

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to annual motor vehicle commuter
3 passes; requiring the department to allow persons to
4 purchase certain commuter passes for their motor
5 vehicles; requiring that funds collected from the sale
6 of the commuter passes be deposited in specified trust
7 funds and used for the operation and maintenance of
8 the Pinellas Bayway System; requiring the department
9 or the Florida Turnpike Enterprise, as appropriate, to
10 index annual commuter pass costs to certain inflation
11 indicators; requiring the department or the
12 enterprise, as appropriate, to use a specified portion
13 of funds collected from the sale of commuter passes
14 during a specified period of time for landscaping and
15 beautification; beginning on a specified date,
16 requiring the department or the enterprise, as
17 appropriate, to annually use a specified amount of
18 funds for landscaping and beautification; beginning on
19 a specified date, requiring the department or the
20 enterprise, as appropriate, to index the landscaping
21 and beautification allocation amount to certain
22 inflation indicators; specifying that funds provided
23 under this act are in addition to any funds otherwise
24 allocated by the department or the enterprise, as
25 appropriate, for such purposes; providing an effective

26 | date.

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

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30 | Section 1. (1) The Department of Transportation shall
 31 | allow any person to purchase a commuter pass for each motor
 32 | vehicle the person owns at an annual cost of \$60 per vehicle
 33 | which exempts the motor vehicle from any Pinellas Bayway System
 34 | tolls during the term of the pass. Funds collected from the sale
 35 | of commuter passes must be deposited in the State Transportation
 36 | Trust Fund, or in the Turnpike General Reserve Trust Fund if the
 37 | Pinellas Bayway System is transferred pursuant to s.
 38 | 338.165(11), Florida Statutes, and used for the operation and
 39 | maintenance of the Pinellas Bayway System.

40 | (2) The department or the Florida Turnpike Enterprise, as
 41 | appropriate, shall index the annual commuter pass cost to the
 42 | annual Consumer Price Index or similar inflation indicators,
 43 | rounded to the nearest dollar. Commuter pass cost adjustments
 44 | for inflation under this section may be made no more frequently
 45 | than once a year and may be made no less frequently than once
 46 | every 5 years.

47 | (3) Notwithstanding subsection (1), the first \$10 of each
 48 | commuter pass sold during the first 12 months after July 1,
 49 | 2021, must be used by the department or the turnpike enterprise,
 50 | as appropriate, for landscaping and beautification of the

51 Pinellas Bayway System.

52 (4) Beginning July 1, 2022, the department or the turnpike
 53 enterprise, as appropriate, shall use no less than \$100,000
 54 annually for such landscaping and beautification. Beginning July
 55 1, 2027, and every 5 years thereafter, the department or the
 56 turnpike enterprise, as appropriate, shall index the \$100,000
 57 annual limitation to the annual Consumer Price Index or similar
 58 inflation indicators, the result of which shall constitute the
 59 annual limitation on use of funds for landscaping and
 60 beautification until the next scheduled adjustment. Any amounts
 61 that exceed the adjusted annual limitation shall be deposited
 62 and used as provided in subsection (1).

63 (5) The funds provided under this section for landscaping
 64 and beautification of the Pinellas Bayway System shall be in
 65 addition to any funds otherwise allocated by the department or
 66 the turnpike enterprise, as appropriate, for such purposes.

67 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021.