

1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act to amend s. 322.05, F.S. to raise the legal driving age from 16
3 years to 18 years in the state of Florida.

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

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7 Section 1. Section 322.05, Florida Statutes, subsection (1)(2)(3)(4),
8 is amended to read:

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10 322.05 Persons not to be licensed.- The department may not issue a license:

11 (1) To a person who is under the age of ~~16~~ 18 years, except that the
12 department may issue a learner's driver license to a person who is at least ~~15~~
13 17 years of age and who meets the requirements of ss. 322.091 and 322.1615 and
14 of any other applicable law or rule.

15 (2) To a person who is at least ~~16~~ 18 years of age but is under ~~18~~ 21 years of
16 age unless the person meets the requirements of s. 322.091 and holds a valid:

17 (a) Learner's driver license for at least 12 months, with no moving traffic
18 convictions, before applying for a license;

19 (b) Learner's driver license for at least 12 months and who has a moving traffic
20 conviction but elects to attend a traffic driving school for which adjudication
21 must be withheld pursuant to s. 318.14; or

22 (c) License that was issued in another state or in a foreign jurisdiction and
23 that would not be subject to suspension or revocation under the laws of this
24 state.

25 (3) To a person who is at least ~~16~~ 18 years of age but who is under ~~18~~ 21 years
26 of age, unless ~~the parent, guardian, or other~~ a responsible adult meeting the
27 requirements of s. 322.09 certifies that he or she, or another licensed driver
28 21 years of age or older, has accompanied the applicant for a total of not less
29 than 50 hours' behind-the-wheel experience, of which not less than 10 hours must
30 be at night. This subsection is not intended to create a private cause of action
31 as a result of the certification. The certification is inadmissible for any
32 purpose in any civil proceeding.

33 (4) Except as provided by this subsection, to any person, as a Class A
34 licensee, Class B licensee, or Class C licensee, who is under the age of ~~18~~ 21
35 years.

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37 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

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A bill to be entitled
Local Control of Minimum Wage Act

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. The purpose of this Act is to increase state funding for law enforcement training programs and salary enhancements to improve the quality, effectiveness, and retention of law enforcement personnel across the state.

The Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) shall establish enhanced, standardized training programs for all law enforcement officers in the state, focusing on: de-escalation techniques crisis intervention, including mental health and substance abuse response, advanced investigative skills and forensic technology, use of force protocols and non-lethal alternatives.

The state shall allocate an additional \$100 million annually to enhance training programs for local law enforcement agencies. Funds shall be distributed to agencies based on size, need, and the crime rates in their jurisdictions.

Each law enforcement agency must dedicate a minimum of 20% of the additional funding to training specifically focused on non-lethal de-escalation methods and crisis intervention.

All new recruits must undergo a minimum of 120 hours of enhanced training beyond the basic certification requirements, with a focus on community policing, communication skills, and situational judgment.

Veteran officers must complete at least 40 hours of continuing education training annually, with a focus on emerging issues.

A statewide minimum salary of \$55,000 per year for full-time law enforcement officers shall be established, ensuring that all officers in Florida receive a competitive and livable wage.

The minimum salary shall apply to both new hires and current officers, with annual cost-of-living adjustments based on inflation rates.

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A bill to be entitled
Mandating Condominium Association Boards to Maintain a Minimum Assessment
Reserve Fund to Meet any Unexpected Repair Costs to the Building
Structure.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. The purpose of this Act is to ensure that condominium associations maintain sufficient financial reserves to cover the cost of unexpected structural repairs and to safeguard the safety, property values and financial stability of condominium unit owners. These repairs include, but are not limited to: roofs, foundations, exterior walls, etc. The funds in the assessment reserve shall be exclusively used for major structural repairs or replacements necessary to ensure the safety and structural integrity of the building.

A. The minimum percentage shall be no less than 70% of the condominium's property value and shall be subject to adjustment every 2 years, as determined by a structural reserve study conducted by a licensed engineer.

B. Condominium associations shall provide an annual report to unit owners, detailing the amount held in reserve, contributions made to the reserve fund and any expenditures from the reserve fund over the previous year. Associations must maintain accurate records of reserve funds and are subject to random audits by the State Department of Florida. Any condominium board or association that fails to comply with this Act shall be subject to fines and penalties by the State and be held civilly liable to the Unit Owners.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025, and all condominium associations must be fully in compliance within 5 years.

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A bill to be entitled

An act to amend Section 322.12, Florida Statutes, to require a mandatory examination for driver's license renewals after the age of 70 years.

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

Section 1. Section 322.12, Florida Statutes, subsection (1), is amended to read:

322.12 Examination of applicants. -

(1) It is the intent of the Legislature that every applicant for an original driver license or renewal driver license for individuals 70 years or older in this state be required to pass an examination pursuant to this section. However, the department may waive the knowledge, endorsement, and skills tests for an applicant who is otherwise qualified and who surrenders a valid driver license from another state or a province of Canada, or a valid driver license issued by the United States Armed Forces, if the driver applies for a Florida license of an equal or lesser classification. An applicant who fails to pass the initial knowledge test incurs a \$10 fee for each subsequent test, to be deposited into the Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund, except that if a subsequent test is administered by the tax collector, the tax collector shall retain such \$10 fee, less the general revenue service charge set forth in s. 215.20(1). An applicant who fails to pass the initial skills test incurs a \$20 fee for each subsequent test, to be deposited into the Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund, except that if a subsequent test is administered by the tax collector, the tax collector shall retain such \$20 fee, less the general revenue service charge set forth in s. 215.20(1). A person who seeks to retain a hazardous-materials endorsement, pursuant to s. 322.57(1)(e), must pass the hazardous-materials test, upon surrendering his or her commercial driver license, if the person has not taken and passed the hazardous-materials test within 2 years before applying for a commercial driver license in this state.

(2) The department shall examine every applicant for a driver license, including an applicant who is licensed in another state or country, except as otherwise provided in this chapter. A person who holds a learner's driver license as provided for in s. 322.1615 is not required to pay a fee for successfully completing the examination showing his or her ability to operate a

37 motor vehicle as provided for herein and need not pay the fee for a replacement
38 license as provided in s. 322.17(2).

39 (3) For an applicant for a Class E driver license, such examination shall
40 include all of the following:

41 (a) A test of the applicant's eyesight given by the driver license examiner
42 designated by the department or by a licensed ophthalmologist, optometrist, or
43 physician.

44 (b) A test of the applicant's hearing given by a driver license examiner or a
45 licensed physician.

46 (c) A test of the applicant's ability to read and understand highway signs
47 regulating, warning, and directing traffic; his or her knowledge of the traffic
48 laws of this state, including laws regulating driving under the influence of
49 alcohol or controlled substances, driving with an unlawful blood-alcohol level,
50 and driving while intoxicated; and his or her knowledge of the effects of
51 alcohol and controlled substances upon persons and the dangers of driving a
52 motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or controlled substances. At
53 least 25 questions within the bank of test questions must address bicycle and
54 pedestrian safety.

55 (d) An actual demonstration of ability to exercise ordinary and reasonable
56 control in the operation of a motor vehicle.

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58 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

1 A Bill to be entitled
2 Requiring Drivers of Electric Vehicles to Pay a Registration Fee that
3 Will Aid in the Upkeep of the Roads in Florida.

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5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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7 Section 1. This act amends the Section 320.03, Florida Statutes, relating
8 to electric vehicles and plug-in hybrid electric vehicles. The act requires the
9 driver of an electric vehicle to pay a fee to be used to maintain the roads in
10 the State of Florida.

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12 A. This \$200 registration fee will be paid annually when the vehicle
13 registration is renewed.

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15 B. The proceeds of this fee will be divided accordingly: 60% will go to
16 the State Transportation Trust Fund and 40% will go to the county where the
17 vehicle is registered. These funds will be used to help maintain the roads in
18 Florida that the vehicles drive on daily.

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A bill to be entitled
Requiring Dual Enrollment Programs in Every School District in the State
of Florida.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. The bill amends Section 1007.271, Florida Statutes, by
adding the phrase "in-person or online" to what is already written in the
statute.

A. District school boards must enter into a dual enrollment agreement
with a local Florida College System institution if that Florida College System
institution has the capacity to offer either in-person or online dual
enrollment courses.

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A bill to be entitled

Strengthen coastal infrastructure and flood protection in Florida.

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

Section 1. The purpose of this Act is to protect Florida's coastal communities from the increasing risk of flooding and sea level rise due to hurricanes by strengthening coastal infrastructure and investing in flood mitigation efforts.

(a) The state of Florida shall allocate funds to develop and support flood mitigation projects, including the construction of sea walls, storm water drainage system and natural barriers such as mangrove restoration.

(b) Grants shall be provided to local governments and municipalities to upgrade costal infrastructures to withstand extreme weather events.

(2) The Department of Environmental Protection shall develop a comprehensive coastal infrastructure plan for Florida's coastline by 2026, identifying the areas most vulnerable to flooding and recommend long-term strategies for protecting those areas.

(a)The state shall allocate 10 million dollars annually for the development and maintenance of coastal infrastructure projects.

(b)Matching funds may be provided through federal programs aimed at disaster recoveries.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

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A resolution to be entitled
A Resolution to Ensure the Long-term Protection and Preservation of
Florida's Springs.

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

WHEREAS Florida's springs are vital natural resources that provide ecosystem services, including groundwater recharge, freshwater supply, and critical essential habitat for wildlife;

WHEREAS Florida is home to one of the largest concentrations of freshwater springs in the world, with over 1,000 springs contributing to the economic, recreational, and environmental wellbeing of the state;

WHEREAS these springs are increasingly threatened by pollution, excessive groundwater withdrawal, and land development, leading to degraded water quality, diminished spring flow, and harm to local ecosystems;

WHEREAS protecting the health and flow of Florida's springs is necessary for maintaining the biodiversity of Florida's aquatic habitats, safeguarding public health, and sustaining recreational activities like swimming, fishing, and ecotourism;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the legislative body as follows:

Spring Protection Zones: Designate critical Spring Protection Zones (SPZ) from major springs and spring-fed systems, limiting harmful land-use activities within around these areas to prevent groundwater contamination and reduce nutrient pollution fertilizers and waste runoff.

Water Quality Monitoring: Expand water quality monitoring efforts for all major springs, ensuring regular data collection to identify sources of pollution and track improvements or declines in water quality. A statewide database shall be maintained and made publicly accessible.

37 **Groundwater Withdrawal Limits:** Implement and enforce stricter regulations on
38 groundwater withdrawals near spring systems to ensure that water usage does not
39 exceed sustainable limits, safeguarding the flow of freshwater springs.

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41 **Enforcement and Accountability:** Establish clear enforcement mechanisms and
42 penalties for violations of spring protection regulations, ensuring
43 accountability for actions that degrade water quality or reduce spring flow.

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45 **Funding for Conservation Initiatives:** Secure sustainable funding sources for
46 spring protection and restoration initiatives, including leveraging state and
47 federal grants, bonds, and public-private partnerships to support long-term
48 conservation efforts.

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50 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution shall take effect immediately
51 its passage, and that all relevant state agencies and stakeholders are urged to
52 upon prioritize and implement these measures to protect Florida's springs for
53 future generations.

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55 **Adopted this March 2025.**

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A bill to be entitled

Improve safety standards in youth recreational sports programs across Florida

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

Section 1. The purpose of this bill is to improve the safety of youth participating in recreational sports by requiring proper equipment, trained coaches and regular safety assessments for all organized recreational sports programs in Florida.

(a) All youth recreational leagues, must provide athletes with properly fitted and certified gear, such as helmets, pads and mouthguards.

(b) Coaches must complete a state-approved safety training course covering concussion protocols, injury prevention and first aid.

(c) Youth recreational sport facilities and equipment must undergo an annual safety inspection conducted by a certified official to ensure compliance with state safety standards.

(2) The state shall allocate \$500,000 dollars annually to support safety for coaches and provide financial assistance to low-income sport programs in need of equipment upgrades.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.