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## Legislative Update for the week ending 01/25/2019

### Overview

Greetings and welcome to the first MPOAC legislative update of the 2019 Florida legislative session. While the session officially begins March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019, the capitol is busy with activities which will lead us into the session. Some of the anticipated issues that we are likely to see coming up during session will include hurricane recovery, education, water quality, school safety, deregulation and certainly a few others will come up. There will be committee meetings in the next few months and of course bills are being filed for the upcoming session.

Below are the dates of events for the 2019 legislative session, and included in this legislative update is a listing of bills filed thus far in the session. Updates will occur on an as needed basis until the official start of the 2019 legislative session, then your MPOAC updates will be issued weekly.

The new Governor is off to a very busy start and has accomplished a lot in his first few weeks, he has stated it is his intention to keep this furious pace going. His efforts have impressed many and hopefully that will help his priorities make their way through the legislature. The Governor recently announced the selection of Kevin Thibault as the new Florida Department of Transportation Secretary. He has an extensive transportation background and previously worked in senior leadership at Florida DOT so he will be able to hit the ground running. We extend a hearty welcome to Secretary Thibault and look forward to working with him to advance Florida's mobility solutions.

After this initial newsletter, all updates to bills shown below will be shown in **RED** so you can quickly distinguish between updates and old news. A few bills have been filed, many more will be filed over the coming months. Your MPOAC Legislative Update will keep you apprised of newly filed bills.

Grab a cup of coffee and enjoy this edition of the MPOAC Legislative Update.

### Important Dates for the 2019 Legislative Session

- January 25, 2019 - deadline for submitting requests for drafts of general bills and joint resolutions, including requests for companion bills
- March 1, 2019 - Deadline for approving final drafts of general bills and joint resolutions, including companion bills
- March 5, 2019 - Regular Session convenes, deadline for filing bills for introduction
- April 20, 2019 - All bills are immediately certified, motion to reconsider made and considered the same day
- April 23, 2019 - Last day for regularly scheduled committee meetings
- May 3, 2019 - Last day of Regular Session

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**Committee Meeting schedule prior to the official  
Legislative Session beginning on March 5th**

January 2019 - Week of the 7th  
January 2019 - Week of the 22nd  
February 2019 - Week of the 4th  
February 2019 - Week of the 11th  
February 2019 - Week of the 18th

**Legislation of interest to the membership**

This is a summary of transportation related bills filed and published on the legislature's website as of January 25, 2019. More bills will be filed during the 2019 session and as they are made available the newly filed transportation bills will be added to this list. The bills are listed in numerical order for your convenience. As the session and bills progress, this ordering of bills will make it easier to follow the status of any particular bill you are tracking.

**SB 68: Transportation Disadvantaged – (Book)** - Requiring community transportation coordinators, in cooperation with the coordinating board, to plan for and use any available and cost-effective regional fare payment systems that enhance cross-county mobility for specified purposes for the transportation disadvantaged; requiring each coordinating board to evaluate multicounty or regional transportation opportunities to include any available regional fare payment systems that enhance cross-county mobility for specified purposes for the transportation disadvantaged, etc. Referred to Infrastructure and Security; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations.

**HB 71: Traffic Offenses – (McClain; Co-Introducers: Stevenson; Stone)** – Identical to SB 158 by Baxley. Provides criminal penalties for person who commits moving violation that causes serious bodily injury to or death of vulnerable road user; requires person to pay specified fine, serve minimum period of house arrest, & attend driver improvement course; requires court to revoke person's driver license for minimum specified period; defines "vulnerable road user". Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Criminal Justice Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee.

**SB 72: Alligator Alley Toll Road – (Passidomo; Co-Introducers: Hooper)** – Identical to HB 6011 by Rommel. Requiring specified fees to be used indefinitely, instead of temporarily, to reimburse a local governmental entity for the direct actual costs of operating a specified fire station, etc. Referred to Infrastructure and Security; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations.

**HB 75: Expanded Uses of Unmanned Aircraft – (Yarborough; Co-Introducers: Grieco; Killebrew)** – Similar to SB 132 by Rouson. Permits use of drones by law enforcement agencies & other specified entities for specified purposes. Referred to Criminal Justice Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee; Judiciary Committee.

**SB 78: Public Financing of Construction Projects – (Rodriguez)** – Identical to HB 169 by Fernandez. Prohibiting state-financed constructors from commencing construction of certain structures in coastal areas without first conducting a sea level impact projection study and having such study published and approved by the Department of Environmental Protection; requiring the department to develop by rule standards for such studies; providing for enforcement; requiring the department to publish such studies on its website, subject to certain conditions, etc. Referred to Environment and Natural Resources; Infrastructure and Security; Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; Appropriations.

**SB 116: Motor Vehicle Racing – (Stewart)** – Increasing the criminal penalty for a third or subsequent violation related to motor vehicle racing within a specified period after the date of a prior violation that resulted in a conviction, etc. Referred to Infrastructure and Security; Criminal Justice; Judiciary; Rules.

**SB 132: Drones – (Rouson)** – Similar to HB 75 by Yarborough. Defining the terms “dangerous or deadly weapon” and “large-scale event”; authorizing the use of a drone by a law enforcement agency to prepare for or monitor safety and security at a large-scale event; prohibiting a law enforcement agency using a drone in an authorized manner from equipping it with specified attachments or using it to fire projectiles, etc. Referred to Criminal Justice; Infrastructure and Security; Rules.

**SB 158: Traffic Offenses – (Baxley)** – Identical to HB 71 by McClain. Citing this act as the "Vulnerable Road User Act"; providing criminal penalties for a person who commits a moving violation that causes serious bodily injury to, or causes the death of, a vulnerable road user; requiring that the person pay a specified fine, serve a minimum period of house arrest, and attend a driver improvement course; requiring that the court revoke the person’s driver license for a minimum specified period, etc. Referred to Infrastructure and Security; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; Appropriations.

**HB 169: Public Financing of Construction Projects – (Fernandez)** – Identical to SB 78 by Rodriguez. Prohibiting state-financed constructors from commencing construction of certain structures in coastal areas without first conducting a sea level impact projection study and having such study published and approved by the Department of Environmental Protection; requiring the department to develop by rule standards for such studies; providing for enforcement; requiring the department to publish such studies on its website, subject to certain conditions, etc. Referred to Agriculture and Natural Resources Subcommittee; Appropriations Committee; State Affairs Committee.

**SB 306: Traffic Infraction Detectors – (Brandes)** – Similar to HB 6003 by Sabatini. Repealing provisions relating to the installation and use of traffic infraction detectors to enforce specified provisions when a driver fails to stop at a traffic signal, provisions that authorize the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, a county, or a municipality to use such detectors, and the distribution of penalties collected for specified violations; amending provisions relating to distribution of proceeds, enforcement by traffic infraction enforcement officers using such detectors, procedures for disposition of citations, preemption of additional fees or surcharges, compliance, amount of penalties, registration and renewal of license plates, and points assessed for certain violations, to conform provisions to changes made by the act, etc. Referred to Infrastructure and Security; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations.

**HB 311: Autonomous Vehicles – (Fisher) – Co-Introducers: Rodriguez; Mayfield) -**

Exempts autonomous vehicles & operators from certain prohibitions; provides that human operator is not required to operate fully autonomous vehicle; authorizes fully autonomous vehicle to operate regardless of presence of human operator; provides that automated driving system is deemed operator of autonomous vehicle operating with system engaged; authorizes Florida Turnpike Enterprise to fund & operate test facilities; provides requirements for operation of on-demand autonomous vehicle networks; revises registration requirements for autonomous vehicles. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee.

**HB 341: Motor Vehicles and Railroad Trains – (LaMarca) -** Requires that, in event of crash involving railroad train, collection of certain information be at discretion of law enforcement officer having jurisdiction to investigate crash; specifies that certain persons are not considered passengers for purpose of making crash reports. Not yet assigned to committees.

**HB 385: Transportation – (Avila) –** Requires certain authority members to comply with financial disclosure requirements; limits levy of & revises authorized uses of certain surtaxes; revives Pilot Rebuilt motor vehicle inspection program; revises provisions relating to DOT design plan approval, transportation project programs, toll collection & use, & M.P.O. membership; repeals pts. I & V of ch. 348, F.S., related to Florida Expressway Authority Act & Osceola County Expressway Authority Law. Not yet assigned to committees.

**HB 453: Micromobility Devices and Motorized Scooters – (Toledo) -** Authorizes county or municipality to regulate operation of micromobility devices & for-hire motorized scooters; authorizes county or municipality to require licensure; requires proof of certain insurance coverage; provides that regulation of micromobility devices & for-hire motorized scooters is controlled by state & federal law; provides that operator has all rights & duties applicable to rider of bicycle; exempts micromobility device or motorized scooter from certain requirements; provides that person is not required to have valid driver license to operate micromobility device or motorized scooter; authorizes parking on sidewalk; removes requirements for sale of motorized scooters; exempts micromobility devices & motorized scooters from certain emblem requirements. Not yet assigned to committees.

**HB 476: Child Restraint Requirements – (Perry) -** Increasing the age of children for whom operators of motor vehicles must provide protection by using a crash-tested, federally approved child restraint device; increasing the age of children for whom a separate carrier, an integrated child seat, or a child booster seat may be used, etc. Not yet assigned to committees.

**HB 6001: Alligator Alley Toll Road – (Rommel) –** Identical bill to SB 72 by Passidomo. Requires specified fees to be used indefinitely to reimburse local governmental entity for direct actual costs of operating specified fire station. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee.

**HB 6003: Traffic Infraction Detectors – (Sabatini – Co-Introducers: Grieco; Hill; Jacobs; Sirois) –** Similar bill to SB 306 by Brandes. Repeals provisions relating to Mark Wandall Traffic Safety Program & authorization to use traffic infraction detectors; repeals provisions relating to distribution of penalties, transitional implementation, & placement & installation; conforms cross-references & provisions to changes made by act. Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee; Appropriations Committee; State Affairs Committee. Favorable by Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, 12 Yeas, 1 Nay. Now in Appropriations Committee.