

THE FLORIDA SENATE
2024 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED
Committee on Transportation

CS/CS/SB 736 — Services Provided by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles or Its Agents

by Fiscal Policy Committee; Appropriations Committee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Senator Trumbull

The bill makes changes to various services and programs administered by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV) and its agents. Specifically, the bill:

- Revises a requirement for a rightful heir to transfer ownership of a motor vehicle or mobile home if the previous owner died testate.
- Clarifies that no additional fee can be charged by the DHSMV or a tax collector for the reissuance of a certificate of title that is lost in transit and is not delivered.
- Allows permanent motor vehicle registration decals for rental trucks that weigh under 15,000 pounds.
- Authorizes the DHSMV to issue reduced dimension license plates for trailers.
- Provides that a disabled veteran who qualifies for a free “DV” license plate may choose a military or specialty license plate he or she qualifies for in lieu of the “DV” license plate.
- Adds the following two cases wherein DHSMV may design, issue, and regulate the use of temporary tags:
 - o The existing owner of a vehicle has submitted an application to transfer a valid out-of-state title that is subject to a lien. A temporary tag is issued and valid for 60 days; and
 - o An active-duty military service member who has a valid Florida driver license and provides evidence satisfactory to the department that he or she is deployed outside this state.
- Removes the requirement to provide a written, notarized request for the purchase of a temporary tag.
- Provides that in political subdivisions with a population of 1.9 million or greater (currently Broward and Miami-Dade Counties), upon petition by the agent in charge of a qualifying general lines agency, the tax collector must appoint such agency as an agent for the tax collector for limited purposes of motor vehicle and mobile home registration transactions.

If approved by the Governor, or allowed to become law without the Governor’s signature, these provisions take effect July 1, 2024, except where otherwise provided.

Vote: Senate 35-0; House 113-0