eligible by reason of age for a driver license or privilege, the court shall direct the department to withhold issuance of such person's driver license or driving privilege for a period of 6 months  $\frac{1}{2}$  year after the date the person was convicted or until the person is evaluated for and, if deemed necessary by the evaluating agency, completes a drug treatment and rehabilitation program approved or regulated by the Department of Children and Families. However, the court may, in its sound discretion, direct the department to issue a license for driving privilege restricted to business or employment purposes only, as defined by s. 322.271, if the person is otherwise qualified for such a license. A driver whose license or driving privilege has been suspended or revoked under this s. 322.056 may, upon the expiration of 6 months, petition the department for restoration of the driving privilege on a restricted or unrestricted basis depending on the length of suspension or revocation. In no case shall A restricted license may not be available until 3  $\frac{6}{5}$  months after  $\frac{6}{5}$  the suspension or

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- If a person 18 years of age or older is convicted for the possession or sale of, trafficking in, or conspiracy to possess, sell, or traffic in a controlled substance and such person's driver license or driving privilege is already under suspension or revocation for any reason, the court shall direct the department to extend the period of such suspension or revocation by an additional period of 6 months 1 year or until the person is evaluated for and, if deemed necessary by the evaluating agency, completes a drug treatment and rehabilitation program approved or regulated by the Department of Children and Families. However, the court may, in its sound discretion, direct the department to issue a license for driving privilege restricted to business or employment purposes only, as defined by s. 322.271, if the person is otherwise qualified for such a license. A driver whose license or driving privilege has been suspended or revoked under this section or s. 322.056 may, upon the expiration of 6 months, petition the department for restoration of the driving privilege on a restricted or unrestricted basis depending on the length of suspension or revocation. In no case shall A restricted license may not be available until 3  $\frac{6}{1}$  months after  $\frac{6}{1}$  the suspension or revocation period has been completed expired.
- (4) If a person 18 years of age or older is convicted for the possession or sale of, trafficking in, or conspiracy to

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401 possess, sell, or traffic in a controlled substance and such 402 person is ineligible by reason of age for a driver license or 403 driving privilege, the court shall direct the department to 404 withhold issuance of such person's driver license or driving privilege for a period of 6 months  $\frac{1}{2}$  year after the date that he 405 406 or she would otherwise have become eligible or until he or she 407 becomes eligible by reason of age for a driver license and is 408 evaluated for and, if deemed necessary by the evaluating agency, 409 completes a drug treatment and rehabilitation program approved 410 or regulated by the Department of Children and Families. However, the court may, in its sound discretion, direct the 411 412 department to issue a license for driving privilege restricted 413 to business or employment purposes only, as defined by s. 414 322.271, if the person is otherwise qualified for such a 415 license. A driver whose license or driving privilege has been 416 suspended or revoked under this section or s. 322.056 may, upon 417 the expiration of 6 months, petition the department for 418 restoration of the driving privilege on a restricted or 419 unrestricted basis depending on the length of suspension or 420 revocation. In no case shall A restricted license may not be 421 available until 3  $\frac{6}{1}$  months after  $\frac{6}{1}$  the suspension or revocation 422 period has been completed expired. Section 7. Section 322.056, Florida Statutes, is amended 423 424 to read: 425 322.056 Mandatory revocation or suspension of, or delay of

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eligibility for, driver license for persons under age 18 found guilty of certain alcohol, drug, or tobacco offenses; prohibition.—

- (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of s. 322.055, if a person under 18 years of age is found guilty of or delinquent for a violation of s. 562.11(2), s. 562.111, or chapter 893, and:
- (a) The person is eligible by reason of age for a driver license or driving privilege, the court shall direct the department to revoke or to withhold issuance of his or her driver license or driving privilege for a period of 6 months.:
- 1. Not less than 6 months and not more than 1 year for the first violation.
  - 2. Two years, for a subsequent violation.
- (b) The person's driver license or driving privilege is under suspension or revocation for any reason, the court shall direct the department to extend the period of suspension or revocation by an additional period of 6 months.÷
- 1. Not less than 6 months and not more than 1 year for the first violation.
  - 2. Two years, for a subsequent violation.
- (c) The person is ineligible by reason of age for a driver license or driving privilege, the court shall direct the department to withhold issuance of his or her driver license or driving privilege for a period of÷

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451 1. Not less than 6 months and not more than 1 year after 452 the date on which he or she would otherwise have become 453 eligible, for the first violation. 454 Two years after the date on which he or she would 455 otherwise have become eligible, for a subsequent violation. 456 457 However, the court may, in its sound discretion, direct the department to issue a license for driving privileges restricted 458 459 to business or employment purposes only, as defined in s. 460 322.271, if the person is otherwise qualified for such a 461 license. 462 (2) If a person under 18 years of age is found by the 463 court to have committed a noncriminal violation under s. 569.11 464 or s. 877.112(6) or (7) and that person has failed to comply 465 with the procedures established in that section by failing to 466 fulfill community service requirements, failing to pay the 467 applicable fine, or failing to attend a locally available 468 school-approved anti-tobacco program, and: 469 (a) The person is eligible by reason of age for a driver 470 license or driving privilege, the court shall direct the 471 department to revoke or to withhold issuance of his or her 472 driver license or driving privilege as follows: 473 1. For the first violation, for 30 days. 2. For the second violation within 12 weeks of the first 474 475 violation, for 45 days.

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476 (b) The person's driver license or driving privilege is 477 under suspension or revocation for any reason, the court shall 478 direct the department to extend the period of suspension or 479 revocation by an additional period as follows: 480 1. For the first violation, for 30 days. 481 2. For the second violation within 12 weeks of the first 482 violation, for 45 days. 483 (c) The person is ineligible by reason of age for a driver license or driving privilege, the court shall direct the 484 485 department to withhold issuance of his or her driver license 486 driving privilege as follows: 487 1. For the first violation, for 30 days. 488 2. For the second violation within 12 weeks of the first violation, for 45 days. 489 490 491 Any second violation of s. 569.11 or s. 877.112(6) or (7) not 492 within the 12-week period after the first violation will be treated as a first violation and in the same manner as provided 493 494 in this subsection. 495 (3) If a person under 18 years of age is found by the 496 court to have committed a third violation of s. 569.11 or 497 877.112(6) or (7) within 12 weeks of the first violation, the 498 court must direct the Department of Highway Safety and Motor 499 Vehicles to suspend or withhold issuance of his or her driver 500 license or driving privilege for 60 consecutive days. Any third

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violation of s. 569.11 or s. 877.112(6) or (7) not within the 501 502 12-week period after the first violation will be treated as a 503 first violation and in the same manner as provided in subsection 504  $\frac{(2)}{}$ 505 (2) A penalty imposed under this section shall be in 506 addition to any other penalty imposed by law. 507 (5) The suspension or revocation of a person's driver license imposed pursuant to subsection (2) or subsection (3), 508 shall not result in or be cause for an increase of the convicted 509 person's, or his or her parent's or legal guardian's, automobile 510 511 insurance rate or premium or result in points assessed against 512 the person's driving record. 513 Section 8. Section 322.057, Florida Statutes, is repealed. 514 Section 9. Subsections (4) and (5) of section 322.09, 515 Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (3) and (4), 516 respectively, and present subsection (3) of that section is 517 amended to read: 322.09 Application of minors; responsibility for 518 519 negligence or misconduct of minor.-520 (3) The department may not issue a driver license or 521 learner's driver license to any applicant under the age of 18 522 years who is not in compliance with the requirements of s. 523 322.091. 524 Section 10. Section 322.091, Florida Statutes, is 525 repealed.

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Section 11. Subsection (6) is added to section 322.245, Florida Statutes, to read:

- 322.245 Suspension of license upon failure of person charged with specified offense under chapter 316, chapter 320, or this chapter to comply with directives ordered by traffic court or upon failure to pay child support in non-IV-D cases as provided in chapter 61 or failure to pay any financial obligation in any other criminal case.—
- (6) Notwithstanding any other law, a person's driver license may not be suspended solely for failure to pay a penalty or court obligation if the person demonstrates to the court, after the court orders the penalty or obligation and before the suspension takes place, that he or she is unable to pay the penalty or court obligation. This subsection does not apply to failure to pay child support in non-IV-D cases as provided in chapter 61. A person is considered unable to pay if he or she provides documentation to the appropriate clerk of court evidencing that:
- (a) The person receives reemployment assistance or unemployment compensation pursuant to chapter 443;
- (b) The person is disabled and incapable of self-support or receives benefits under the federal Supplemental Security

  Income program or Social Security Disability Insurance program;
- (c) The person receives temporary cash assistance pursuant to chapter 414;

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551	(d) The person is making payments in accordance with a
552	confirmed bankruptcy plan under chapter 11, chapter 12, or
553	chapter 13 of the United States Bankruptcy Code, 11 U.S.C. ss.
554	<u>101 et seq.</u> ;
555	(e) The person has been placed on a payment plan with the
556	clerk of court which in total exceeds what is determined to be a
557	reasonable payment plan pursuant to s. 28.246(4); or
558	(f) The person has been determined to be indigent as set
559	forth in s. 27.52 or s. 57.082.
560	Section 12. Subsection (7) of section 322.251, Florida
561	Statutes, is amended to read:
562	322.251 Notice of cancellation, suspension, revocation, or
563	disqualification of license.—
564	(7)(a) A person whose driving privilege is suspended or
565	revoked pursuant to s. 832.09 shall be notified, pursuant to
566	this section, and the notification shall direct the person to
567	surrender himself or herself to the sheriff who entered the
568	warrant to satisfy the conditions of the warrant. A person whose
569	driving privilege is suspended or revoked under this subsection
570	shall not have his or her driving privilege reinstated for any
571	reason other than:
572	1. Full payment of any restitution, court costs, and fees
573	incurred as a result of a warrant or capias being issued
574	pursuant to s. 832.09;
575	2. The cancellation of the warrant or capias from the

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576 Department of Law Enforcement recorded by the entering agency; 577 and 578 The payment of an additional fee of \$10 to the 579 Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to be paid into 580 the Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund; or 581 4. The department has modified the suspension or 582 revocation of the license pursuant to s. 322.271 restoring the driving privilege solely for business or employment purposes. 583 584 (b) The Department of Law Enforcement shall provide 585 electronic access to the department for the purpose of 586 identifying any person who is the subject of an outstanding 587 warrant or capias for passing worthless bank checks. 588 Section 13. Subsection (8) is added to section 322.271, 589 Florida Statutes, to read: 590 322.271 Authority to modify revocation, cancellation, or 591 suspension order.-592 (8) A person whose driver license or privilege to drive 593 has been suspended under s. 318.15 or s. 322.245, with the 594 exception of any suspension related to s. 61.13016, may have his 595 or her driver license or driving privilege reinstated on a 596 restricted basis by the department in accordance with this 597 section. The restricted license shall be valid until the 7-year 598 suspension period ends as provided in s. 318.15 or until the 599 debt is paid. 600 Section 14. Subsection (10) of section 322.34, Florida

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601	Statutes, is amended to read:
602	322.34 Driving while license suspended, revoked, canceled,
603	or disqualified.—
604	(10)(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this
605	section, if a person does not have a prior forcible felony
606	conviction as defined in s. 776.08, the penalties provided in
607	paragraph (b) apply if a person's driver license or driving
608	privilege is canceled, suspended, or revoked for:
609	1. Failing to pay child support as provided in s. 322.245
610	or s. 61.13016;
611	2. Failing to pay any other financial obligation as
612	provided in s. 322.245 other than those specified in s.
613	<del>322.245(1)</del> ;
614	3. Failing to comply with a civil penalty required in s.
615	318.15;
616	4. Failing to maintain vehicular financial responsibility
617	as required by chapter 324; <u>or</u>
618	5. Failing to comply with attendance or other requirements
619	for minors as set forth in s. 322.091; or
620	5.6. Having been designated a habitual traffic offender
621	under s. 322.264(1)(d) as a result of suspensions of his or her
622	driver license or driver privilege for any underlying violation
623	listed in subparagraphs $14.$ $15.$
624	(b)1. Upon a first conviction for knowingly driving while
625	his or her license is suspended, revoked, or canceled for any of

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the underlying violations listed in subparagraphs (a)1.-5. (a)1.-6., a person commits a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

2. Upon a second or subsequent conviction for the same offense of knowingly driving while his or her license is suspended, revoked, or canceled for any of the underlying violations listed in subparagraphs (a)1.-5. (a)1.-6., a person commits a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

Section 15. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) and paragraph (c) of subsection (2) of section 562.11, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

562.11 Selling, giving, or serving alcoholic beverages to person under age 21; providing a proper name; misrepresenting or misstating age or age of another to induce licensee to serve alcoholic beverages to person under 21; penalties.—

(1) (a) 1. A person may not sell, give, serve, or permit to be served alcoholic beverages to a person under 21 years of age or permit a person under 21 years of age to consume such beverages on the licensed premises. A person who violates this subparagraph commits a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083. A person who violates this subparagraph a second or subsequent time within 1 year after a prior conviction commits a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

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2. In addition to any other penalty imposed for a
violation of subparagraph 1., the court may order the Department
of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to withhold the issuance
of, or suspend or revoke, the driver license or driving
privilege, as provided in s. 322.057, of any person who violates
subparagraph 1. This subparagraph does not apply to a licensee,
as defined in s. 561.01, who violates subparagraph 1. while
acting within the scope of his or her license or an employee or
agent of a licensee, as defined in s. 561.01, who violates
subparagraph 1. while engaged within the scope of his or her
employment or agency.

- 3. A court that withholds the issuance of, or suspends or revokes, the driver license or driving privilege of a person pursuant to subparagraph 2. may direct the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to issue the person a license for driving privilege restricted to business purposes only, as defined in s. 322.271, if he or she is otherwise qualified.
- (2) It is unlawful for any person to misrepresent or misstate his or her age or the age of any other person for the purpose of inducing any licensee or his or her agents or employees to sell, give, serve, or deliver any alcoholic beverages to a person under 21 years of age, or for any person under 21 years of age to purchase or attempt to purchase alcoholic beverages.
  - (c) In addition to any other penalty imposed for a

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676	violation of this subsection, if a person uses a driver license
677	or identification card issued by the Department of Highway
678	Safety and Motor Vehicles in violation of this subsection, the
679	court:
680	$rac{1.}{}$ may order the person to participate in public service
681	or a community work project for a period not to exceed 40 hours $\div$
682	<del>and</del>
683	2. Shall direct the Department of Highway Safety and Motor
684	Vehicles to withhold issuance of, or suspend or revoke, the
685	person's driver license or driving privilege, as provided in s.
686	<del>322.056</del> .
687	Section 16. Subsection (3) of section 562.111, Florida
688	Statutes, is amended to read:
689	562.111 Possession of alcoholic beverages by persons under
690	age 21 prohibited.—
691	(3) In addition to any other penalty imposed for a
692	violation of subsection (1), the court shall direct the
693	Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to withhold
694	issuance of, or suspend or revoke, the violator's driver license
695	or driving privilege, as provided in s. 322.056.
696	Section 17. Subsections (1), (2), and (5) of section
697	569.11, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
698	569.11 Possession, misrepresenting age or military service
699	to purchase, and purchase of tobacco products by persons under
700	18 years of age prohibited; penalties; jurisdiction; disposition

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701 of fines.—

- (1) It is unlawful for any person under 18 years of age to knowingly possess any tobacco product. Any person under 18 years of age who violates the provisions of this subsection commits a noncriminal violation as provided in s. 775.08(3), punishable by:
- (a) For a first violation, 16 hours of community service or, instead of community service, a \$25 fine. In addition, the person must attend a school-approved anti-tobacco program, if locally available; or
- (b) For a second <u>or subsequent</u> violation within 12 weeks after <del>of</del> the first violation, a \$25 fine.<del>; or</del>
- (c) For a third or subsequent violation within 12 weeks of the first violation, the court must direct the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to withhold issuance of or suspend or revoke the person's driver license or driving privilege, as provided in s. 322.056.

Any second or subsequent violation not within the 12-week time period after the first violation is punishable as provided for a first violation.

(2) It is unlawful for any person under 18 years of age to misrepresent his or her age or military service for the purpose of inducing a dealer or an agent or employee of the dealer to sell, give, barter, furnish, or deliver any tobacco product, or

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to purchase, or attempt to purchase, any tobacco product from a person or a vending machine. Any person under 18 years of age who violates a provision of this subsection commits a noncriminal violation as provided in s. 775.08(3), punishable by:

- (a) For a first violation, 16 hours of community service or, instead of community service, a \$25 fine and, in addition, the person must attend a school-approved anti-tobacco program, if available; or
- (b) For a second <u>or subsequent</u> violation within 12 weeks after <del>of</del> the first violation, a \$25 fine.<del>; or</del>
- (c) For a third or subsequent violation within 12 weeks of the first violation, the court must direct the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to withhold issuance of or suspend or revoke the person's driver license or driving privilege, as provided in s. 322.056.

Any second or subsequent violation not within the 12-week time period after the first violation is punishable as provided for a first violation.

(5)(a) If a person under 18 years of age is found by the court to have committed a noncriminal violation under this section and that person has failed to complete community service, pay the fine as required by paragraph (1)(a) or paragraph (2)(a), or attend a school-approved anti-tobacco

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program, if locally available, the court <u>may must</u> direct the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to withhold issuance of or suspend the driver license or driving privilege of that person for a period of 30 consecutive days.

(b) If a person under 18 years of age is found by the court to have committed a noncriminal violation under this section and that person has failed to pay the applicable fine as required by paragraph (1)(b) or paragraph (2)(b), the court may must direct the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to withhold issuance of or suspend the driver license or driving privilege of that person for a period of 45 consecutive days.

Section 18. Subsections (5) and (10) of section 790.22, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

790.22 Use of BB guns, air or gas-operated guns, or electric weapons or devices by minor under 16; limitation; possession of firearms by minor under 18 prohibited; penalties.—

- (5)(a) A minor who violates subsection (3) commits a misdemeanor of the first degree; for a first offense, may serve a period of detention of up to 3 days in a secure detention facility; and, in addition to any other penalty provided by law, shall be required to perform 100 hours of community service.÷ and:
- 1. If the minor is eligible by reason of age for a driver license or driving privilege, the court shall direct the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to revoke or to

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withhold issuance of the minor's driver license or driving privilege for up to 1 year.

- 2. If the minor's driver license or driving privilege is under suspension or revocation for any reason, the court shall direct the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to extend the period of suspension or revocation by an additional period of up to 1 year.
- 3. If the minor is incligible by reason of age for a driver license or driving privilege, the court shall direct the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to withhold issuance of the minor's driver license or driving privilege for up to 1 year after the date on which the minor would otherwise have become eligible.
- (b) For a second or subsequent offense, a minor who violates subsection (3) commits a felony of the third degree and shall serve a period of detention of up to 15 days in a secure detention facility and shall be required to perform at least not less than 100 but not nor more than 250 hours of community service. The and:
- 1. If the minor is eligible by reason of age for a driver license or driving privilege, the court shall direct the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to revoke or to withhold issuance of the minor's driver license or driving privilege for up to 2 years.
  - 2. If the minor's driver license or driving privilege is

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under suspension or revocation for any reason, the court shall direct the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to extend the period of suspension or revocation by an additional period of up to 2 years.

3. If the minor is incligible by reason of age for a driver license or driving privilege, the court shall direct the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to withhold issuance of the minor's driver license or driving privilege for up to 2 years after the date on which the minor would otherwise have become eligible.

For the purposes of this subsection, community service shall be performed, if possible, in a manner involving a hospital emergency room or other medical environment that deals on a

(10) If a minor is found to have committed an offense under subsection (9), the court shall impose the following penalties in addition to any penalty imposed under paragraph (9) (a) or paragraph (9) (b):

regular basis with trauma patients and gunshot wounds.

(a) For a first offense:

1. If the minor is eligible by reason of age for a driver license or driving privilege, the court shall direct the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to revoke or to withhold issuance of the minor's driver license or driving privilege for up to 1 year.

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2. If the minor's driver license or driving privilege is under suspension or revocation for any reason, the court shall direct the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to extend the period of suspension or revocation by an additional period for up to 1 year.

3. If the minor is incligible by reason of age for a driver license or driving privilege, the court shall direct the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to withhold issuance of the minor's driver license or driving privilege for up to 1 year after the date on which the minor would otherwise have become cligible.

(b) For a second or subsequent offense:

1. If the minor is eligible by reason of age for a driver license or driving privilege, the court shall direct the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to revoke or to withhold issuance of the minor's driver license or driving privilege for up to 2 years.

2. If the minor's driver license or driving privilege is under suspension or revocation for any reason, the court shall direct the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to extend the period of suspension or revocation by an additional period for up to 2 years.

3. If the minor is ineligible by reason of age for a driver license or driving privilege, the court shall direct the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to withhold

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issuance of the minor's driver license or driving privilege for up to 2 years after the date on which the minor would otherwise have become eligible.

Section 19. Subsection (9) of section 806.13, Florida Statutes, is renumbered as subsection (7), and subsections (7) and (8) of that section are amended to read:

- 806.13 Criminal mischief; penalties; penalty for minor.
- (7) In addition to any other penalty provided by law, if a minor is found to have committed a delinquent act under this section for placing graffiti on any public property or private property, and:
- (a) The minor is eligible by reason of age for a driver license or driving privilege, the court shall direct the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to revoke or withhold issuance of the minor's driver license or driving privilege for not more than 1 year.
- (b) The minor's driver license or driving privilege is under suspension or revocation for any reason, the court shall direct the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to extend the period of suspension or revocation by an additional period of not more than 1 year.
- (c) The minor is ineligible by reason of age for a driver license or driving privilege, the court shall direct the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to withhold issuance of the minor's driver license or driving privilege for

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not more than 1 year after the date on which he or she would otherwise have become eligible.

- (8) A minor whose driver license or driving privilege is revoked, suspended, or withheld under subsection (7) may elect to reduce the period of revocation, suspension, or withholding by performing community service at the rate of 1 day for each hour of community service performed. In addition, if the court determines that due to a family hardship, the minor's driver license or driving privilege is necessary for employment or medical purposes of the minor or a member of the minor's family, the court shall order the minor to perform community service and reduce the period of revocation, suspension, or withholding at the rate of 1 day for each hour of community service performed. As used in this subsection, the term "community service" means cleaning graffiti from public property.
- Section 20. <u>Section 812.0155</u>, Florida Statutes, is repealed.
- Section 21. Section 832.09, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

  Section 22. Subsections (6) and (7) and paragraphs (c) and (d) of subsection (8) of section 877.112, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
- 877.112 Nicotine products and nicotine dispensing devices; prohibitions for minors; penalties; civil fines; signage requirements; preemption.—
  - (6) PROHIBITIONS ON POSSESSION OF NICOTINE PRODUCTS OR

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NICOTINE DISPENSING DEVICES BY MINORS.—It is unlawful for any person under 18 years of age to knowingly possess any nicotine product or a nicotine dispensing device. Any person under 18 years of age who violates this subsection commits a noncriminal violation as defined in s. 775.08(3), punishable by:

- (a) For a first violation, 16 hours of community service or, instead of community service, a \$25 fine. In addition, the person must attend a school-approved anti-tobacco and nicotine program, if locally available; or
- (b) For a second <u>or subsequent</u> violation within 12 weeks after <del>of</del> the first violation, a \$25 fine. ; or
- (c) For a third or subsequent violation within 12 weeks of the first violation, the court must direct the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to withhold issuance of or suspend or revoke the person's driver license or driving privilege, as provided in s. 322.056.

Any second or subsequent violation not within the 12-week time period after the first violation is punishable as provided for a first violation.

(7) PROHIBITION ON MISREPRESENTING AGE.—It is unlawful for any person under 18 years of age to misrepresent his or her age or military service for the purpose of inducing a retailer of nicotine products or nicotine dispensing devices or an agent or employee of such retailer to sell, give, barter, furnish, or

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deliver any nicotine product or nicotine dispensing device, or to purchase, or attempt to purchase, any nicotine product or nicotine dispensing device from a person or a vending machine. Any person under 18 years of age who violates this subsection commits a noncriminal violation as defined in s. 775.08(3), punishable by:

- (a) For a first violation, 16 hours of community service or, instead of community service, a \$25 fine and, in addition, the person must attend a school-approved anti-tobacco and nicotine program, if available; or
- (b) For a second <u>or subsequent</u> violation within 12 weeks after <del>of</del> the first violation, a \$25 fine.<del>; or</del>
- (c) For a third or subsequent violation within 12 weeks of the first violation, the court must direct the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to withhold issuance of or suspend or revoke the person's driver license or driving privilege, as provided in s. 322.056.

Any second or subsequent violation not within the 12-week time period after the first violation is punishable as provided for a first violation.

(8) PENALTIES FOR MINORS.-

(c) If a person under 18 years of age is found by the court to have committed a noncriminal violation under this section and that person has failed to complete community

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service, pay the fine as required by paragraph (6)(a) or paragraph (7)(a), or attend a school-approved anti-tobacco and nicotine program, if locally available, the court <u>may must</u> direct the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to withhold issuance of or suspend the driver license or driving privilege of that person for 30 consecutive days.

(d) If a person under 18 years of age is found by the court to have committed a noncriminal violation under this section and that person has failed to pay the applicable fine as required by paragraph (6)(b) or paragraph (7)(b), the court may must direct the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to withhold issuance of or suspend the driver license or driving privilege of that person for 45 consecutive days.

Section 23. Subsection (2) of section 938.30, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

938.30 Financial obligations in criminal cases; supplementary proceedings.—

(2) The court may require a person liable for payment of an obligation to appear and be examined under oath concerning the person's financial ability to pay the obligation. The judge may convert the statutory financial obligation into a court-ordered obligation to perform community service, subject to the provisions of s. 318.18(8), after examining a person under oath and determining the person's inability to pay, or by reliance upon information provided under s. 27.52(1)(a)6. Any person who

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fails to attend a hearing may be arrested on warrant or capias issued by the clerk upon order of the court.

Section 24. Subsection (2) of section 1003.27, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1003.27 Court procedure and penalties.—The court procedure and penalties for the enforcement of the provisions of this part, relating to compulsory school attendance, shall be as follows:

- (2) NONENROLLMENT AND NONATTENDANCE CASES.-
- (a) In each case of nonenrollment or of nonattendance upon the part of a student who is required to attend some school, when no valid reason for such nonenrollment or nonattendance is found, the district school superintendent shall institute a criminal prosecution against the student's parent.
- (b) Each public school principal or the principal's designee shall notify the district school board of each minor student under its jurisdiction who accumulates 15 unexcused absences in a period of 90 calendar days. Each designee of the governing body of each private school, and each parent whose child is enrolled in a home education program, may provide the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles with the legal name, sex, date of birth, and social security number of each minor student under his or her jurisdiction who fails to satisfy relevant attendance requirements and who fails to otherwise satisfy the requirements of s. 322.091. The district school

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Superintendent must provide the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles the legal name, sex, date of birth, and social security number of each minor student who has been reported under this paragraph and who fails to otherwise satisfy the requirements of s. 322.091. The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles may not issue a driver license or learner's driver license to, and shall suspend any previously issued driver license or learner's driver license or learner's driver license of, any such minor student, pursuant to the provisions of s. 322.091.

Section 25. Paragraph (a) of subsection (10) of section 318.14, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

318.14 Noncriminal traffic infractions; exception; procedures.—

(10) (a) Any person who does not hold a commercial driver license or commercial learner's permit and who is cited while driving a noncommercial motor vehicle for an offense listed under this subsection may, in lieu of payment of fine or court appearance, elect to enter a plea of nolo contendere and provide proof of compliance to the clerk of the court, designated official, or authorized operator of a traffic violations bureau. In such case, adjudication shall be withheld; however, a person may not make an election under this subsection if the person has made an election under this subsection in the preceding 12 months. A person may not make more than three elections under this subsection. This subsection applies to the following

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1026 offenses:

- 1. Operating a motor vehicle without a valid driver license in violation of s. 322.03, s. 322.065, or s. 322.15(1), or operating a motor vehicle with a license that has been suspended for failure to appear, failure to pay civil penalty, or failure to attend a driver improvement course pursuant to s. 322.291.
- 2. Operating a motor vehicle without a valid registration in violation of s. 320.0605, s. 320.07, or s. 320.131.
  - 3. Operating a motor vehicle in violation of s. 316.646.
- 4. Operating a motor vehicle with a license that has been suspended under s. 61.13016 or s. 322.245 for failure to pay child support or for failure to pay any other financial obligation as provided in s. 322.245; however, this subparagraph does not apply if the license has been suspended pursuant to s. 322.245(1).
- 5. Operating a motor vehicle with a license that has been suspended under s. 322.091 for failure to meet school attendance requirements.
- Section 26. Subsections (1) and (2) of section 322.05, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
- 322.05 Persons not to be licensed.—The department may not issue a license:
- 1049 (1) To a person who is under the age of 16 years, except
  1050 that the department may issue a learner's driver license to a

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person who is at least 15 years of age and who meets the requirements of  $\underline{s}$ .  $\underline{ss}$ .  $\underline{322.091}$  and  $\underline{322.1615}$  and of any other applicable law or rule.

- (2) To a person who is at least 16 years of age but is under 18 years of age unless the person meets the requirements of s. 322.091 and holds a valid:
- (a) Learner's driver license for at least 12 months, with no moving traffic convictions, before applying for a license;
- (b) Learner's driver license for at least 12 months and who has a moving traffic conviction but elects to attend a traffic driving school for which adjudication must be withheld pursuant to s. 318.14; or
- (c) License that was issued in another state or in a foreign jurisdiction and that would not be subject to suspension or revocation under the laws of this state.
- Section 27. Paragraph (b) of subsection (5) of section 322.27, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
- 322.27 Authority of department to suspend or revoke driver license or identification card.—
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- (b) If a person whose driver license has been revoked under paragraph (a) as a result of a third violation of driving a motor vehicle while his or her license is suspended or revoked provides proof of compliance for an offense listed in s.
- 318.14(10)(a)1.-4.  $\frac{318.14(10)(a)1.-5.}{}$ , the clerk of court shall

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submit an amended disposition to remove the habitual traffic offender designation.

Section 28. Subsection (9) of section 1003.01, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1003.01 Definitions.—As used in this chapter, the term:

- (9) "Dropout" means a student who meets any one or more of the following criteria:
- (a) The student has voluntarily removed himself or herself from the school system before graduation for reasons that include, but are not limited to, marriage, or the student has withdrawn from school because he or she has failed the statewide student assessment test and thereby does not receive any of the certificates of completion;
- (b) The student has not met the relevant attendance requirements of the school district pursuant to State Board of Education rules, or the student was expected to attend a school but did not enter as expected for unknown reasons, or the student's whereabouts are unknown;
- (c) The student has withdrawn from school, but has not transferred to another public or private school or enrolled in any career, adult, home education, or alternative educational program;
- (d) The student has withdrawn from school due to hardship, unless such withdrawal was has been granted as a result of under the provisions of s. 322.091, court action, expulsion, medical

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1101	reasons, or pregnancy, or
1102	(e) The student is not eligible to attend school because
1103	of reaching the maximum age for an exceptional student program
1104	in accordance with the district's policy.
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1106	The State Board of Education may adopt rules to implement $\frac{1}{2}$
1107	provisions of this subsection.
1108	Section 29. The amendment made by this act to s. 316.650,
1109	Florida Statutes, shall apply upon the creation of a new
1110	inventory of uniform traffic citation forms.
1111	Section 30. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017.