CHAPTER 2010-80

Council Substitute for
Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 325

An act relating to uniform traffic control; providing a short title; amending s. 316.003, F.S.; defining the term “traffic infraction detector”; creating s. 316.0076, F.S.; preempting to the state the use of cameras to enforce traffic laws; amending s. 316.008, F.S.; authorizing counties and municipalities to use traffic infraction detectors under certain circumstances; creating s. 316.0083, F.S.; creating the Mark Wandall Traffic Safety Program; authorizing the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, a county, or a municipality to use a traffic infraction detector to identify a motor vehicle that fails to stop at a traffic control signal steady red light; requiring authorization of a traffic infraction enforcement officer to issue and enforce a citation for such violation; requiring notification to be sent to the registered owner of the motor vehicle involved in the violation; requiring the notification to include certain information about the owner’s right to review evidence; providing requirements for the notification; providing for collection of penalties; providing for distribution of penalties collected; providing that an individual may not receive a commission or per-ticket fee from any revenue collected from violations detected through the use of a traffic infraction detector and a manufacturer or vendor may not receive a fee or remuneration based upon the number of violations detected through the use of a traffic infraction detector; providing procedures for issuance, disposition, and enforcement of citations; providing for exemptions; providing that certain evidence is admissible for enforcement; providing penalties for submission of a false affidavit; prohibiting the use of such detectors to enforce a violation when a driver fails to stop prior to making a right or left turn; providing that the act does not preclude the issuance of citations by law enforcement officers; requiring reports from participating municipalities and counties to the department; requiring the department to make reports to the Governor and Legislature; amending s. 316.0745, F.S.; revising a provision that requires certain remotely operated traffic control devices to meet certain specifications; creating s. 316.07456, F.S.; requiring traffic infraction detectors to meet specifications established by the Department of Transportation; providing that a traffic infraction detector acquired by purchase, lease, or other arrangement under an agreement entered into by a county or municipality on or before a specified date is not required to meet the established specifications until a specified date; creating s. 316.0776, F.S.; providing for the placement and installation of detectors on certain roads when permitted by and under the specifications of the department; requiring that if the state, county, or municipality installs a traffic infraction detector at an intersection, the state, county, or municipality shall notify the public that a traffic infraction device may be in use at that intersection; requiring that such signage posted at the intersection meet the specifications for uniform signals and devices.
adopted by the Department of Transportation; requiring that traffic
infraction detectors meet specifications established by the Department
of Transportation; requiring a public awareness campaign if such detectors
are to be used; amending s. 316.640, F.S.; requiring the Department of
Transportation to develop training and qualification standards for traffic
infraction enforcement officers; authorizing counties and municipalities to
use independent contractors as traffic infraction enforcement officers;
amending s. 316.650, F.S.; requiring a traffic enforcement officer to provide
to the court a replica of the citation data by electronic transmission under
certain conditions; amending s. 318.14, F.S.; providing an exception from
provisions requiring a person cited for an infraction for failing to stop at a
traffic control signal steady red light to sign and accept a citation
indicating a promise to appear; amending s. 318.18, F.S.; increasing
certain fines; providing for penalties for infractions enforced by a traffic
infraction enforcement officer; providing for distribution of fines; allowing
the clerk of court to dismiss certain cases upon receiving documentation
that the uniform traffic citation was issued in error; providing that an
individual may not receive a commission or per-ticket fee from any revenue
collected from violations detected through the use of a traffic infraction
detector and a manufacturer or vendor may not receive a fee or
remuneration based upon the number of violations detected through the
use of a traffic infraction detector; creating s. 321.50, F.S.; authorizing the
Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to use traffic infraction
detectors under certain circumstances; amending s. 322.27, F.S.; providing
that no points may be assessed against the driver’s license for infractions
enforced by a traffic infraction enforcement officer; providing that
infractions enforced by a traffic infraction enforcement officer may not
be used for purposes of setting motor vehicle insurance rates; requiring the
retention of certain penalty proceeds collected prior to the Department of
Revenue’s ability to receive and distribute such funds; providing an
appropriation and for carryforward of any unexpended balance; providing
for severability; providing effective dates.

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

Section 1. This act may be cited as the “Mark Wandall Traffic Safety Act.”

Section 2. Subsection (86) is added to section 316.003, Florida Statutes,
to read:

316.003 Definitions.—The following words and phrases, when used in
this chapter, shall have the meanings respectively ascribed to them in this
section, except where the context otherwise requires:

(86) TRAFFIC INFRACTION DETECTOR.—A vehicle sensor installed
to work in conjunction with a traffic control signal and a camera or cameras
synchronized to automatically record two or more sequenced photographic or
electronic images or streaming video of only the rear of a motor vehicle at the
time the vehicle fails to stop behind the stop bar or clearly marked stop line
when facing a traffic control signal steady red light. Any notification under s.
316.0083(1)(b) or traffic citation issued by the use of a traffic infraction
detector must include a photograph or other recorded image showing both
the license tag of the offending vehicle and the traffic control device being
violated.

Section 3. Section 316.0076, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

316.0076 Regulation and use of cameras.—Regulation of the use of
cameras for enforcing the provisions of this chapter is expressly preempted to
the state. The regulation of the use of cameras for enforcing the provisions of
this chapter is not required to comply with provisions of chapter 493.

Section 4. Subsection (7) is added to section 316.008, Florida Statutes, to
read:

316.008 Powers of local authorities.—

(7)(a) A county or municipality may use traffic infraction detectors to
enforce s. 316.074(1) or s. 316.075(1)(c)1. when a driver fails to stop at a
traffic signal on streets and highways under their jurisdiction under s.
316.0083. Only a municipality may install or authorize the installation of any
such detectors within the incorporated area of the municipality. Only a
county may install or authorize the installation of any such detectors within
the unincorporated area of the county.

(b) Pursuant to paragraph (a), a municipality may install or, by contract
or interlocal agreement, authorize the installation of any such detectors only
within the incorporated area of the municipality, and a county may install or,
by contract or interlocal agreement, authorize the installation of any such
detectors only within the unincorporated area of the county. A county may
authorize installation of any such detectors by interlocal agreement on roads
under its jurisdiction.

Section 5. Section 316.0083, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

316.0083 Mark Wandall Traffic Safety Program; administration; report.

(1)(a) For purposes of administering this section, the department, a
county, or a municipality may authorize a traffic infraction enforcement
officer under s. 316.640 to issue a traffic citation for a violation of s.
316.074(1) or s. 316.075(1)(c)1. A notice of violation and a traffic citation may
not be issued for failure to stop at a red light if the driver is making a right-
hand turn in a careful and prudent manner at an intersection where right-
hand turns are permissible. This paragraph does not prohibit a review of
information from a traffic infraction detector by an authorized employee or
agent of the department, a county, or a municipality before issuance of the
traffic citation by the traffic infraction enforcement officer. This paragraph
does not prohibit the department, a county, or a municipality from issuing
notification as provided in paragraph (b) to the registered owner of the motor
vehicle involved in the violation of s. 316.074(1) or s. 316.075(1)(c)1.
Within 30 days after a violation, notification must be sent to the registered owner of the motor vehicle involved in the violation specifying the remedies available under s. 318.14 and that the violator must pay the penalty of $158 to the department, county, or municipality, or furnish an affidavit in accordance with paragraph (d), within 30 days following the date of the notification in order to avoid court fees, costs, and the issuance of a traffic citation. The notification shall be sent by first-class mail.

Included with the notification to the registered owner of the motor vehicle involved in the infraction must be a notice that the owner has the right to review the photographic or electronic images or the streaming video evidence that constitutes a rebuttable presumption against the owner of the vehicle. The notice must state the time and place or Internet location where the evidence may be examined and observed.

Penalties assessed and collected by the department, county, or municipality authorized to collect the funds provided for in this paragraph, less the amount retained by the county or municipality pursuant to subparagraph 3., shall be paid to the Department of Revenue weekly. Payment by the department, county, or municipality to the state shall be made by means of electronic funds transfers. In addition to the payment, summary detail of the penalties remitted shall be reported to the Department of Revenue.

Penalties to be assessed and collected by the department, county, or municipality are as follows:

a. One hundred fifty-eight dollars for a violation of s. 316.074(1) or s. 316.075(1)(c)1. when a driver has failed to stop at a traffic signal if enforcement is by the department's traffic infraction enforcement officer. One hundred dollars shall be remitted to the Department of Revenue for deposit into the General Revenue Fund, $10 shall be remitted to the Department of Revenue for deposit into the Department of Health Administrative Trust Fund, $3 shall be remitted to the Department of Revenue for deposit into the Brain and Spinal Cord Injury Trust Fund, and $45 shall be distributed to the municipality in which the violation occurred, or, if the violation occurred in an unincorporated area, to the county in which the violation occurred. Funds deposited into the Department of Health Administrative Trust Fund under this sub-subparagraph shall be distributed as provided in s. 395.4036(1). Proceeds of the infractions in the Brain and Spinal Cord Injury Trust Fund shall be distributed quarterly to the Miami Project to Cure Paralysis and shall be used for brain and spinal cord research.

b. One hundred fifty-eight dollars for a violation of s. 316.074(1) or s. 316.075(1)(c)1. when a driver has failed to stop at a traffic signal if enforcement is by a county or municipal traffic infraction enforcement officer. Seventy dollars shall be remitted by the county or municipality to the Department of Revenue for deposit into the General Revenue Fund, $10 shall be remitted to the Department of Revenue for deposit into the Department of Health Administrative Trust Fund under this sub-subparagraph shall be distributed as provided in s. 395.4036(1). Proceeds of the infractions in the Brain and Spinal Cord Injury Trust Fund shall be distributed quarterly to the Miami Project to Cure Paralysis and shall be used for brain and spinal cord research.
of Revenue for deposit into the Brain and Spinal Cord Injury Trust Fund, and $75 shall be retained by the county or municipality enforcing the ordinance enacted pursuant to this section. Funds deposited into the Department of Health Administrative Trust Fund under this sub-subparagraph shall be distributed as provided in s. 395.4036(1). Proceeds of the infractions in the Brain and Spinal Cord Injury Trust Fund shall be distributed quarterly to the Miami Project to Cure Paralysis and shall be used for brain and spinal cord research.

4. An individual may not receive a commission from any revenue collected from violations detected through the use of a traffic infraction detector. A manufacturer or vendor may not receive a fee or remuneration based upon the number of violations detected through the use of a traffic infraction detector.

   (c)1.a. A traffic citation issued under this section shall be issued by mailing the traffic citation by certified mail to the address of the registered owner of the motor vehicle involved in the violation when payment has not been made within 30 days after notification under subparagraph (b)1.

   b. Delivery of the traffic citation constitutes notification under this paragraph.

   c. In the case of joint ownership of a motor vehicle, the traffic citation shall be mailed to the first name appearing on the registration, unless the first name appearing on the registration is a business organization, in which case the second name appearing on the registration may be used.

   d. The traffic citation shall be mailed to the registered owner of the motor vehicle involved in the violation no later than 60 days after the date of the violation.

2. Included with the notification to the registered owner of the motor vehicle involved in the infraction shall be a notice that the owner has the right to review, either in person or remotely, the photographic or electronic images or the streaming video evidence that constitutes a rebuttable presumption against the owner of the vehicle. The notice must state the time and place or Internet location where the evidence may be examined and observed.

   (d)1. The owner of the motor vehicle involved in the violation is responsible and liable for paying the uniform traffic citation issued for a violation of s. 316.074(1) or s. 316.075(1)(c)1, when the driver failed to stop at a traffic signal, unless the owner can establish that:

   a. The motor vehicle passed through the intersection in order to yield right-of-way to an emergency vehicle or as part of a funeral procession;

   b. The motor vehicle passed through the intersection at the direction of a law enforcement officer;
c. The motor vehicle was, at the time of the violation, in the care, custody, or control of another person; or

d. A uniform traffic citation was issued by a law enforcement officer to the driver of the motor vehicle for the alleged violation of s. 316.074(1) or s. 316.075(1)(c)1.

2. In order to establish such facts, the owner of the motor vehicle shall, within 30 days after the date of issuance of the traffic citation, furnish to the appropriate governmental entity an affidavit setting forth detailed information supporting an exemption as provided in this paragraph.

   a. An affidavit supporting an exemption under sub-subparagraph 1.c. must include the name, address, date of birth, and, if known, the driver’s license number of the person who leased, rented, or otherwise had care, custody, or control of the motor vehicle at the time of the alleged violation. If the vehicle was stolen at the time of the alleged offense, the affidavit must include the police report indicating that the vehicle was stolen.

   b. If a traffic citation for a violation of s. 316.074(1) or s. 316.075(1)(c)1. was issued at the location of the violation by a law enforcement officer, the affidavit must include the serial number of the uniform traffic citation.

3. Upon receipt of an affidavit, the person designated as having care, custody, and control of the motor vehicle at the time of the violation may be issued a traffic citation for a violation of s. 316.074(1) or s. 316.075(1)(c)1. when the driver failed to stop at a traffic signal. The affidavit is admissible in a proceeding pursuant to this section for the purpose of providing proof that the person identified in the affidavit was in actual care, custody, or control of the motor vehicle. The owner of a leased vehicle for which a traffic citation is issued for a violation of s. 316.074(1) or s. 316.075(1)(c)1. when the driver failed to stop at a traffic signal is not responsible for paying the traffic citation and is not required to submit an affidavit as specified in this subsection if the motor vehicle involved in the violation is registered in the name of the lessee of such motor vehicle.

4. The submission of a false affidavit is a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

(e) The photographic or electronic images or streaming video attached to or referenced in the traffic citation is evidence that a violation of s. 316.074(1) or s. 316.075(1)(c)1. when the driver failed to stop at a traffic signal has occurred and is admissible in any proceeding to enforce this section and raises a rebuttable presumption that the motor vehicle named in the report or shown in the photographic or electronic images or streaming video evidence was used in violation of s. 316.074(1) or s. 316.075(1)(c)1. when the driver failed to stop at a traffic signal.
A notice of violation and a traffic citation may not be issued for failure to stop at a red light if the driver is making a right-hand turn in a careful and prudent manner at an intersection where right-hand turns are permissible.

This section supplements the enforcement of s. 316.074(1) or s. 316.075(1)(c)1. by law enforcement officers when a driver fails to stop at a traffic signal and does not prohibit a law enforcement officer from issuing a traffic citation for a violation of s. 316.074(1) or s. 316.075(1)(c)1. when a driver fails to stop at a traffic signal in accordance with normal traffic enforcement techniques.

Each county or municipality that operates a traffic infraction detector shall submit a report by October 1, 2012, and annually thereafter, to the department which details the results of using the traffic infraction detector and the procedures for enforcement for the preceding state fiscal year. The information submitted by the counties and municipalities must include statistical data and information required by the department to complete the report required under paragraph (b).

On or before December 31, 2012, and annually thereafter, the department shall provide a summary report to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives regarding the use and operation of traffic infraction detectors under this section, along with the department's recommendations and any necessary legislation. The summary report must include a review of the information submitted to the department by the counties and municipalities and must describe the enhancement of the traffic safety and enforcement programs.

Section 6. Subsection (6) of section 316.0745, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

Any system of traffic control devices controlled and operated from a remote location by electronic computers or similar devices must meet all requirements established for the uniform system, and, if such a system affects the movement of traffic on state roads, the design of the system shall be reviewed and approved by the Department of Transportation.

Section 7. Section 316.07456, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

Any traffic infraction detector deployed on the highways, streets, and roads of this state must meet specifications established by the Department of Transportation, and must be tested at regular intervals according to specifications prescribed by the Department of Transportation. The Department of Transportation must establish such specifications on or before December 31, 2010. However, any such equipment acquired by purchase, lease, or other arrangement under an agreement entered into by a county or municipality on or before July 1, 2011,
or equipment used to enforce an ordinance enacted by a county or municipality on or before July 1, 2011, is not required to meet the specifications established by the Department of Transportation until July 1, 2011.

Section 8. Section 316.0776, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

316.0776 Traffic infraction detectors; placement and installation.—

(1) Traffic infraction detectors are allowed on state roads when permitted by the Department of Transportation and under placement and installation specifications developed by the Department of Transportation. Traffic infraction detectors are allowed on streets and highways under the jurisdiction of counties or municipalities in accordance with placement and installation specifications developed by the Department of Transportation.

(2)(a) If the department, county, or municipality installs a traffic infraction detector at an intersection, the department, county, or municipality shall notify the public that a traffic infraction device may be in use at that intersection and must specifically include notification of camera enforcement of violations concerning right turns. Such signage used to notify the public must meet the specifications for uniform signals and devices adopted by the Department of Transportation pursuant to s. 316.0745.

(b) If the department, county, or municipality begins a traffic infraction detector program in a county or municipality that has never conducted such a program, the respective department, county, or municipality shall also make a public announcement and conduct a public awareness campaign of the proposed use of traffic infraction detectors at least 30 days before commencing the enforcement program.

Section 9. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) and subsection (5) of section 316.640, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

316.640 Enforcement.—The enforcement of the traffic laws of this state is vested as follows:

(1) STATE.—

(b)1. The Department of Transportation has authority to enforce on all the streets and highways of this state all laws applicable within its authority.

2.a. The Department of Transportation shall develop training and qualifications standards for toll enforcement officers whose sole authority is to enforce the payment of tolls pursuant to s. 316.1001. Nothing in this subparagraph shall be construed to permit the carrying of firearms or other weapons, nor shall a toll enforcement officer have arrest authority.

b. For the purpose of enforcing s. 316.1001, governmental entities, as defined in s. 334.03, which own or operate a toll facility may employ
independent contractors or designate employees as toll enforcement officers; however, any such toll enforcement officer must successfully meet the training and qualifications standards for toll enforcement officers established by the Department of Transportation.

3. For the purpose of enforcing s. 316.0083, the department may designate employees as traffic infraction enforcement officers. A traffic infraction enforcement officer must successfully complete instruction in traffic enforcement procedures and court presentation through the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program as approved by the Division of Criminal Justice Standards and Training of the Department of Law Enforcement, or through a similar program, but may not necessarily otherwise meet the uniform minimum standards established by the Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission for law enforcement officers or auxiliary law enforcement officers under s. 943.13. This subparagraph does not authorize the carrying of firearms or other weapons by a traffic infraction enforcement officer and does not authorize a traffic infraction enforcement officer to make arrests. The department’s traffic infraction enforcement officers must be physically located in the state.

(5)(a) Any sheriff’s department or police department of a municipality may employ, as a traffic infraction enforcement officer, any individual who successfully completes instruction in traffic enforcement procedures and court presentation through the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program as approved by the Division of Criminal Justice Standards and Training of the Department of Law Enforcement, or through a similar program, but who does not necessarily otherwise meet the uniform minimum standards established by the Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission for law enforcement officers or auxiliary law enforcement officers under s. 943.13. Any such traffic infraction enforcement officer who observes the commission of a traffic infraction or, in the case of a parking infraction, who observes an illegally parked vehicle may issue a traffic citation for the infraction when, based upon personal investigation, he or she has reasonable and probable grounds to believe that an offense has been committed which constitutes a noncriminal traffic infraction as defined in s. 318.14. In addition, any such traffic infraction enforcement officer may issue a traffic citation under s. 316.0083. For purposes of enforcing s. 316.0083, any sheriff’s department or police department of a municipality may designate employees as traffic infraction enforcement officers. The traffic infraction enforcement officers must be physically located in the county of the respective sheriff’s or police department.

(b) The traffic infraction enforcement officer shall be employed in relationship to a selective traffic enforcement program at a fixed location or as part of a crash investigation team at the scene of a vehicle crash or in other types of traffic infraction enforcement under the direction of a fully qualified law enforcement officer; however, it is not necessary that the traffic infraction enforcement officer’s duties be performed under the immediate supervision of a fully qualified law enforcement officer.
(c) This subsection does not permit the carrying of firearms or other weapons, nor do traffic infraction enforcement officers have arrest authority other than the authority to issue a traffic citation as provided in this subsection.

Section 10. Subsection (3) of section 316.650, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

316.650 Traffic citations.—

(3)(a) Except for a traffic citation issued pursuant to s. 316.1001 or s. 316.0083, each traffic enforcement officer, upon issuing a traffic citation to an alleged violator of any provision of the motor vehicle laws of this state or of any traffic ordinance of any municipality or town, shall deposit the original traffic citation or, in the case of a traffic enforcement agency that has an automated citation issuance system, the chief administrative officer shall provide by an electronic transmission a replica of the citation data to a court having jurisdiction over the alleged offense or with its traffic violations bureau within 5 days after issuance to the violator.

(b) If a traffic citation is issued pursuant to s. 316.1001, a traffic enforcement officer may deposit the original traffic citation or, in the case of a traffic enforcement agency that has an automated citation system, may provide by an electronic transmission a replica of the citation data to a court having jurisdiction over the alleged offense or with its traffic violations bureau within 45 days after the date of issuance of the citation to the violator. If the person cited for the violation of s. 316.1001 makes the election provided by s. 318.14(12) and pays the $25 fine, or such other amount as imposed by the governmental entity owning the applicable toll facility, plus the amount of the unpaid toll that is shown on the traffic citation directly to the governmental entity that issued the citation, or on whose behalf the citation was issued, in accordance with s. 318.14(12), the traffic citation will not be submitted to the court, the disposition will be reported to the department by the governmental entity that issued the citation, or on whose behalf the citation was issued, and no points will be assessed against the person’s driver’s license.

(c) If a traffic citation is issued under s. 316.0083, the traffic infraction enforcement officer shall provide by electronic transmission a replica of the traffic citation data to the court having jurisdiction over the alleged offense or its traffic violations bureau within 5 days after the date of issuance of the traffic citation to the violator.

Section 11. Subsection (2) of section 318.14, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

318.14 Noncriminal traffic infractions; exception; procedures.—

(2) Except as provided in ss. 316.1001(2) and 316.0083, any person cited for an infraction under this section must sign and accept a citation
indicating a promise to appear. The officer may indicate on the traffic citation the time and location of the scheduled hearing and must indicate the applicable civil penalty established in s. 318.18.

Section 12. Subsection (15) 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:

(15)(a)1. One hundred fifty-eight twenty-five dollars for a violation of s. 316.074(1) or s. 316.075(1)(c)1. when a driver has failed to stop at a traffic signal and when enforced by a law enforcement officer. Sixty dollars shall be distributed as provided in s. 318.21, $30 shall be distributed to the General Revenue Fund, $3 shall be remitted to the Department of Revenue for deposit into the Brain and Spinal Cord Injury Trust Fund, and the remaining $65 shall be remitted to the Department of Revenue for deposit into the Administrative Trust Fund of the Department of Health.

2. One hundred and fifty-eight dollars for a violation of s. 316.074(1) or s. 316.075(1)(c)1. when a driver has failed to stop at a traffic signal and when enforced by the department’s traffic infraction enforcement officer. One hundred dollars shall be remitted to the Department of Revenue for deposit into the General Revenue Fund, $45 shall be distributed to the county for any violations occurring in any unincorporated areas of the county or to the municipality for any violations occurring in the incorporated boundaries of the municipality in which the infraction occurred, $10 shall be remitted to the Department of Revenue for deposit into the Department of Health Administrative Trust Fund for distribution as provided in s. 395.4036(1), and $3 shall be remitted to the Department of Revenue for deposit into the Brain and Spinal Cord Injury Trust Fund.

3. One hundred and fifty-eight dollars for a violation of s. 316.074(1) or s. 316.075(1)(c)1. when a driver has failed to stop at a traffic signal and when enforced by a county’s or municipality’s traffic infraction enforcement officer. Seventy five dollars shall be distributed to the county or municipality issuing the traffic citation, $70 shall be remitted to the Department of Revenue for deposit into the General Revenue Fund, $10 shall be remitted to the Department of Revenue for deposit into the Department of Health Administrative Trust Fund for distribution as provided in s. 395.4036(1), and $3 shall be remitted to the Department of Revenue for deposit into the Brain and Spinal Cord Injury Trust Fund.

(b) Amounts deposited into the Brain and Spinal Cord Injury Trust Fund pursuant to this subsection shall be distributed quarterly to the Miami Project to Cure Paralysis and shall be used for brain and spinal cord research.
(c) If a person who is cited for a violation of s. 316.074(1) or s. 316.075(1)(c)1., as enforced by a traffic infraction enforcement officer under s. 316.0083, presents documentation from the appropriate governmental entity that the traffic citation was in error, the clerk of court may dismiss the case. The clerk of court shall not charge for this service.

(d) An individual may not receive a commission or per-ticket fee from any revenue collected from violations detected through the use of a traffic infraction detector. A manufacturer or vendor may not receive a fee or remuneration based upon the number of violations detected through the use of a traffic infraction detector.

(e) Funds deposited into the Department of Health Administrative Trust Fund under this subsection shall be distributed as provided in s. 395.4036(1).

Section 13. Section 321.50, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

321.50 Authorization to use traffic infraction detectors.—The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles is authorized to use traffic infraction detectors to enforce s. 316.074(1) or s. 316.075(1)(c)1. when a driver fails to stop on state roads as defined in chapter 316 which are under the original jurisdiction of the Department of Transportation, when permitted by the Department of Transportation, and under s. 316.0083.

Section 14. Paragraph (d) of subsection (3) of section 322.27, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

322.27 Authority of department to suspend or revoke license.—

(3) There is established a point system for evaluation of convictions of violations of motor vehicle laws or ordinances, and violations of applicable provisions of s. 403.413(6)(b) when such violations involve the use of motor vehicles, for the determination of the continuing qualification of any person to operate a motor vehicle. The department is authorized to suspend the license of any person upon showing of its records or other good and sufficient evidence that the licensee has been convicted of violation of motor vehicle laws or ordinances, or applicable provisions of s. 403.413(6)(b), amounting to 12 or more points as determined by the point system. The suspension shall be for a period of not more than 1 year.

(d) The point system shall have as its basic element a graduated scale of points assigning relative values to convictions of the following violations:

1. Reckless driving, willful and wanton—4 points.
2. Leaving the scene of a crash resulting in property damage of more than $50—6 points.
3. Unlawful speed resulting in a crash—6 points.
4. Passing a stopped school bus—4 points.
5. Unlawful speed:
   a. Not in excess of 15 miles per hour of lawful or posted speed—3 points.
   b. In excess of 15 miles per hour of lawful or posted speed—4 points.

6. A violation of a traffic control signal device as provided in s. 316.074(1) or s. 316.075(1)(c).—4 points. However, no points shall be imposed for a violation of s. 316.074(1) or s. 316.075(1)(c)1. when a driver has failed to stop at a traffic signal and when enforced by a traffic infraction enforcement officer. In addition, a violation of s. 316.074(1) or s. 316.075(1)(c)1. when a driver has failed to stop at a traffic signal and when enforced by a traffic infraction enforcement officer may not be used for purposes of setting motor vehicle insurance rates.

7. All other moving violations (including parking on a highway outside the limits of a municipality)—3 points. However, no points shall be imposed for a violation of s. 316.074(1) or s. 316.075(1)(c)1.

8. Any moving violation covered above, excluding unlawful speed, resulting in a crash—4 points.

9. Any conviction under s. 403.413(6)(b)—3 points.

10. Any conviction under s. 316.0775(2)—4 points.

Section 15. The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles or any county or municipality authorized to issue a notification and impose a penalty under s. 316.0083(1)(b), Florida Statutes, that collects any such penalty after the effective date of this act, but prior to notification by the Department of Revenue of its ability to receive and distribute the penalties collected, must retain the portion of the penalty required to be remitted to the Department of Revenue until the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, county, or municipality is notified by the Department of Revenue that it is able to receive and distribute the retained funds. The portion of the penalty required to be remitted to the Department of Revenue for any penalty collected after such notification is provided to the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, county, or municipality must be remitted to the Department of Revenue as provided in s. 316.0083, Florida Statutes. This section shall take effect upon this act becoming a law.

Section 16. For the 2009-2010 state fiscal year, the sum of $100,000 in nonrecurring funds from the General Revenue Fund is appropriated to the Department of Revenue for the purpose of implementing the provisions of this act. Any unexpended funds from this appropriation shall be reappropriated for fiscal year 2010-2011. This section shall take effect upon this act becoming a law.

Section 17. If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or
applications of this act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this act are severable.

Section 18. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this act, and except for this section which shall take effect upon this act becoming a law, this act shall take effect July 1, 2010.

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