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3rd Sunday 11:30 AM

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President's Message

Curtis Alva

We had our yearly elections this month and I want to thank all of our board members and trustees: LB is our VP. He knows the MC folks, and along with Snooze, our former President, are the members of ABATE who most frequently represent ABATE at MC events. Vinny was our Treasurer and Membership Trustee. He is staying on as Membership Trustee and probably recruited more new members for our Chapter than any other person. Sun Katt was our secretary and products trustee. She is staying on as Products Trustee and is designing good looking new T-shirts, hats and stuff for our members. Petee is our Sergeant-at-Arms. He stepped up when our former Sergeant-at-Arms had to focus on other matters. SloMo is like a one-man band. He is our Safety Director, Legislative Trustee, Newsletter/Webmaster, PR/Communications Trustee and a State Delegate. Without him, we could not even have a Chapter. Hamish is our other State Delegate, and with SloMo, they travel to State meetings every other month, scattered from Miami to Pensacola to Jacksonville to Tampa and Orlando. They are essential to the ABATE mission.

I also want to introduce and congratulate our new Board members/trustees: Suzzangel is our new Treasurer. This is the most complicated job of all and you have to get 100% of it right and she will be great. Half Pint is our new Secretary. Everyone knows and loves her. Harold is our new Assistant Safety Director, he will be helping SloMo, and he has already been a huge help for upcoming events at PB HD. Amanda Stout is our new assistant Legislative Trustee. She will be helping SloMo perform a key ABATE job—working on state legislation that improves motorcycling freedom and safety. She is also a former roller derby queen, so watch out! Without new blood, ABATE would die and be gone, as would motorcycling. We are profoundly grateful for our new leaders. We welcome you to meet them at our next meeting.

BTW, SunKatt won our door prize last month: a 14 inch ceremonial knife. It is beautiful. Next month our door prize will be an even bigger knife. Come check it out.

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UPCOMING Event Schedule

Monday July 1 - Mob of Brothers Open House

Wed July 3 - Gorilla Bob/PB Harley Bike Night Island Jack's

Thurs. July 6 - Black Piston's Open House

Tuesday July 9 - Lone Legion Open House

Wednesday July 10 - Gorilla Bob/PB Harley Bike Night at Island Jack's

Saturday July 13 ABATE of FL Inc. Leadership Seminars Ocala

Sunday July 14 ABATE of FL Inc. President and VP Meeting Ocala

Wed. July 17 - Gorilla Bob/PB Harley Bike Night Island Jack's, States MC Lake Worth Open House 3570 Boutwell Rd. Lake Worth

Saturday July 20 noon Palm Beach Harley Anniversary Party

3rd **Sunday July 21 — Palm Beach Chapter Meeting ABATE of FL. Inc.** 11:30 am V.F.W. Post 4143 located at 2404 Broadway, Riviera Beach 561-844-5718. From I 95 exit Blue Heron Blvd. go east to Broadway (Federal Hwy., US- 1) turn right, go south 1 block the V.F.W. is on the east side. Look for the flag. Breakfast will be served 9:00 AM 'til Noon New Board takes over

Tuesday July 23 Skulls MC Open House

Wednesday July 24 - Gorilla Bob/PB Harley Bike Night Island Jack's,

Thurs. July 25 - Turboz Custom Cycles Bike Night 7-10 PM Ralph's Stand Up Bar Jupiter

Wednesday July 31 - Gorilla Bob/PB Harley Bike Night Island Jack's,

REMINDER: EVERY

Palm Beach Harley Dealership 3rd Thurs Bike Nights had stopped for the summer until Oct. They still have 1st Thurs. Abacoa Bike Night, Wed. Bike Nights at Island Jack's, and weekend events

Monday Night Happy Hour & Dominos with the **MOB** LLB clubhouse

Wed Nights Gorilla Motors/PBH Bike Night at Island Jack's,

Sat. night Fly n Wheels Open House

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ABATE of Florida, Inc.

Leadership Seminars

Saturday, July 13, 2019

President's Meeting

Sunday, July 14, 2019

Quality Inn/Equus Inn

3434 SW College Rd, Ocala, FL 34474 For Reservations Call:(352-854-3200)

PLEASE NOTE: MEETINGS ARE HELD IN TWO LOCATIONS THIS YEAR

Second Meeting Location College of Central Florida
3001 SW College Rd, Ocala, FL, 34474 Bldg 40 Room 107

These Leadership Seminars are for **ALL CHAPTER OFFICERS AND INTERESTED PARTIES.**
Each seminar will be presented by the State Board Member based on his or her respective office.
These seminars will offer a good overview of the duties and responsibilities of a Chapter Officer
and will give attendees a chance to get answers to their questions on an individual basis.

SATURDAY, JULY 13, 2019

COLLEGE of Central FL	TIME	HOTEL/Quality Inn
	8:00 - 9:00	Products
Treasury (part 1)	9:00 - 10:00	Insurance
Treasury (part 2)	10:00 - 11:00	Membership
Treasury (part 3)	11:00 - 12:00	Sgt-At-Arms
Lunch	12:00 - 1:00	Lunch
Newsletter	1:00 - 2:00	Delegates
Web	2:00 - 3:00	Legislative
Safety (part 1)	3:00 - 4:00	PR
Safety (part 2)	4:00 - 5:00	Secretary

SUNDAY, JULY 14, 2019

Quality Inn and Suites

9am - 12 Noon Presidents/Vice Presidents Meeting

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ABATE of Florida, Inc. Mission Statement

WHO WE ARE

We are a non-profit organization of motorcycle enthusiasts from all walks of life. We lobby and educate the government and the general public to promote motorcycling in a safe and positive image. We endeavor to enlist the cooperation and participation of all organizations and individuals that share a similar interest in preserving our American tradition of FREEDOM. We promote motorcycle safety, training, & political awareness. We ARE NOT A CLUB NOR A GANG. We fund our work through events, toy runs, poker runs, campouts, and other motorcycle activities. We are your neighbors & friends who work, pay taxes, and get involved with our community. We serve and support our country and believe in freedom. We use all legal means to protect our rights without infringing on the rights of others. We are Pro-choice NOT anti-helmet, it is up to you to decide.

OUR GOALS

To become a powerful and viable political force in legislative matters concerning the motorcyclist.
To promote the safe riding habits without infringing on individual freedoms.
To motivate the bikers to write letters to legislators before, during, and after the legislative session.
To furnish a newsletter to keep all bikers informed in regards to upcoming legislation.

MEMBERSHIP

When you become a member of ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC. you are helping make a difference in the ongoing mission to protect your right to ride and enjoy the motorcycle of your choice, your choice of riding apparel, and when and where you can ride a motorcycle. These are issues that are real and present in today's "protect yourself from yourself" political environment. This holds true for all levels of government. There will always be those who see our love for motorcycling as a negative and will try any means to control and if possible prohibit motorcycle use.

On the local level our members get out the vote and support candidates who are sympathetic to our issues. We also will endeavor to lobby local governments whenever there are issues that need to be addressed, affecting local motorcycle use, ownership, and any discrimination that may result from said use of ownership.

At the state level we have a paid registered lobbyist who regularly visits our state capital in Tallahassee to lobby our legislators on the issues concerning the motorcycling public in Florida. He also finds reliable House and Senate sponsors for the bills we support. On the national level we are aligned with Motorcycle Riders Foundations (MRF), and the National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM), along with several other international motorcycle rights organizations (MRO's).

As one can see we have our ear to the ground and our resolve tempered like steel. As Americans we have had it demonstrated to us time and again the vigilance is armor of free men and women. We shall not let the armor rust or weaken. With your support we can re-enforce and strengthen the armor for now and generations to come.

What else do you get with your membership? All members receive with their paid membership, the Membership Card, Event Discounts and Updates, Voting Privileges, Free Newsletter Classified Advertisements, a Chapter Newsletter, and a free \$4,000 Accidental Death or Dismemberment Insurance Policy from the American Income Life Insurance Company.

Memberships are open to anyone 18 years of age or older, no matter what type of motorcycle you ride, if any at all! We welcome all riders—in clubs, associations, independents, and sport riders to join us.

DELEGATE REPORT

Dan "Slo Motion" Henderson

Hamish, Slo Motion, Half Pint and Curtis "Harpo" attended June ABATE State Meeting hosted by Vintage chapter in St. Augustine.

Well the meeting started with Doc, the State president, bringing up the subject of the safety money. It went through the committees very well, so good they put it directly into the budget. However it just seemed to disappear from the budget at the end. This fund for motorcycle education and awareness comes not from the general taxes but from the collection of motorcycle registration fees just for this purpose. In 2012 when the state claimed to be bankrupt this money was taken away and hasn't been seen sense. We really would like to know what happened to it. When this first happened this year, Doc thought we should sue but he realized that was not his decision nor the board of ABATE to decide. He wanted the delegates to bring back to the members to decide what we should do. So right now we want to figure out what the members of ABATE want to do about the situation. Do we sue, and will that have any real effect or just be a negative thing to lawmakers about us? Anyway the State Board is looking into all possibilities legally and such but they want some feedback from the members. Any ideas? At our June chapter meeting one idea was to see if the Governor is even aware of this and maybe he can do something

The leadership seminars will be held Saturday July 13th at the Equus Inn, formerly the Quality Inn, 3434 SW College Road Ocala Florida. This year the semianar are held in two locations: Equus Inn and some at the College of Central Florida 3001 Southwest College Road Ocala Florida. At the college there will be the treasury meetings (three sessions), newsletter, web, and safety (two parts). At the hotel there will be products, Insurance, membership, Sergeant-at-arms, delegates, legislative, PR, and secretary. All members are welcome to attend to learn the positions but especially those new board members. On Sunday the 14th at the Equus Inn will be the meeting of the presidents and vice presidents.

The state office needs the The chapter officer update as soon as possible. it is available as a fillable PDF on the forms page of the abate florida.com page. This way it'll be nicely typed in an easy for them to read. Kathy will take care of this.

For membership the most new members for March was freedom and Southeast, for April Southeast, for the highest percentage of growth March Freedom, April lighthouse.

All of us should make arrangements to meet with your local legislators this summer at local district offices. Be sure to always be on your best behavior with them. state would like to have photographs of you meeting them. all members can sign up for the legislative email list on the state webpage especially new legislative people. Mini sessions begin in September and last until December.

Our lobbyist told us there were 6,000 bills introduced and only 174 passed which is 2.9%. Already we have our bills for next year with sponsors. it's good to get more people to co-sponsor them. We are definitely working on getting a driver's education Bill going so we

STATE MEETINGS

Host Chapter & Location

July 13 & 14 Ocala
Leadership seminars
Aug 10 Southeast
Oct, 12 Gulf Coast
Dec. 14 State Ocala

need to convince all our legislators to back it.

NCOM went very well and the next meeting will be in Indianapolis. Tallahassee will be in February this year. 2020 is the 20th anniversary so we need a really good turnout so please try to get there.

Five Star Event on the west coast went very well in fact it was a success and they were able to donate \$800 to ABATE of FL Inc. Curtis spoke of the Lake Okeechobee party by our chapter. Lighthouse and the other chapters - more to come later

Under old business they talked about the ABATE of Florida Inc Cruise 2020. Where will it be? Caribbean, in the Atlantic or up to Mississippi River by paddlewheel. Any preferences?

New business. there was a discussion of looking into a GoFund Me page to support the state board. At the August meeting they will be applications for chapters to host estate meetings for 2020.

Next State meeting is in August by Southeast Chapter in Ft. Lauderdale so close we should all go to that!

On Sunday June 9th Half Pint and I were returning home on I-95 we got into a multi-hour traffic jam. I got the story in an email from Dennis "Data" about why we were delayed. <https://www.palmbeachpost.com/news/20190610/helmet-offered-no-protection-for-motorcycle-driver-killed-after-lightning-strike-on-i-95-in-florida>

"Helmet offered no protection for motorcycle driver killed after lightning strike on I-95 in Florida
By Kimberly Miller Palm Beach Post

Lightning burning through the air at 300,000 mph struck a motorcyclist riding on Interstate 95 Sunday , leaving him dead and his shiny black helmet punched through with holes.

The bolt from a nearby thunderstorm hit Benjamin Austin Lee, 45, in the head while he was driving South near Ormond Beach at about 2:15 p.m., according to Florida Highway Patrol Lt. Kim Montes.

Lee, of Charlotte, N.C., is the first lightning-related death in Florida this year and the second nationwide following a May 3 strike that felled a 48-year-old man camping in Texas.

While an official cause of death will be determined by the Volusia County Medical Examiner, Montes said Lee's helmet also had burn marks on it and that the foam lining inside the helmet was scattered around the highway.

"That is not a usual outcome of trauma to the helmet in a crash," she said.

"The medical examiner will make a final determination if the rider died from the lightning strike or the crash."

Lee's 2018 Honda crashed after the strike. Most people killed by lightning die of cardiac arrest.

John Jensenius, lightning safety specialist for the National Lightning Safety Council, said 11 lightning deaths since 2006 have been associated with motorcycles.

"It isn't that unusual," said Jensenius, who retired this year from the National Weather Service. "People think that if you are moving fast it can't strike you, but in fact, when you are dealing with something moving 300,000 mph, someone driving 60 or 70 mph is virtually standing still." In 2010, Broward County firefighter William "Bill" Carr died after he was struck by lightning while riding his motorcycle in Colorado.

Three of the motorcycle-related lightning deaths happened in New Mexico.

While lightning is not attracted to any specific material — a persistent myth is that it seeks out metal — it is more likely to strike taller objects, making someone in a field, on a beach or possibly on an open highway more exposed.

“If you are riding in New England, there are probably trees around so there are taller things than you,” Jensenius said. “If you are on a highway in Florida, for example, you are vulnerable.”

Sunday’s storms were nothing unusual for Central Florida in June with searing day-time temperatures, moist air and sea breeze collisions combining to stir up the atmosphere, said Jessie Smith, a Melbourne-based National Weather Service meteorologist who was on duty when Lee was hit.

The Storm Prediction Center had parts of Central and most of the Panhandle under a marginal threat for severe weather — the lowest level on its 5-tier scale.

“Our perspective is if you are outdoors during a thunderstorm, every single strike is potentially fatal,” Smith said.

Lightning forms when strong updrafts in cumulonimbus clouds force molecules to collide, creating an electric charge. Lightning rapidly heats a narrow channel of air to temperatures as high as 54,000 degrees, which prompts the emission of light and a crack of thunder as super-heated air expands rapidly, producing shock waves.

Florida typically has the highest number of lightning-related deaths each year with 54 people killed between 2008 through last year. June, July and August typically having the highest number of fatalities because of the state’s reliable summer thunderstorms. There are also more people, including tourists, who are outside golfing, fishing and going to the beach.

“We’re right at the beginning of our thunderstorm season in Florida so we should be reminded of lightning safety,” said Steven Lazarus, a professor of meteorology and chairman of Florida Tech’s Ocean Engineering and Marine Science program. “Lightning travels very fast. You are not going to outrun it.”

Lightning safety rules

If you hear thunder, lightning is close enough to strike you.

Shelter includes a car with a metal top, a substantial building or beach bathroom if nothing else is available.

Stay off corded phones, computers and other electrical equipment that put you in direct contact with electricity.

Avoid plumbing, including sinks, baths and faucets.

Stay away from windows and doors, and stay off porches.

Do not lie on concrete floors, and do not lean against concrete walls, which may include metal.

Immediately get off elevated areas such as hills, mountain ridges or peaks.

Never lie flat on the ground.

Never shelter under an isolated tree.

Never use a cliff or rocky overhang for shelter.

Immediately get out of and away from ponds, lakes and other bodies of water.

Stay away from objects that conduct electricity (barbed wire fences, power lines, windmills, etc.). Source: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Special Editorial Slo Motion Dan Henderson

I started my summer visits of our legislators by stopping at the office of my Representative Emily Slosberg. She wasn't in so I spoke with her District Secretary of what ABATE wanted to do like Driver's Education. He knew if I'd read "73 Mind-Blowing Implications of Driverless Cars and Trucks". So I looked at it and would have included in the newsletter if wasn't so long but including link so all can read it. It is interesting to read all the social changes that would happen some good and some not feasible. Basically it states that in ten years the automotive world will totally change—no more licenses, DMV, etc. as they will be no driver cars. But can that really be going to happen? Sounds too science fiction to me. I rather doubt could happen in that amount of time unless major thought changes occur. I thought it could really change how ABATE would act as would mean safer roads. But can we trust technology? How would that prevent foreign powers from attacking us via technology?

73 Mind-Blowing Implications of Driverless Cars and Trucks

<https://medium.com/@DonotInnovate/73-mind-blowing-implications-of-a-driverless-future-58d23d1f338d>

All of this reminds me of a 2006 video I saw *Who Killed the Electric Car?* "A documentary that investigates the birth and death of the electric car, as well as the role of renewable energy and sustainable living in the future." <https://www.imdb.com/title/tt0489037> I see there is now a sequel to that *Revenge of the Electric Car* (2011) "Director Chris Paine takes his film crew behind the closed doors of Nissan, GM, and the Silicon Valley start-up Tesla Motors to chronicle the story of the global resurgence of electric cars." So as the original suggested, it was oil companies and big business that killed it, how will that react to driverless cars? Maybe not as much but will the public give up its' love of driving? That is the bigger challenge that just replacing all the automobiles.

So on the subject of electric vehicles... I believe the main reason that it works is the hybrid with gas. After all have you seen any electric service stations? And there is the issues of how far distance can be. I think e-bicycles could work because if lose power and still pedal. But for electric motorcycles you would be limited to local rides only. But we keep seeing more and more news of more electric motorcycles and only one working on a hybrid. What will the future be for self driving and eclectic vehicles?

DESANTIS SIGNS AUTONOMOUS VEHICLES MEASURE June 13, 2019 NSF Staff

Gov. Ron DeSantis signed into law Thursday a measure that will block local governments from enacting rules about autonomous vehicles. The wide-ranging bill (HB 311) prohibits local governments from imposing taxes, fees and other requirements on automated driving systems or autonomous vehicles that are different than what is imposed on non-autonomous vehicles. "What we didn't want is one county trying to tax them one way or this or that," DeSantis said Thursday. "We wanted to say, overall, Florida is a welcoming environment" for the new technologies. DeSantis said he sees the autonomous vehicle changes as helping improve

safety and congestion on state roads. “If we were having a conversation about transportation 15 years ago, no one would have been talking about Uber or Lyft or Rideshare, that just wasn’t something people were thinking about,” DeSantis said. “We want to embrace the technologies that are emerging. But then as we plan for Florida’s future, be nimble enough that as new technologies come on that we’re not necessarily anticipating, that we are nimble enough to be able to embrace them.” The bill signing took place at SunTrax, a research and development facility in Polk County. The bill, which goes into effect July 1, also sets insurance requirements for personal autonomous vehicles and removes a requirement that people hold valid driver’s licenses to operate fully autonomous vehicles, listing the automated driving system as the operator when the system is engaged.

FROM BUDGET TO VAPING, NEW LAWS TAKE EFFECT

June 28, 2019 Jim Turner TALLAHASSEE --- Florida’s record \$90.98 billion spending plan for next fiscal year and more than 100 new laws will hit the books Monday.

The new laws, passed by the Legislature this spring and signed by Gov. Ron DeSantis, deal with issues ranging from bans on texting while driving and vaping to adding toll roads and preventing local governments from uprooting vegetable gardens.

Among the laws taking effect Monday:

--- **BUDGET:** The \$90.98 billion spending plan (SB 2500) for the fiscal year that starts Monday includes \$685 million for the Everglades and other water projects and a boost of \$242 in per-student funding for public schools. Among other things, it includes money for post-Hurricane Michael recovery efforts and \$5.4 billion in reserves.

Also, a budget “implementing” bill (SB 2502) includes numerous provisions, such as setting the stage for a review of a key part of the state’s school-funding formula. The bill also provides travel costs to and from Tallahassee for Miami-based Lt. Gov. Jeanette Nunez and Supreme Court justices who live outside Leon County and seeks to prohibit Agriculture Commissioner Nikki Fried’s photo from appearing on gas-pump inspection stickers.

Another budget-related bill (HB 5301) moves the functions of the Agency for State Technology to the Department of Management Services and creates a task force to try to improve the state’s cybersecurity.

--- **EDUCATION:** The state is ready to move forward with a wide-ranging education bill (SB 7070) that includes creating a new school-voucher program. The “Family Empowerment Scholarship Program,” will allow state money to pay for as many as 18,000 students to attend private schools during the upcoming year, with the number of students slowly increasing in future years.

Also taking effect is a measure (SB 190) that changes how public universities and colleges will fund construction projects, an outgrowth of a financial scandal at the University of Central Florida.

Meanwhile, a new law (HB 525) will rename Florida Keys Community College to The College of Florida Keys and North Florida Community College to North Florida College.

--- **ENVIRONMENT:** After major problems last year with red tide along the state’s shorelines, a new law (SB 1552) establishes the Florida Red Tide Mitigation and Technology Development Initiative and provides \$3 million a year for the next five years to research efforts.

Also taking effect is a measure (HB 5401) that shifts 19 Florida Fish and Wildlife

Conservation Commission law-enforcement officers to the Department of Environmental Protection.

In addition to the laws, a new shark fishing rule by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission goes into effect Monday. That rule, in part, bans shore-based anglers from using fish parts, bones and blood to attract sharks.

--- HEALTH CARE: House Speaker Jose Oliva, R-Miami Lakes, made revamping health care a top priority this year, and several new laws are ready to take effect, including a measure (HB 19) aimed at allowing lower-cost prescription drug imports from Canada and other countries.

Also, a new law (HB 21) repeals the state's "certificate of need" approval process for building hospitals and adding certain services such as transplant programs. Another Oliva priority (HB 23) sets up a regulatory framework for telehealth, which involves using the internet and other technology to provide health services remotely.

The House also spearheaded a new law (HB 1113) that makes changes to the state-employee health insurance program and creates "shared savings" programs. Those programs will allow health insurers to create incentive programs to encourage policyholders to shop for health services, with the policyholders able to share in savings.,

Also taking effect Monday is a measure (SB 366) that will allow counties to approve needle-exchange programs to try to combat the spread of infectious diseases by intravenous drug users. The plan expands a needle-exchange pilot program in Miami-Dade County.

--- HEMP AND GARDENS: With a change in federal law clearing the way for a hemp industry, Florida lawmakers moved quickly on the issue. A measure taking effect Monday (SB 1020) creates a hemp program in the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. The program will provide a regulatory framework that includes requiring licenses for people or businesses that want to grow hemp and requiring them to provide detailed information about where hemp would be cultivated.

On a much-smaller growing scale, a new law (SB 82) prevents local governments from regulating homeowners' vegetable gardens. The change stems from a legal fight in Miami Shores.

--- IMMIGRATION: Most of a law banning so-called sanctuary cities (SB 168) will take effect. The highly controversial measure, in part, directs local law-enforcement agencies to "use their best efforts to support the enforcement of federal immigration law."

--- INSURANCE: After years of battles about the issue, a new law (HB 7065) overhauls the controversial insurance practice known as assignment of benefits. The measure, in part, limits attorney fees in so-called AOB lawsuits and allows insurers to offer policies that restrict or do not allow assignment of benefits. AOB is a decades-old practice that has become controversial in recent years because of arguments by insurers that it has become filled with fraud and litigation.

--- LAW ENFORCEMENT AND FIRST RESPONDERS: Firefighters diagnosed with cancer will be eligible for additional benefits under a law (SB 426) taking effect, while another measure (SB 7098) carries out a constitutional amendment setting death benefits for law-enforcement officers, correctional officers, correctional probation officers, firefighters, emergency medical technicians, paramedics and Florida National Guard members killed while on duty.

Another new law (HB 487) will allow paramedics to carry firearms while participating with law-enforcement officers in certain “high risk” situations.

Meanwhile, a measure (HB 595) gives legal immunity to people under age 21 who call seeking medical help for someone in danger of a drug overdose.

--- **TRANSPORTATION:** A tougher ban (HB 107) on texting while driving will take effect Monday, with police able to pull over drivers for tapping out messages behind the wheel. In the past, motorists could only be cited if they were pulled over for other reasons. While the change takes effect Monday, it will be phased in, with warnings issued starting Oct. 1 and tickets starting to be issued Jan. 1.

Also Monday, a plan (SB 7068) to build and expand toll roads will move forward. The plan, a top priority of Senate President Bill Galvano, R-Bradenton, seeks to expand the Suncoast Parkway from the Tampa Bay area to the Georgia border; extend the Florida Turnpike west to connect with the Suncoast Parkway; and add a new multi-use corridor, including a toll road, from Polk County to Collier County.

Meanwhile, a new law (HB 311) will block local governments from enacting rules about autonomous vehicles that are different than what is imposed on non-autonomous vehicles.

--- **VAPING:** Nearly eight months after voters approved a constitutional amendment to ban vaping and use of electronic cigarettes in most indoor workplaces, a law (SB 7012) will take effect to carry out the amendment. The ban is similar to a long-standing law that prohibits smoking tobacco in indoor workplaces.

DESANTIS BACKS UNDERGROUND POWER LINES, VETOES FEES

June 27, 2019 Jim Saunders Christine Sexton

TALLAHASSEE --- Gov. Ron DeSantis on Thursday signed a bill that could lead to more underground power lines in hurricane-vulnerable Florida and vetoed two measures that would have imposed health care-related fees.

The bill dealing with power lines (SB 796) came after millions of residents and businesses lost electricity in hurricanes during the past three years. State officials and utilities have long faced questions about why more power lines are not buried underground, where the lines could be less susceptible to punishing winds and falling trees.

Utilities already have underground power lines in some areas. But a key part of the bill would change the way underground power-line projects are financed, a change that could lead to more projects --- but also higher bills for utility customers.

While acknowledging the potential higher costs, supporters of the bill pointed to the economic damage done when electricity goes out for extended periods, such as after Hurricane Irma in 2017 and Hurricane Michael in 2018.

“This is what I do know, right now we spend billions of dollars every time the power goes out to get it back on,” House sponsor Randy Fine, R-Palm Bay, said near the end of the spring legislative session. “Those of you who lived through Irma remember we import hundreds, if not thousands, if not tens of thousands of people to come down here to get our utilities back on. That costs hundreds and hundreds of millions of dollars. To some degree, a lot of that goes away if we do this.”

Generally, utilities such as Florida Power & Light, Duke Energy Florida, Tampa Electric Co. and Gulf Power incorporate storm-hardening costs in their base electric rates, which are set

for multiple years. The Florida Public Service Commission goes through months-long processes to determine base rates, looking at financial and technical issues that involve numerous parts of utility operations.

But the bill creates a separate Public Service Commission process that will allow utilities each year to seek to collect money from customers for storm-protection projects, such as building underground power lines. Commission staff members met this week with representatives of consumers and utilities to begin working on the process, in anticipation of the bill being signed. The bill passed the Senate in a 39-1 vote and the House in a 110-3 vote. Nevertheless, it faced opposition during the session from the senior-advocacy group AARP Florida and the Florida Industrial Power Users Group, which represents large commercial electricity customers and is often involved in regulatory issues. They expressed concerns about the potential higher costs for consumers.

DeSantis' office late Thursday released a list of four bills that he had signed and two he had vetoed. The moves brought to four the number of bills he has vetoed from the session that ended May 4.

With DeSantis saying his goal was to decrease health-care costs, the bills he vetoed Thursday would have authorized the state to levy fees to help support two new programs.

One of the measures (HB 7073) involved fees linked to an initiative to allow prescription drugs to be imported from Canada and other countries. The bill would have authorized the state to collect fees for two new types of permits: an international export pharmacy permit and an international drug wholesale distributor permit.

The Florida Board of Pharmacy has already started moving to create the international export pharmacy permit and has published an initial draft application that included a \$255 fee.

DeSantis also vetoed a bill (HB 7067) that would have required the Department of Health's medical licensure boards to charge a \$150 registration fee for out-of-state health care professionals seeking to provide telehealth services to Florida residents.

The fee was passed because Florida law requires that the costs of regulating health-care practitioners must be borne by the people who receive licenses and licensure applicants. The bill also would have required a biennial renewal fee of \$150 for out-of-state telehealth providers.

DeSantis has signed two bills (HB 19 and HB 23) that are aimed at importing prescription drugs and boosting the use of telehealth. While he was a supporter of those measures, DeSantis took issue with the permit fees.

"These pieces of legislation (HB 19 and HB 23) provide a framework for Floridians to access more affordable prescription medication and to utilize the services of physicians via a cheaper and more affordable convenient medium," DeSantis wrote in his veto letter. "With this in mind, the imposition of fees would undercut these efforts and would likely make administering the programs more cumbersome."

Legislators were forced to place the fees in separate bills because of a constitutional amendment that requires any fee or tax increase to be in stand-alone legislation.

GOVERNOR BACKS TREATMENT OPTIONS FOR VETERANS June 26, 2019 NSF Staff
A series of alternative treatment options could soon be available to U.S. military veterans with traumatic brain injuries or post-traumatic stress disorder, under a law signed Wednesday by Gov. Ron DeSantis. The measure (HB 501), which drew unanimous support from the House

and Senate during this year's legislative session, will allow the Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs to contract with a state university or Florida College System institution to provide the following alternative treatment options: accelerated resolution therapy; equine therapy; hyperbaric oxygen therapy; music therapy; and service animal training therapy. DeSantis, who served in the Navy, said he's long supported alternative-treatment concepts, such as training dogs to work with veterans suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder. DeSantis, who held a bill-signing ceremony at the University of South Florida Office of Veteran Success, said he pushed for alternative treatments while serving in Congress. "The people that would go in the VA (U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs), literally it would be they would get counseling and they would get prescription medication," DeSantis said. "So, we had veterans that commit suicide on the back end of that. I spoke with family members, and they really believed that was not the proper treatment." The measure, sponsored by Rep. Mel Ponder, R-Destin, was pushed by Danny Burgess, executive director of the Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs who is a former legislator and serves as a captain and judge advocate in the U.S. Army Reserve.

Six Ways To Stay Safer While Riding A Motorcycle Alone

Josh Max Contributor Cars & Bikes

The whole point of a motorcycle is the ability to tell the world "Sorry, gotta go, back later, see ya, maybe!" The best way to do that is nga vetvetja, as the Albanians say - by yourself.

But riding alone creates particular hazards you may not have considered if you do most of your riding with others. One needs to be extra vigilant, as evidenced by the recent, still unsolved, case of a missing motorcycle journalist.

Motorcyclists, too, are about eight times more likely than auto drivers to be injured in a crash and 35 times more likely to have a fatal crash, according to the National Highway and Traffic Safety Administration.

Here are six ways to help you enjoy that most sublime of pastimes, motorcycling, alone.

***Have a planned destination.**

Experts will tell you there is no safety on a motorcycle - only the illusion of safety. The mind must be sharp and focused, and one way to keep it that way is to pick a destination, any destination, point your missile and set off. There is, of course, always the urge to wander, to stop and to coast aimlessly here and there and that's fine, but having a planned finish line helps keep you focused whether you're off to the store, to the beach, across several states or cross country.

Be sure to tell someone, too, where you're going and more or less what time you might be expected to arrive. Remember it's not just you on the bike - it's your mother, father, sister, brother, significant other or child who wants you to arrive safely.

***Anticipate corners more acutely than when you're riding in a group**

Unless you're the most experienced rider in a group and are up front where the experts rightly roll, you'll usually watch the biker ahead of you execute hairy turns when you ride and adjust your speed accordingly. But by yourself, you'll have no way of really knowing how

sharp that curve is, especially if you're a new or novice rider. Slow down before you reach that curve, eyeball the road 1/4 mile ahead (the bike will always go where you're looking) and execute your turn smoothly, Cap'n.

***Be more aware of potential hazards overall**

Riding in a group usually means someone along the line will alert the others when they spy traffic, wild animals in the road, the popo or a hazardous condition. You are the only look-out when you ride alone, so look out more than you ordinarily would. Keep daydreaming to a minimum.

***Get used to off-roading before you actually have to do it.**

At some point in your riding life, you'll be tasked with riding over gravel, mud, small floods, ice and snow and the list goes on. Better to become familiar with riding on something other than pavement before you need to do it, instead of when you're by yourself, you've left the road and find yourself in deep doo-doo, figuratively. Find a pal to practice with, or participate in a professional off-road program, and you'll be prepared to meet any muddy eventuality.

***Learn to pick up a dropped bike**

With two riders or more, of course, you can get a hand lifting your motorcycle back upright if it happens to go over. By yourself, it's more challenging but it definitely can be done no matter your height, weight or sex. Here's a video showing how to pick up a dropped bike. (You can search and find similar videos showing bikes that look like yours, too.)

If you can't get the hang of picking up a bike from the video, go to your local dealer, who will usually be glad to show you. If you still can't pick up your bike and it goes over, call the authorities to come and help, or swallow your pride and wait for someone to come along and give you a hand, and pray they don't pull out phones instead to video you.

***Carry a note in your wallet telling people who may find you what you want them to do.**

You've got your driver's license in your wallet, yes? But will first responders know the name of your immediate family, your significant other, your primary medical caregiver, all people who should be alerted immediately in the event of a crash and possible incapacitation? No. So print out a small sheet of paper listing all of the above, title it "In The Event Of A Crash," fold it up and keep it sandwiched in your wallet so it's the first thing that pops out when strangers start pawing through your things while waiting for help to arrive.

In the event of a crash, have a note in your wallet telling EMT or helpful samaritan what you want them to do.

These are but a few tips for solo riding - do you have any to share? Leave them in the comments section and I'll include them in a future article.

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/joshmax/2019/06/13/six-ways-to-stay-safer-while-riding-a-motorcycle-alone>

July 2019

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	<p>1 Mob of Brothers Happy Hour & Dominoes LL</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3 Gorilla Bob/ PB Harley Island Jack's Bike Night</p>	<p>4 Independence Day</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6 Fly n Wheels Open House Black Pistons Open House</p>
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WEEKLY EVENTS

Mon Mob of Brothers MC Happy Hour & Dominos @ Lone legion
Mon Dinner 6:30 States MC Pompano Clubhouse

Once a Month Tues Lone Legion MC Brotherhood Open House
2nd Tues Jupiter Moose Bike Night

3rd Wed States MC Lake Worth Open House 8pm

Wed Island Jack's Bike Night with Gorilla Motors & PB Harley

Wed Chit Chat's bike night 7pm Free BBQ, music

Last Wed Gatti's Garage Bike Night 130 South H St Lake Worth

Thurs Once a month Black Pistons MC WPB Open House

1st Thurs PBH Abacoa Bike Night

2nd Thurs TBS Bike Night Tequesta

3rd Thurs Treasure Coast Harley Bike Night

Last Thurs Turboz/Ralph's Bike Night Jupiter

1st Fri Enforcers MC Party

Fri Twice a Month AOA MC WPB Open Houses

SAT HOG Morning Palm Beach Harley and often other events and bikini bike washes Grill Days

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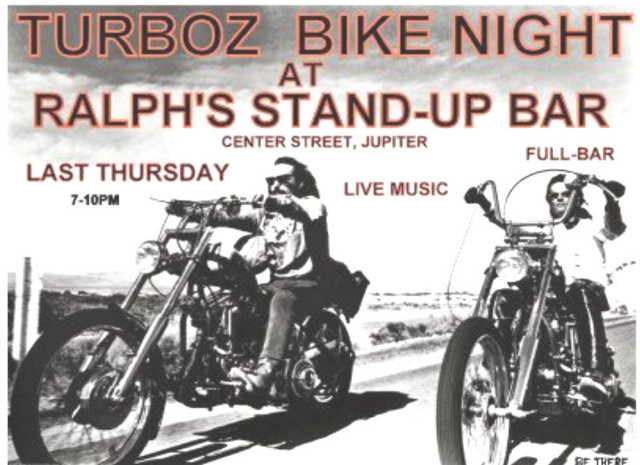
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DESANTIS SIGNS BILL TO BOOST APPRENTICESHIP EFFORTS

June 24, 2019 NSF Staff

Gov. Ron DeSantis signed into law Monday a wide-ranging education bill highlighted by efforts to expand workforce training and apprenticeships. The law (HB 7071), signed during an appearance at Space Florida in Merritt Island, continues many goals that DeSantis included in a January executive order, which was geared toward expanding vocational and technical training in the state. "I think it's important that our education system recognizes that there is more than one way to get advanced knowledge and skills beyond the traditional four-year brick and ivy university," DeSantis said. "Some of these concrete skills are in as much demand as ever. We want to make (sure) that our system is nimble enough to recognize that and produce graduates that have a capacity to earn a good living when they get out of school." The legislation, which passed unanimously in the House and the Senate, seeks to create a new pathway to high-school graduation focused on technical and vocational training and would inject more money into apprenticeship programs. A \$90.98 billion budget DeSantis signed Friday includes \$10 million he requested in the January executive order to seed "high-quality workforce appren-

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ticeships." Under the legislation signed Monday, all school districts will be required to give students the option to partially fulfill high-school diploma requirements by completing two credits in work-based learning programs and two credits in career and technical education. Starting in the 2019-2020 school year, students will be able to graduate using that option with a 2.0 grade point average. Lawmakers also voted to create a grant program at the Florida Department of Education that would inject money into adding new apprenticeship programs and expanding existing programs. The department would prioritize programs that demonstrate "regional demand." Other bill provisions would allow students to substitute a computer-science credit for a math or science credit and require school districts to offer financial-literacy courses as electives. The financial literacy proposal was added to the bill in honor of the late Sen. Dorothy Hukill, who died last year of cancer and championed the financial-literacy issue for years.

DEMOCRATS FACE CLIMATE, IMMIGRATION ISSUES IN FLORIDA

June 25, 2019 Ana Ceballos

TALLAHASSEE --- Twenty Democratic presidential hopefuls are about to square off in Miami during two nights of nationally televised debates, as they get an early chance to stand out in the crowded primary.

But some candidates also are visiting political hotspots in Florida, a swing state that will be crucial for any of them to win the White House.

So far, the Homestead migrant detention shelter, the Everglades and Miami's Little Haiti neighborhood have been among the places picked for visits by candidates such as former Texas Congressman Beto O'Rourke and Washington Gov. Jay Inslee.

Inslee, who has made climate change a focus of his campaign, visited the Everglades on Monday and planned Tuesday to stop in the Little Haiti neighborhood to talk about how "climate change is exacerbating economic equality" in that community.

As another example, U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts was scheduled to hold a town hall at Miami's Ocean Bank Convocation Center on Tuesday, a day before she goes on stage for the first night of the debates.

With the debates drawing focus to the state, Florida Democrats have made suggestions to presidential hopefuls about places they should visit and topics they should cover as they try to court Floridians in the coming months.

"Given the current situation, with a massive fire in the Everglades, I expect to hear much about climate change and each candidate's plan for addressing the issue," said state Sen. Janet Cruz, a Tampa Democrat who was referring to a 17,000-acre wildfire that started Sunday.

Cruz said she would also like to hear the candidates talk about the "egregious detention of children and separation from their parents," an issue that has drawn heavy attention because of undocumented immigrant children being housed at the Homestead detention center.

State Rep. Anna Eskamani, D-Orlando, said she would like to see candidates visit Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland or the Pulse nightclub in Orlando to pay respects at two sites where mass shootings have taken place.

Sean Shaw, a former state House member from Tampa who was the 2018 Democratic nominee for attorney general, said it is crucial for candidates to see the Homestead detention facility and places in the state impacted by climate change.

The two-hour debates will be held Wednesday and Thursday night at the Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts of Miami-Dade County, with 10 candidates participating

each night. The debates, the first of the 2020 primary campaign, will be televised by NBC, MSNBC and Telemundo.

With the crowded stage, the candidates will have to look for ways to quickly try to stand out and focus on key issues.

Shaw said talking about how the candidates hope to mitigate the effects of climate change is a must.

"If you're in Florida and you're not talking about climate change, you're doing it wrong," said Shaw, who has endorsed South Bend, Ind., Mayor Pete Buttigieg for president.

It will be equally important to talk about the political fate of Latin American countries, like Venezuela and Cuba, which are hugely important issues to the immigrant communities in Florida, said state Rep. Carlos Guillermo Smith, D-Orlando.

"Seventy percent of the population in Miami is Hispanic, so Democrats would be well-advised to discuss the issues important to our community while here. They need to be talking about issues related to Cuba, Venezuela and much more," Smith said.

Eskamani said she wants to hear candidates talk about their policies on abortion access, ending "corporate welfare" and addressing climate change. On a more personal note, Eskamani, who is Iranian-American, wants to hear about the candidates' plans on foreign relations amid escalating tension between Iran and the United States.

"I want to know, how will they lead in diplomacy and repair broken relations," Eskamani said.

Overall, Shaw said he wants candidates to ditch the "talking points."

"Policy, vision and the ability to deliver on your promises --- —that's what I'm hoping to hear in this week's debates, and I think that's what most Democrats are looking for," he said.

Cruz said she will also be listening to see who "resorts to name calling and personal attacks."

"I'd like to see decency and honor restored to the highest office in our country," she said

DESANTIS SIGNS BUDGET, VETOES \$131 MILLION

June 21, 2019 Jim Turner Ana Ceballos

TALLAHASSEE --- Gov. Ron DeSantis used his line-item veto power to slash more than \$131 million in proposed spending Friday as he signed a record \$90.98 billion budget for the fiscal year that begins July 1.

Calling the package "fiscally responsible," the freshman governor praised lawmakers for exceeding his request for spending on environmental projects and for a boost in per-student funding in public schools.

"I think that we put taxpayers first, but I think the key issues that Floridians care about, things like the environment, things like education, things like transportation, we were there to really make a difference," he said.

But DeSantis also acknowledged he took a light approach in the vetoes as lawmakers met many of his goals when they approved the budget (SB 2500) on May 4.

"I got more in the budget than most first-year governors," DeSantis told reporters. "If I had not been as successful, there probably would have been more projects in there that I would have vetoed."

When the Legislature approved what was a \$91.1 billion budget last month, DeSantis vowed to get the number below \$91 billion. He made it by a thin margin.

"We worked well together, so there wasn't a need for me to exact any type of retribution be-

cause the Legislature didn't work for me," DeSantis said.

The signed budget is more than 2.5 percent larger than the \$88.7 billion fiscal plan for the current year, which ends June 30.

Senate President Bill Galvano, R-Bradenton, said he respected DeSantis' use of the line-item veto authority.

"While we do not agree with every decision, it is clear that Gov. DeSantis takes his responsibility very seriously and that he has remained open-minded and approached the review process very deliberately," Galvano said in a statement. "In just a few short months we will return to Tallahassee to begin the process of crafting the budget for the 2020-2021 fiscal year, and we will have another opportunity to address the needs of our constituents."

DeSantis has repeatedly praised lawmakers for funding for Everglades restoration and environmental projects. The governor requested \$625 million, and the Legislature exceeded that amount by \$55 million.

Also, DeSantis has touted a \$242-per-student increase in school funding. Education Commissioner Richard Corcoran, a former state House speaker, said the "unified commitment" resulted in "one of the best legislative sessions in Florida's history."

The budget directs nearly \$10.2 billion in state general revenue to health and human services spending across five agencies. After adding other state and federal matching dollars, funding for Medicaid and mental health programs will total \$37.6 billion in the coming fiscal year.

The Agency for Health Care Administration, which houses the Medicaid program, gobbles up 70 percent of the general-revenue dollars going to health and human services. When combined with federal matching funds, AHCA's budget for the coming year is \$29.4 billion.

The budget also includes \$10.8 billion for the Department of Transportation, with \$9.7 billion going to the annual transportation work program. The money includes \$2.7 billion for highway construction, \$1.1 billion to repair 84 bridges and replace 22 others, \$1.1 billion to maintain existing facilities, \$278 million for aviation improvements and \$160.8 million for seaport infrastructure.

In signing the budget, the governor approved \$1.1 million to cover 25 positions to conduct concealed weapons permitting in the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and \$250,000 to cover new litigation involving the Department of Education.

The litigation money comes as the DeSantis administration prepares to face legal challenges to education bills passed by the Legislature this year, including a bill that creates a new state-funded voucher program for students to attend private schools.

With the vetoes, the budget has a total of \$5.4 billion in reserves. DeSantis said that is important for a state that has sustained heavy damage in hurricanes the past three years.

The budget, which was formally sent to DeSantis on June 14, included nearly 600 member projects worth a combined \$400 million.

More than 160 projects were removed by DeSantis, who said he talked to lawmakers to give them a chance to explain their requests for funding.

Among the larger cuts were \$8 million proposed a workforce housing project in Jacksonville; \$4.57 million for a public-safety training center in Highlands County; and \$1.69 million for a University of Central Florida downtown project.

DeSantis specifically noted cutting \$500,000 that House Rules Chairman Chris Sprowls, R-Palm Harbor, sought for repairs and expansion of the Ruth Eckerd Hall in Pinellas County.

"I graduated high school at Ruth Eckerd, they can do that, they have a foundation, the state

does not need to do that," DeSantis said.

In considering local projects, DeSantis said he wanted to see if there was a "real connection to an overall state policy."

"There were in some instances," he said. "We were very supportive of a lot of water projects throughout the state because I think that's reinforcing my overall policy."

But DeSantis said, for example, if he approved money to refurbish a local emergency operations center, which he considered "more of a county function," the state might have to do the same for others.

Many projects cut were for less than \$1 million. For instance, DeSantis vetoed a proposal to spend \$650,000 for an Easter Seals project to upgrade the heating and air-conditioning system at an adult day care facility; a proposal to spend \$500,000 on a public-safety gun range in Cape Coral; a proposal to spend \$250,000 to help Golden Ocala Golf and Equestrian Club land an LPGA Tournament; and a proposal to spend \$100,000 on the Orlando Citrus Parade. A sticking point during the legislative session had to do with state funds being spent to build and renovate university and college buildings.

"We're building a lot of buildings and that's OK," DeSantis said. "But I think that what is really going to take us to the next level is spending some of that money on more faculty, increasing salaries for people."

The issue prompted reform in how state dollars could be used for construction projects, and DeSantis, for instance, vetoed a \$2 million project for renovations of a University of North Florida hall.

Rep. Clay Yarborough, a Jacksonville Republican whose project to renovate UNF's Lassiter Hall was vetoed, said he appreciated the governor's "due diligence and consideration of each budget item."

DeSantis veto brush also touched some health care spending, including \$3.3 million for South Florida State Hospital, a 350-bed state psychiatric hospital, and \$783,720 for the South Florida Evaluation and Treatment Center.

DeSantis also nixed \$1 million that was directed toward Doctors Memorial Hospital in Bonifay. The money would have been used to build a 6,000 square-foot facility to serve pediatric and cardiology specialists' needs.

--- News Service staff writer Christine Sexton contributed to this report.

WEEKLY ROUNDUP: WAITING GAME ENDS

June 21, 2019 Dara Kam Recap and analysis of the week in state government

TALLAHASSEE --- Gov. Ron DeSantis played the waiting game, at least as far as Capitol insiders were concerned, as speculation percolated throughout the week about when the Republican chief of state would uncap his red pen for the first time and veto items tucked into the new state budget.

The waiting might have been the hardest part for some, but the 90-minute notice given to Tallahassee reporters to cover Friday afternoon's budget press conference may have been even more painful.

In what seems to be a never-ending list illustrating the contrasts between DeSantis and his predecessor, the last-minute notice by DeSantis was a sharp departure from how former Gov. Rick Scott handled his first budget.

Scott, now a U.S. senator, in 2011 held a ceremonial budget-signing event, reminiscent of a rally, in the Republican stronghold of The Villages, where he brandished a red Sharp-

ie as he gleefully slashed a record-breaking \$617 million from the state spending plan. In the governor's large conference room Friday, DeSantis was surrounded solely by staffers and reporters as he announced he had cut \$131.3 million from what wound up being a \$90.98 billion budget for the fiscal year that begins July 1.

When asked why the veto total was among the lowest of any first-year governor in recent history, DeSantis said he "got more in the budget" than any of his predecessors.

"If I had not been as successful, there probably would have been more projects in there that I would have vetoed," he said. "I think we worked well together, so there wasn't a need for me to exact any type of retribution because the Legislature didn't work for me."

READY FOR 2020

"Earlier in the week, the governor went to Orlando to join the man who takes some credit for DeSantis' November victory.

Part-time Florida man Donald Trump's been in perpetual pursuit of re-election ever since he moved to 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue less than three years ago.

But the president made it official this week, "launching" his 2020 campaign in Orlando, where tens of thousands of adoring fans turned out to stomp and cheer for what's become a standard playlist for Trump: bashing the media, Democrats and the Washington "swamp" he pledged to drain in his first campaign.

"As long as you keep the steam in place, we have a tremendous way to go. Our future has never looked brighter or sharper," Trump told supporters at the Amway Center. "The American Dream is bigger, stronger than ever before."

Throughout the roughly two-hour political rally, all of the president's closest Florida political allies cheered, and in a very Trumpesque way, the president took the time to thank DeSantis for his "great job" in passing legislation to crack down on so-called sanctuary cities in Florida.

"Thank you, Gov. Ron for ending that whole disaster," Trump said. "It's common sense."

DeSantis sat in the front row of the rally's VIP section, which was a who's who of Florida Republican politics. First Lady Casey DeSantis, Lt. Gov. Jeanette Nunez, state Chief Financial Officer Jimmy Patronis, U.S. Rep. Matt Gaetz, U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio and Scott were all there to support the president's re-election bid.

Rick Gorka, a Trump campaign spokesman, said it is important to have a governor who is doing "extremely well and is well-liked" in Florida as the president sets up a strategy to win the nation's largest swing state. Trump won Florida by a little more than 1 percentage point in 2016, when he ran against Democrat Hillary Clinton, and both parties consider the state crucial again next year.

But DeSantis hinted that he might not be a major presence on the campaign trail.

"For me, I probably won't be that involved. I'll go to this and if the president needs me, but in terms of being there every single day ... I mean, I got a job to do," DeSantis told reporters a day before Trump's rally.

POLITICS OR PRINCIPLE?

The governor also loomed large in a different Capitol setting this week, as ousted Broward County Sheriff Scott Israel jostled with DeSantis' general counsel Nicholas Primrose in a quest to get his law enforcement job back.

Stripped of his uniform and badge, Israel for the first time made a direct appeal to a Senate Special Master Dudley Goodlette as he fights DeSantis' decision to suspend him shortly after the governor took office in January.

In his suspension order, DeSantis alleged that “neglect of duty” and “incompetence” by Israel were connected to the February 2018 massacre at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland that left 17 students and faculty members dead.

DeSantis’ executive order also blamed Israel for mishandling the response to a mass shooting at Hollywood-Fort Lauderdale International Airport that resulted in five deaths.

“The state didn’t prove their case. There’s nothing incompetent or negligent about me. That’s not who I am. That’s not how I work. That’s not how I performed, and I hope the senators realize that and vote that way, but that’s their vote,” Israel, 63, told reporters after the hearing concluded Wednesday.

Israel appealed his suspension to the Senate, which has the authority to reinstate or remove elected officials. Goodlette, who oversaw what was essentially a trial, will make recommendations to Senate President Bill Galvano, R-Bradenton. The Senate Rules Committee will consider Goodlette’s recommendations when lawmakers return to Tallahassee in the fall, and the full Senate will make a final decision on Israel’s fate.

Israel and his lawyers maintain that the suspension, something DeSantis pledged to do while running for office last year, was a political ploy aimed at winning favor with voters in Democrat-rich Broward County and supporters of the National Rifle Association.

A combative Israel --- at one point admonishing Primrose for “trying to put words into my mouth” --- and an equally truculent Primrose crossed swords during Israel’s testimony Wednesday.

Israel repeatedly refused to answer Primrose, challenging the lawyer for making statements rather than asking questions.

For example, Israel at one point said: “I’m not trying to be argumentative, but you’re telling me what I don’t think instead of asking me a question and letting me answer it.”

Primrose also concentrated on Scot Peterson, the long-serving resource officer at the Parkland school who was seen on videotape hovering outside a building as Cruz unleashed a volley of bullets inside.

Peterson, who retired after Israel announced he intended to suspend the deputy, was arrested this month following a Florida Department of Law Enforcement’s investigation into the shooting.

After reading a state law that says sheriffs are responsible for the “neglect and default” of their deputies, Primrose tried to get Israel to take the blame for Peterson’s behavior, saying that six lives could have been saved if the resource office had gone into the building.

But Israel didn’t bite.

“The only person, the only person responsible for the loss of lives is a horrific, evil killer that did things through sheer evil. The responsibility of taking human life, only the killer did that,” he said.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: “He was just a coward who wasn’t going to act.” --- Suspended Broward County Sheriff Scott Israel on Scot Peterson, the former resource officer at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School who was arrested this month for his role in the 2018 mass shooting that left 14 students and three faculty members dead.

DESANTIS SIGNS CHANGES TO ‘DIRECT PRIMARY CARE’ June 19, 2019 NSF Staff
Gov. Ron DeSantis has signed a bill to expand a 2018 law that created “direct primary care” agreements between doctors and patients. The bill (HB 7) was among 11 measures that

DeSantis signed into law on Tuesday. Under direct primary care, patients or their employers make regular payments to doctors to provide certain services, removing insurers from the equation. The 2018 law made clear that such arrangements were not regulated under insurance laws, with backers saying they provide another health-care option for patients. This year's bill, sponsored in the House by Rep. Wyman Duggan, R-Jacksonville, and in the Senate by Sen. Aaron Bean, R-Fernandina Beach, will extend the program to dentists. The bill also changes the terminology to "direct health care" agreements. The law takes effect July 1.

BOEING TO MOVE JOBS TO TITUSVILLE

June 19, 2019 NSF Staff Boeing announced on Wednesday that it will relocate its space and launch division's headquarters from Virginia to Brevard County. The headquarters, which are currently in Arlington, Va., will move to Titusville, near Kennedy Space Center and other space facilities. "The time is right for us to locate our space headquarters where so much of our space history was made over the past six decades and where so much history awaits," said Leanne Caret, president and chief executive officer of Boeing Defense, Space & Security. The move was praised by Gov. Ron DeSantis and U.S. Sen. Rick Scott, R-Fla. "This great announcement affirms our state's position as a national leader in innovation and job growth and will bring increased investment to the Space Coast," DeSantis tweeted.

JUDGE WEIGHS FIGHT OVER LOCAL GUN RESTRICTIONS

June 6, 2019 Jim Saunders

TALLAHASSEE --- In a case filed in the aftermath of last year's mass shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, a circuit judge is poised to hear arguments about the constitutionality of a state law that imposes tough penalties on local officials if they approve gun regulations.

Florida since 1987 has barred cities and counties from passing regulations that are stricter than state firearms laws. But in 2011, lawmakers went further by approving a series of penalties that local governments and officials can face if they violate the prohibition.

Lawyers for Gov. Ron DeSantis and Attorney General Ashley Moody's office also have filed motions for summary judgment, contending that Dodson should uphold the constitutionality of the penalties. DeSantis' lawyers wrote that the Legislature approved the penalties in 2011 to strengthen the preemption law "after abuse and intentional ignorance by local municipalities."

"(It) is a bedrock principle of American constitutional law that local governments have no legal authority to defy the will of their creator: the state," the National Rifle Association argued in a March brief. "Local governments are creatures of the state subject to whatever limitations on their power that the state sees fit to impose consistent with the federal or Florida Constitution, and here, the state has seen fit to penalize local usurpation of the Legislature's sovereign power."

.DESANTIS SIGNS INSURANCE 'AOB' OVERHAUL

May 23, 2019 Jim Saunders TALLAHASSEE --- After repeated legislative battles about the issue in recent years, Gov. Ron DeSantis on Thursday signed a bill that will revamp the controversial insurance practice known as "assignment of benefits."

DeSantis and other supporters of the bill (HB 7065) pointed to abuses of the so-called AOB process. The bill signing, while expected, was a major victory for the insurance industry, which contends that AOB fraud and excessive litigation have helped lead to higher property-insurance rates.

CITIZENSHIP VOTING PROPOSAL CLEARS THRESHOLD June 17, 2019 NSF Staff

Supporters of a proposed constitutional amendment about the citizenship of voters have cleared an important initial threshold, setting the stage for a Florida Supreme Court review. The Jacksonville-based political committee Florida Citizen Voters had submitted 85,695 valid petition signatures to the state Division of Elections as of Monday morning, topping a 76,632-signature threshold to trigger a Supreme Court review of the proposal's wording. The proposal would change part of the state Constitution that now says, "Every citizen of the United States who is at least eighteen years of age and who is a permanent resident of the state, if registered as provided by law, shall be an elector of the county where registered." The proposal would change that wording to: "Only a citizen of the United States who is at least eighteen years of age and who is a permanent resident of the state, if registered as provided by law, shall be an elector of the county where registered." If the Supreme Court signs off on the wording of the proposal, Florida Citizen Voters ultimately would need to submit a total of 766,200 valid signatures to get the measure on the November 2020 ballot. Three other ballot measures --- dealing with revamping the state's electric utility industry, raising the minimum wage and expanding Medicaid coverage --- also have cleared the initial signature threshold. Supporters of a ban on assault-style weapons announced last week they had collected enough signatures for Supreme Court review, though the Division of Elections website indicated 74,624 valid signatures had been submitted as of Monday morning.

WEEKLY ROUNDUP: DESANTIS TAKES VICTORY LAP

June 14, 2019 Ana Ceballos Recap and analysis of the week in state government

TALLAHASSEE --- It had all the makings of a political rally, but it was a bill-signing ceremony for one of Gov. Ron DeSantis' biggest priorities: banning so-called sanctuary cities.

In the ruby red county of Okaloosa, which just so happens to be the backyard of Congressman Matt Gaetz, DeSantis signed one of the 2019 legislative session's most-controversial bills, which will force local governments to fully comply with federal immigration laws.

Senate sponsor Joe Gruters, a Sarasota Republican who doubles as chairman of the Republican Party of Florida, accompanied DeSantis at Friday's bill-signing ceremony. The bill gives DeSantis the authority to remove local officials if they do not comply, which is something the governor sought, said House sponsor Cord Byrd, a Neptune Beach Republican and attorney who also took part in the Panhandle event.

For the crowd at the event and people watching online, the ceremony was a clear victory lap for Republicans, who under President Donald Trump have embraced tough stances on immigration enforcement. For DeSantis, eliminating sanctuary cities was a key campaign promise during his 2018 election.

Critics of the bill, however, have often argued that the Republican focus on the sanctuary-cities issue stems from political reasons rather than fixing an actual problem. They say Florida doesn't have sanctuary cities, and the bill is about pleasing the GOP base.

Sen. Jose Javier Rodriguez, a Miami Democrat who has been an outspoken critic of the bill, said Thursday that holding the ceremony in Okaloosa County was a sign of the political motivation. He said it would give the governor and Gaetz, a DeSantis ally who represents the conservative western Panhandle, a "safe place," with fewer protests than say... in Miami-Dade County, where immigrants abound.

DeSantis, surrounded by cheering supporters Friday, said that "we're delivering on the

promises that we made to the people of Florida” during last year’s campaign. He also said the bill will help protect the public from undocumented immigrants who are criminals.

“This is about the rule of law,” he said. “It’s also about public safety.”

CHEAPER PRESCRIPTION DRUGS, EH?

DeSantis, acting on another top priority of his first year in office, signed into law Tuesday a measure that gives the state the go-ahead to pursue approval to import prescription drugs from Canada and other countries.

But the Republican governor acknowledged at a bill-signing ceremony that the program won’t be up and running any time soon because of a requirement that it receive approval from federal authorities, including U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar.

“We are already working directly with Health and Human Services at the federal level, and I’m going to be talking with the president next week maybe more about it,” DeSantis said at the ceremony in The Villages, another Republican stronghold. “We envision maybe this taking ‘til next year for us to do it.”

DeSantis, who won the governor’s race with the support of Trump, has insisted his close relationship with the president would help win over skeptical federal officials who have refused to endorse similar proposals from other states.

But U.S. Rep. Donna Shalala, a Miami-Dade County Democrat and a former Health and Human Services secretary in the Clinton administration, said the plan was the “silliest thing I have ever heard of” and called it “pure politics.”

She also predicted it wouldn’t be approved.

DESANTIS SIGNS HEALTH INSURANCE CHANGES June 12, 2019 NSF Staff

Gov. Ron DeSantis on Wednesday signed into law a bill that could lead to a revamp of the health-insurance program for state employees. The measure (HB 1113) authorizes the state Department of Management Services to analyze current contracts with health maintenance organizations, preferred provider organizations and prescription drug programs and develop a plan to procure new contracts for benefits beginning in 2023. The law authorizes limiting the number of HMOs in the employee-insurance program and allowing plans to be competitively procured on a regional basis, similar to what is done in the Medicaid program. The change is significant, in part, because more than half of the people enrolled in the program --- or 53 percent --- chose to enroll in HMOs. The new law also requires the state to put in place a prescription-drug formulary in the employee-insurance program. DeSantis signed the bill at CenterOne Surgery Center in Jacksonville, where the governor said he had rotator-cuff surgery. The bill creates also creates the Patient Savings Act, which will allow health insurers to create an incentive program to encourage policyholders to shop for health services and share in savings that result.

Also see the Special Editorial on page 11 for the subjects of self driving and electric vehicles PLUS some late legislative news there wasn’t room for here like the NEW LAWS going into effect this month—Slo Motion.

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ABATE Palm Beach Chapter Meeting Minutes

The VFW Post, 2404 Broadway Ave, Riviera Beach, FL 33404, June 16th , 2019.

Meeting Called to Order at 11:37 A.M. 15 Members Present 0 Guests Present

Meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

President: Went to State meeting. Addressed New Board Elections.

Vice President: Nothing to report

Secretary: Asked if anyone has any additions, corrections or objections to last month's meeting minutes as publishes in chapter newsletter. There were none.

Treasurer: We are hanging in there.

Membership: 0 New Members. In order to keep membership renewals current he will be making phone calls and/or sending texts to current members.

Sergeant At Arms: Gave us a heads up about new texting law passed July 1st.

Safety: up a safety table at the American Legion Tequesta Post 271 on June 22nd. Our president, secretary and treasurer attended along with him.

Delegate: report on page 7 major item on what to do about safety money

Legislative: report on page 22 WITH SPECIAL REPORT page 11

Public Relations: Got some materials on how Forest chapter did May promotiom

Products: We have brand new shirts for the ladies! We also have hats and Men's T-shirts.

Newsletter got some new cards for classifieds , will be printing less

Old Business: Still working on having a statewide party sometime in Sept or Oct. New Board and Trustees announced as no contested election

New Business: New member recruitment is needed. Keep it in mind.

Good of the Order: 50/50 Curtis "Harpo" won and donated back to chapter. Kathy Hale won the door prize, bone handled hunting knife.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 12:38 p.m.

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