

The Florida Senate
HOUSE MESSAGE SUMMARY

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BILL: HB 7109, Engrossed 2
INTRODUCER: Ways and Means; Rep. Boyd and others
SUBJECT: Taxation
DATE: May 8, 2017

I. Amendments Contained in Message:

House Amendment 1 - 814613 (body with title)
House Amendment 2 – 283173 (body with title)

II. Summary of Amendments Contained in Message:

House Amendment 1

The amendment provides that a tax collector or, in a charter county with an appointed tax collector, the county commission, has the authority to contract with a license plate agent to issue and renew license tag registrations and issue motor vehicle titles. The amendment requires the tax collector either secure a \$250,000 surety bond to cover any specified losses to the DHSMV or secure a \$250,000 insurance policy. The tax collector may charge an additional convenience fee if the tax collector does not reduce such services at any other tax collector branch office. All nonstatutory fees must be separately disclosed to the customer. The license plate agent must pay the DHSMV annually an amount sufficient to defray its share of the costs incurred by the DHSMV directly related to the issuance and renewal of license tag registrations and motor vehicle titles. The agent must supervise its employees and agents and enforce written procedures designed to prevent and detect violations of law, rule, and DHSMV policies and procedures.

House Amendment 2

Redirects certain driver's license fees from the Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund to tax collectors.

The amendment amends ss. 322.12 and 322.21, F.S., respectively, to require, for subsequent driver license initial knowledge and skills tests, that the tax collector retain the \$10 or \$20 fee, less an eight percent General Revenue Service Charge, for administering tests to applicants. The bill also requires the tax collectors to retain a portion of service fees when processing driver license reinstatements. If the reinstatement is processed by the tax collector:

- Of the \$45 fee for suspension reinstatement, \$15 shall be retained by the tax collector, less an eight percent General Revenue Service Charge, and \$15 shall be deposited into the Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund; and
- Of the \$75 fee for revocation or disqualification reinstatement, \$20 shall be retained by the tax collector, less an eight percent General Revenue Service Charge, \$20 shall be

deposited into the Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund, and \$35 shall be deposited into the General Revenue Fund.

The amendment reduces Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund revenues by \$4.6 million.