DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA FOURTH DISTRICT January Term 2008

DAVID E. QUIRK,

Petitioner,

v.

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAY SAFETY AND MOTOR VEHICLES,

Respondent.

No. 4D08-472

[March 12, 2008]

PER CURIAM.

We deny the petition for writ of certiorari on the authority of *Lescher v. Dep't. of Highway Safety & Motor Vehicles*, 946 So.2d 1140 (Fla. 4th DCA 2006), and certify the same question that this court certified in *Lescher*:

Does the amendment to section 322.271(4), Florida Statutes, which eliminated hardship driver's licenses effective July 1, 2003, violate the prohibition against *ex post facto* laws as to persons who could have applied for a hardship license before the amendment became effective?

SHAHOOD, C.J., FARMER and MAY, JJ., concur.

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Petition for writ of certiorari to the Circuit Court for the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit, Broward County; Jeffrey E. Streitfeld, Judge; L.T. Case No. 07-30950 19.

Brent Del Gaizo of Brent Del Gaizo, P.A., Plantation, for petitioner.

No response required for respondent.

Not final until disposition of timely filed motion for rehearing