

1                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to exemptions from toll payment;  
 3           amending s. 338.155, F.S.; exempting a law enforcement  
 4           officer from paying a toll on a toll facility when  
 5           operating a marked or unmarked official vehicle while  
 6           on official law enforcement business; defining the  
 7           term "official law enforcement business"; providing an  
 8           effective date.

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 10 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 12           Section 1. Subsections (1) and (3) of section 338.155,  
 13 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

14           338.155 Payment of toll on toll facilities required;  
 15 exemptions.—

16           (1) (a) A person may not use a a ~~any~~ toll facility without  
 17 payment of tolls, except:

18           1. An employee ~~Employees~~ of the agency operating the toll  
 19 project when using the toll facility on official state  
 20 business. ~~7~~

21           2. State military personnel while on official military  
 22 business. ~~7~~

23           3. A person with a disability ~~Handicapped persons~~ as  
 24 provided in subsection (3). ~~this section~~, ~~7~~

25           4. A person ~~Persons~~ exempt from toll payment by the

26 | authorizing resolution for bonds issued to finance the  
 27 | facility, ~~and~~

28 |       5. A person ~~Persons~~ exempt on a temporary basis where use  
 29 | of such toll facility is required as a detour route.

30 |       6. A Any law enforcement officer operating a marked or  
 31 | unmarked official vehicle while ~~is exempt from toll payment when~~  
 32 | on official law enforcement business. For purposes of this  
 33 | subparagraph, the term "official law enforcement business"  
 34 | includes, but is not limited to, patrol operations,  
 35 | investigative activities, crime prevention operations, and  
 36 | traffic operations.

37 |       7. A Any person operating a fire vehicle while ~~when~~ on  
 38 | official business or a rescue vehicle while ~~when~~ on official  
 39 | business ~~is exempt from toll payment.~~

40 |       8. A Any person participating in the funeral procession of  
 41 | a law enforcement officer or firefighter killed in the line of  
 42 | duty ~~is exempt from toll payment.~~

43 |       (b) The secretary or the secretary's designee may suspend  
 44 | the payment of tolls on a toll facility when necessary to assist  
 45 | in emergency evacuation.

46 |       (c) The failure to pay a prescribed toll constitutes a  
 47 | noncriminal traffic infraction, punishable as a moving violation  
 48 | as provided in s. 318.18. The department may adopt rules  
 49 | relating to the payment, collection, and enforcement of tolls,  
 50 | as authorized in this chapter and chapters 316, 318, 320, and

51 322, including, but not limited to, rules for the implementation  
52 of video or other image billing and variable pricing.

53 (d) With respect to toll facilities managed by the  
54 department, the revenues of which are not pledged to repayment  
55 of bonds, the department may by rule allow the use of such  
56 facilities by public transit vehicles or by vehicles  
57 participating in a funeral procession for an active-duty  
58 military service member without the payment of tolls.

59 (3) A ~~Any handicapped~~ person with a disability who has a  
60 valid driver license, who operates a vehicle specially equipped  
61 for use by persons with disabilities ~~the handicapped~~, and who is  
62 certified by a physician licensed under chapter 458 or chapter  
63 459 or by comparable licensing in another state or by the  
64 Adjudication Office of the United States Department of Veterans  
65 Affairs or its predecessor as being severely physically disabled  
66 and having permanent upper limb mobility or dexterity  
67 impairments which substantially impair the person's ability to  
68 deposit coins in toll baskets, shall be allowed to pass free  
69 through all tollgates and over all toll bridges and ferries in  
70 this state. Such ~~A person who meets the requirements of this~~  
71 ~~subsection~~ shall, upon application, be issued a vehicle window  
72 sticker by the Department of Transportation.

73 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018.