

■ **FLORIDA UNIFORM TRAFFIC CONTROL LAW (*FARM LABOR VEHICLES*)**

TERMS: Except for drivers transporting only themselves or their immediate family, any person who transports or who arranges for the transportation of 9 or more migrant or seasonal farmworkers to or from their employment must comply with state requirements for the maintenance and operation of vehicles under their control, summarized as follows.

Compliance with Federal Vehicle Standards — The owner or operator of any vehicle used to transport farmworkers on Florida's public highways must ensure that the vehicle meets vehicle safety standards under the Migrant and Seasonal Agricultural Worker Protection Act and the federal motor carrier laws regulating the transportation of migrant agricultural workers (*see entries, U.S. — Transportation — Farmworker Transportation Safety*).

Seat Belts — Farm labor vehicles with a gross weight rating of 10,000 pounds or less must be equipped with an approved seat belt for each passenger and must display a notice requiring passengers to fasten their seat belts.

Authorization Sticker — A farm labor contractor is prohibited from transporting migrant or seasonal farmworkers unless the vehicle clearly displays a state-issued sticker authorizing the contractor to do so.

ENFORCEMENT: *Florida Highway Patrol, Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, Tallahassee, Florida 32399 (850-617-2300)*. These provisions are also enforced by county sheriffs' offices and city police departments.