

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate House

Comm: FAV 04/19/2010

The Committee on Transportation and Economic Development Appropriations (Fasano) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete line 1447

and insert:

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Section 28. Effective July 1, 2010, subsection (10) of section 320.03, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

320.03 Registration; duties of tax collectors; International Registration Plan.-

(10)(a) Jurisdiction over the electronic filing system for use by authorized electronic filing system agents to electronically title or register motor vehicles, vessels, mobile homes, or off-highway vehicles; issue or transfer registration

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license plates or decals; electronically transfer fees due for the title and registration process; and perform inquiries for title, registration, lienholder verification, and certification of service providers is expressly preempted to the state. The department shall have regulatory authority over the system. The electronic filing system shall be available for use statewide and applied uniformly throughout the state. An entity that, in the normal course of their business, sells products that must be titled or registered, provides title and registration services on behalf of its consumers, and meets all established requirements may be an authorized electronic filing system agent and may not be precluded from participating in the electronic filing system in any county. Upon a request from a qualified entity, the tax collector shall appoint the entity as an authorized electronic filing system agent for the county. The department shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 120 to replace the program standards of December 10, 2009, and to administer this section, including, but not limited to, establishing participation requirements, certification of service providers, electronic filing system requirements, and enforcement authority. The program standards of December 10, 2009, excluding any standards that conflict with this paragraph, shall remain in effect until rules are adopted. An authorized electronic filing agent may charge a fee to the customer for use of the electronic filing system.

(b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), the private entity providers of the electronic filing system shall continue to comply with the financial arrangements with the tax collector service corporation which were in effect January 1, 2010,

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through December 31, 2010. This paragraph expires January 1, 2011. Jurisdiction over the outsourced electronic filing system for use by licensed motor vehicle dealers electronically to title and to register motor vehicles and to issue or to transfer registration license plates or decals is expressly preempted to the state. The department shall continue its current outsourcing of the existing electronic filing system, including its program standards. The electronic filing system is approved for use in all counties, shall apply uniformly to all tax collectors of the state, and no tax collector may add or detract from the program standards in his or her respective county. A motor vehicle dealer licensed under this chapter may charge a fee to the customer for use of the electronic filing system, and such fee is not a component of the program standards. Final authority over disputes relating to program standards lies with the department. By January 1, 2010, the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability, with input from the department and from affected parties, including tax collectors, service providers, and motor vehicle dealers, shall report to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives on the status of the outsourced electronic filing system, including the program standards, and its compliance with this subsection. The report shall identify all public and private alternatives for continued operation of the electronic filing system and shall include any and all appropriate recommendations, including revisions to the program standards.

Section 29. Effective January 1, 2011, paragraph (e) of subsection (3) of section 320.05, Florida Statutes, is amended



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320.05 Records of the department; inspection procedure; lists and searches; fees.-

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(e) When motor vehicle, vessel, or mobile home registration data is provided by electronic access through a tax collector's office, the applicable fee as provided in paragraph (b) must be collected and deposited pursuant to paragraph (c). However, when such registration data is obtained through an electronic system described in s. 320.03(10), s. 320.0609, and s. 320.131 which results in the issuance of a title certificate or the registration credential, such fee shall not apply a fee for the electronic access is not required to be assessed. However, at the tax collector's discretion, a fee equal to or less than the fee charged by the department for such information may be assessed by the tax collector for the electronic access. Notwithstanding paragraph (c), any funds collected by the tax collector as a result of providing such access shall be retained by the tax collector.

Section 30. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this act and except for this section, which shall take effect July 1, 2010, this act shall take effect September 1, 2010.

======== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T ========== And the title is amended as follows:

Delete line 124

and insert:

school; amending s. 320.03, F.S.; preempting to the state jurisdiction over a statewide electronic filing 100

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system for titling and registering vehicles, vessels, and mobile homes; providing requirements for the system; providing requirements for such filing system agents to participate in the system; providing for the appointment of agents; providing for the adoption of rules; providing for certain program standards to remain in effect until such rules are adopted; providing for fees; extending the time for certain private providers of the system to comply with certain financial arrangements; amending s. 320.05, F.S.; exempting the provision of certain registrations through a specific electronic filing system from certain fees charged by a tax collector; providing effective dates.