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The Committee on Appropriations (Negron) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete everything after the enacting clause  
and insert:

Section 1. Subsection (5) of section 320.03, Florida  
Statutes, is amended to read:

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

(5) ~~A fee of \$1.25 shall be charged,~~ In addition to the  
fees required under s. 320.08, a fee of 50 cents shall be



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11 charged on every license registration sold to cover the costs of  
12 the Florida Real Time Vehicle Information System. The fees  
13 collected shall be deposited ~~distributed as follows: 75 cents~~  
14 ~~into the Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund, which shall be~~  
15 ~~used to fund the Florida Real Time Vehicle Information system~~  
16 ~~and may be used to fund the general operations of the~~  
17 ~~department, and 50 cents~~ into the Highway Safety Operating Trust  
18 Fund to be used exclusively to fund the system. The ~~only use of~~  
19 ~~this latter portion of the fee~~ may only be used ~~is~~ to fund the  
20 system equipment, software, personnel associated with the  
21 maintenance and programming of the system, and networks used in  
22 the offices of the county tax collectors as agents of the  
23 department and the ancillary technology necessary to integrate  
24 the system with other tax collection systems. The department  
25 shall administer this program upon consultation with the Florida  
26 Tax Collectors, Inc., to ensure that each county tax collector's  
27 office is technologically equipped and functional for the  
28 operation of the Florida Real Time Vehicle Information System.  
29 Any ~~of the~~ designated revenue collected to support functions of  
30 the county tax collectors and not used in a given year must  
31 remain exclusively in the trust fund as a carryover to the  
32 following year.

33 Section 2. Subsection (1) of section 320.04, Florida  
34 Statutes, is amended to read:

35 320.04 Registration service charge.—

36 (1) (a) ~~There shall be~~ A service charge of \$2.50 shall be  
37 imposed on \$5 for each application that ~~which~~ is handled in  
38 connection with original issuance, duplicate issuance, or  
39 transfer of a ~~any~~ license plate, mobile home sticker, or



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40 validation sticker or with transfer or duplicate issuance of a  
41 any registration certificate. This service charge ~~Of that~~  
42 ~~amount, \$2.50 shall be deposited into the General Revenue Fund,~~  
43 ~~and the remainder~~ shall be retained by the department or by the  
44 tax collector, as the case may be, as other fees accruing to  
45 those offices.

46 (b) ~~There shall also be~~ A service charge of \$1 shall also  
47 be imposed ~~\$3~~ for the issuance of each license plate validation  
48 sticker, vessel decal, and mobile home sticker issued from an  
49 automated vending facility or printer dispenser machine. This  
50 service charge, ~~which~~ is payable to the department and. ~~Of that~~  
51 ~~amount, \$1~~ shall be used to provide for automated vending  
52 facilities or printer dispenser machines that are used to  
53 dispense such stickers and decals by each tax collector's or  
54 license tag agent's employee. ~~The remaining \$2 shall be~~  
55 ~~deposited into the General Revenue Fund.~~

56 (c) The tax collector may impose an additional service  
57 charge of up to ~~not more than~~ 50 cents on any transaction  
58 specified in paragraph (a) or paragraph (b), or on any  
59 transaction specified in s. 319.32(2) (a) or s. 328.48 if such  
60 transaction occurs at a any tax collector's branch office.

61 Section 3. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) and paragraph  
62 (b) of subsection (3) of section 320.06, Florida Statutes, are  
63 amended to read:

64 320.06 Registration certificates, license plates, and  
65 validation stickers generally.—

66 (1)

67 (b)1. Registration license plates bearing a graphic symbol  
68 and the alphanumeric system of identification shall be issued



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69 for a 10-year period. At the end of the ~~that~~ 10-year period,  
70 upon renewal, the plate shall be replaced. The department shall  
71 extend the scheduled license plate replacement date from a 6-  
72 year period to a 10-year period. The fee for such replacement is  
73 \$28, \$2.80 of which shall be paid each year before the plate is  
74 replaced, to be credited toward ~~towards~~ the next \$28 replacement  
75 fee. The fees shall be deposited into the Highway Safety  
76 Operating Trust Fund. A credit or refund may not be given for  
77 any prior years' payments of the ~~such~~ prorated replacement fee  
78 if the plate is replaced or surrendered before the end of the  
79 10-year period, except that a credit may be given if a  
80 registrant is required by the department to replace a license  
81 plate under s. 320.08056(8) (a). With each license plate, a  
82 validation sticker shall be issued showing the owner's birth  
83 month, license plate number, and the year of expiration or the  
84 appropriate renewal period if the owner is not a natural person.  
85 The validation sticker shall be placed on the upper right corner  
86 of the license plate. The ~~Such~~ license plate and validation  
87 sticker shall be issued based on the applicant's appropriate  
88 renewal period. The registration period is 12 months, the  
89 extended registration period is 24 months, and all expirations  
90 occur based on the applicant's appropriate registration period.  
91 A vehicle that has ~~with~~ an apportioned registration shall be  
92 issued an annual license plate and a cab card that denote the  
93 declared gross vehicle weight for each apportioned jurisdiction  
94 in which the vehicle is authorized to operate.

95 2. In order to retain the efficient administration of the  
96 taxes and fees imposed by this chapter, the 80 cent fee increase  
97 in the replacement fee imposed by chapter 2009-71, Laws of



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98 Florida, is negated as provided in s. 320.0804.

99 (3)

100 (b) An additional fee of 50 cents ~~\$1.50~~ shall be collected  
101 on each motor vehicle registration or motor vehicle renewal  
102 registration issued in this state in order for all license  
103 plates and validation stickers to be fully treated with  
104 retroreflection material. The fee ~~Of that amount, \$1 shall be~~  
105 ~~deposited into the General Revenue Fund and 50 cents~~ shall be  
106 deposited into the Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund.

107 Section 4. Subsection (4) of section 320.072, Florida  
108 Statutes, is amended to read:

109 320.072 Additional fee imposed on certain motor vehicle  
110 registration transactions.-

111 (4) A tax collector or other authorized agent of the  
112 department shall promptly remit ~~44.5 percent~~ of all moneys  
113 collected pursuant to this section, less any refunds granted  
114 pursuant to subsection (3), to the department. The department  
115 shall deposit 44.5 percent of such moneys ~~to be deposited~~ into  
116 the State Transportation Trust Fund, 14.3 percent. ~~the remaining~~  
117 ~~55.5 percent shall be deposited~~ into the Highway Safety  
118 Operating Trust Fund, and 41.2 percent into the General Revenue  
119 Fund.

120 Section 5. Subsections (1), (2), and (3) of section 320.08,  
121 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

122 320.08 License taxes.-Except as otherwise provided herein,  
123 there are hereby levied and imposed annual license taxes for the  
124 operation of motor vehicles, mopeds, motorized bicycles as  
125 defined in s. 316.003(2), tri-vehicles as defined in s. 316.003,  
126 and mobile homes, as defined in s. 320.01, which shall be paid



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127 to and collected by the department or its agent upon the  
128 registration or renewal of registration of the following:

129 (1) MOTORCYCLES AND MOPEDS.—

130 (a) Any motorcycle: \$10 ~~\$13.50~~ flat, ~~of which \$3.50 shall~~  
131 ~~be deposited into the General Revenue Fund.~~

132 (b) Any moped: \$5 ~~\$6.75~~ flat, ~~of which \$1.75 shall be~~  
133 ~~deposited into the General Revenue Fund.~~

134 (c) Upon registration of a any motorcycle, motor-driven  
135 cycle, or moped, ~~there shall be paid~~ in addition to the license  
136 taxes specified in this subsection, a nonrefundable motorcycle  
137 safety education fee in the amount of \$2.50 shall be paid. The  
138 proceeds of such additional fee shall be deposited in the  
139 Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund to fund a motorcycle driver  
140 improvement program implemented pursuant to s. 322.025, the  
141 Florida Motorcycle Safety Education Program established in s.  
142 322.0255, or the general operations of the department.

143 (d) An ancient or antique motorcycle: \$7.50 ~~\$8.50~~ flat, of  
144 which \$2.50 ~~\$3.50~~ shall be deposited into the General Revenue  
145 Fund.

146 (2) AUTOMOBILES OR TRI-VEHICLES FOR PRIVATE USE.—

147 (a) An ancient or antique automobile, as defined in s.  
148 320.086, or a street rod, as defined in s. 320.0863: \$7.50  
149 ~~\$10.25~~ flat, ~~of which \$2.75 shall be deposited into the General~~  
150 ~~Revenue Fund.~~

151 (b) Net weight of less than 2,500 pounds: \$14.50 ~~\$19.50~~  
152 ~~flat, of which \$5 shall be deposited into the General Revenue~~  
153 ~~Fund.~~

154 (c) Net weight of 2,500 pounds or more, but less than 3,500  
155 pounds: \$22.50 ~~\$30.50~~ flat, ~~of which \$8 shall be deposited into~~



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156 ~~the General Revenue Fund.~~

157 (d) Net weight of 3,500 pounds or more: \$32.50 ~~\$44 flat, of~~  
158 ~~which \$11.50 shall be deposited into the General Revenue Fund.~~

159 (3) TRUCKS.—

160 (a) Net weight of less than 2,000 pounds: \$14.50 ~~\$19.50~~  
161 ~~flat, of which \$5 shall be deposited into the General Revenue~~  
162 ~~Fund.~~

163 (b) Net weight of 2,000 pounds or more, but not more than  
164 3,000 pounds: \$22.50 ~~\$30.50 flat, of which \$8 shall be deposited~~  
165 ~~into the General Revenue Fund.~~

166 (c) Net weight more than 3,000 pounds, but not more than  
167 5,000 pounds: \$32.50 ~~\$44 flat, of which \$11.50 shall be~~  
168 ~~deposited into the General Revenue Fund.~~

169 (d) A truck defined as a "goat," or ~~any~~ other vehicle if  
170 used in the field by a farmer or in the woods for the purpose of  
171 harvesting a crop, including naval stores, during such  
172 harvesting operations, and which is not principally operated  
173 upon the roads of the state: \$7.50 ~~\$10.25 flat, of which \$2.75~~  
174 ~~shall be deposited into the General Revenue Fund. The term A~~  
175 "goat" means ~~is~~ a motor vehicle designed, constructed, and used  
176 principally for the transportation of citrus fruit within citrus  
177 groves or for the transportation of crops on farms, and which  
178 can also be used for ~~the~~ hauling ~~of~~ associated equipment or  
179 supplies, including required sanitary equipment, and the towing  
180 of farm trailers.

181 (e) An ancient or antique truck, as defined in s. 320.086:  
182 \$7.50 ~~\$10.25 flat, of which \$2.75 shall be deposited into the~~  
183 ~~General Revenue Fund.~~

184 Section 6. Section 320.0804, Florida Statutes, is amended



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185 to read:

186       320.0804 SurchARGE on license tax; ~~trust funds.~~ A surcharge  
187 of \$2, shall be ~~There is hereby levied and imposed~~ on each  
188 license tax imposed under s. 320.08, except those set forth in  
189 s. 320.08(11), ~~a surcharge in the amount of \$4,~~ which shall be  
190 collected in the same manner as the license tax. This surcharge  
191 shall be further reduced to \$1.20 on September 1, 2014, in order  
192 to negate the license plate increase of 80 cents imposed by  
193 chapter 2009-71, Laws of Florida. Of this amount, \$1 shall be  
194 deposited into the State Transportation Trust Fund, and 20 cents  
195 ~~\$1~~ shall be deposited into the Highway Safety Operating Trust  
196 Fund, ~~and \$2 shall be deposited into the General Revenue Fund.~~

197       Section 7. Section 320.08046, Florida Statutes, is amended  
198 to read:

199       320.08046 Juvenile programs surcharge on license tax. ~~A~~  
200 surcharge of \$1 shall be imposed ~~There is levied~~ on each license  
201 tax imposed under s. 320.08, except those set forth in s.  
202 320.08(11), ~~a surcharge in the amount of \$5.50,~~ which shall be  
203 collected in the same manner as the license tax and. ~~Of the~~  
204 ~~proceeds of each license tax surcharge, \$4.50 shall be deposited~~  
205 ~~into the General Revenue Fund and \$1 shall be deposited into the~~  
206 Grants and Donations Trust Fund in the Department of Juvenile  
207 Justice to fund the juvenile crime prevention programs and the  
208 community juvenile justice partnership grants program.

209       Section 8. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment  
210 made by this act to section 320.06, Florida Statutes, in a  
211 reference thereto, subsection (4) of section 320.0807, Florida  
212 Statutes, is reenacted and amended to read:

213       320.0807 Special license plates for Governor and federal





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214 and state legislators.-

215 (4) License plates purchased under subsection (1),  
216 subsection (2), or subsection (3) shall be replaced by the  
217 department at no cost, other than the fees required under ~~by~~ ss.  
218 320.04 and 320.06(3)(b), when the person to whom the plates have  
219 been issued leaves the elective office with respect to which the  
220 license plates were issued. Within 30 days after leaving office,  
221 the person to whom the license plates have been issued must  
222 apply ~~shall make application~~ to the department for a replacement  
223 license plate. The person may return the prestige license plates  
224 to the department or ~~may~~ retain the plates as souvenirs. Upon  
225 receipt of the replacement license plate, the person may not  
226 ~~continue to~~ display on any vehicle the prestige license plate or  
227 plates issued with respect to his or her former office.

228 Section 9. (1) The disposition of the biennial license  
229 taxes, fees, and surcharges collected pursuant to s. 320.07,  
230 Florida Statutes, shall occur in accordance with the provisions  
231 of chapter 320, Florida Statutes, in effect at the time the  
232 taxes, fees, and surcharges are collected.

233 (2) The amendments made by this act do not create a right  
234 to a refund of any taxes, fees, or surcharges collected before  
235 September 1, 2014, for a biennial registration pursuant to s.  
236 320.07, Florida Statutes.

237 Section 11. This act shall take effect September 1, 2014.

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239 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

240 And the title is amended as follows:

241 Delete everything before the enacting clause  
242 and insert:



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243                                   A bill to be entitled  
244           An act relating to motor vehicle license taxes;  
245           amending s. 320.03, F.S.; reducing the amount of the  
246           additional registration fee used to fund the Florida  
247           Real Time Vehicle Information System; amending s.  
248           320.04, F.S.; reducing the service charge imposed on  
249           an application for an original or duplicate license  
250           plate, or specified registration stickers or  
251           certificates; amending s. 320.06, F.S.; providing a  
252           cross-reference to changes made by the act; reducing  
253           the fee for treating license plates and validation  
254           stickers with retroreflection material; amending s.  
255           320.072, F.S.; redistributing the additional fee  
256           collected on certain motor vehicle registration  
257           transactions; amending s. 320.08, F.S.; reducing  
258           license taxes for motorcycles and mopeds, automobiles  
259           or tri-vehicles for private use, and trucks; amending  
260           ss. 320.0804 and 320.08046, F.S.; reducing surcharges  
261           imposed on a license tax; reenacting and amending s.  
262           320.0807(4), F.S., relating to special vehicle license  
263           plates for the Governor and federal and state  
264           legislators, to incorporate the amendment made to s.  
265           320.06, F.S., in a reference thereto; providing for  
266           the disposition of certain taxes taxes, fees and  
267           surcharges collected; prohibiting a refund of any  
268           taxes, fees, or surcharges collected before the  
269           effective date of the act; providing an effective  
270           date.