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1                                    A bill to be entitled  
2                    An act relating to a digital license plate pilot  
3                    program; providing a short title; amending s. 320.06,  
4                    F.S.; requiring, rather than authorizing, the  
5                    Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to  
6                    conduct a certain pilot program; requiring the  
7                    department to investigate the feasibility and use of  
8                    certain license plate technologies; defining the term  
9                    "digital license plate"; creating the Digital License  
10                   Plate Pilot Program within the department; providing  
11                   the purpose of the program; requiring the department  
12                   to allow government-owned motor vehicles to be  
13                   equipped with a digital license plate in lieu of a  
14                   metal or paper license plate; requiring the department  
15                   to contract with two or more digital license plate  
16                   providers; providing requirements for implementing the  
17                   program; requiring the department to make certain  
18                   recommendations to the Legislature by specified dates;  
19                   authorizing the department to adopt rules; providing  
20                   an effective date.

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

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24                    Section 1. This act may be cited as the "License Plate  
25                    Modernization Act of 2022."

26 Section 2. Present subsection (6) of section 320.06,  
 27 Florida Statutes, is redesignated as subsection (7), a new  
 28 subsection (6) is added to that section, and subsection (5) of  
 29 that section is amended, to read:

30 320.06 Registration certificates, license plates, and  
 31 validation stickers generally.—

32 (5) The department shall ~~may~~ conduct a pilot program to  
 33 evaluate the designs, concepts, and technologies for alternative  
 34 digital license plates as provided for in subsection (6). For  
 35 purposes of the pilot program, the department shall investigate  
 36 the feasibility and use of alternative digital license plate  
 37 technologies that modernize license plates used in this state  
 38 and improve public safety, and the long-term cost impact to the  
 39 consumer. The pilot program shall be limited to license plates  
 40 that are used on government-owned motor vehicles as described in  
 41 s. 320.0655. Such license plates are exempt from the  
 42 requirements in paragraph (3)(a).

43 (6)(a) As used in this section, the term "digital license  
 44 plate" means an electronic display on a motor vehicle which is  
 45 designed to do all of the following:

46 1. Display the information required to be included on a  
 47 metal or paper license plate.

48 2. Display safety alerts issued by a governmental entity,  
 49 including, but not limited to, emergency alerts, Amber Alerts,  
 50 and Silver Alerts.

51 3. Display static logos, including unique displays for  
52 fleet license plates, digital versions of specialty license  
53 plates, and special license plates.

54 4. Display the registration status of the motor vehicle to  
55 which the plate is affixed.

56 5. Display any other information that the department, in  
57 consultation with law enforcement agencies, determines may  
58 improve public safety.

59 6. Integrate with current toll collection systems.

60 7. Connect with the Internet.

61 8. Incorporate geotracking and collision detection  
62 technology.

63 9. Use a mobile application and integrate with the  
64 department's information system for the purpose of renewing  
65 digital license plate registrations.

66 (b) There is created within the department the Digital  
67 License Plate Pilot Program. The purpose of the program is to  
68 evaluate the feasibility of using digital license plates  
69 throughout this state.

70 (c) Beginning July 1, 2022, the department shall  
71 administer the pilot program and allow government-owned motor  
72 vehicles registered under this chapter to be equipped with a  
73 digital license plate in lieu of a metal or paper license plate  
74 issued under this section.

75 (d) The department shall contract with two or more digital

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76 | license plate providers to participate in the pilot program.

77 | (e) The pilot program must be implemented in at least two  
78 | geographic regions of this state, in at least one urban region  
79 | and one rural region, and use at least 25 digital license plates  
80 | in each region.

81 | (f) At the conclusion of the pilot program, the department  
82 | shall make written recommendations to the President of the  
83 | Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives regarding  
84 | the implementation and use of digital license plates statewide  
85 | on government-owned and commercial motor vehicles by July 1,  
86 | 2023; on for-hire vehicles by July 1, 2024; and on all motor  
87 | vehicles by July 1, 2025.

88 | (g) The department may adopt rules to implement this  
89 | subsection.

90 | Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.