

By Representative Wishner

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to motor vehicles and driver  
3           licensing; amending s. 320.01, F.S.; defining  
4           the term "extended registration period";  
5           amending s. 320.055, F.S.; authorizing an  
6           extended registration period for certain motor  
7           vehicles; amending s. 320.06, F.S.; providing  
8           terms and conditions for the issuance of  
9           extended registrations; amending s. 320.07,  
10          F.S.; providing for expiration of an extended  
11          registration; providing for a refund under  
12          certain circumstances; providing an effective  
13          date.

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

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17           Section 1. Present subsections (20) through (44) of  
18          section 320.01, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as  
19          subsections (21) through (45), respectively, and a new  
20          subsection (20) is added to said section to read:

21                   320.01 Definitions, general.--As used in the Florida  
22          Statutes, except as otherwise provided, the term:

23                   (20) "Extended registration period" means a period of  
24          24 months during which a motor vehicle or mobile home  
25          registration is valid.

26           Section 2. Present subsections (2) through (7) of  
27          section 320.055, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as  
28          subsections (3) through (8), respectively, and a new  
29          subsection (2) is added to said section to read:

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1           320.055 Registration periods; renewal periods.--The  
2 following registration periods and renewal periods are  
3 established:

4           (2) Any motor vehicle that is subject to registration  
5 under s. 320.08(1), (2), or (3) and is owned by a natural  
6 person is eligible for an extended registration period, which  
7 begins the first day of the birth month of the owner and ends  
8 the last day of the month immediately preceding the owner's  
9 birth month 24 months after the beginning of the registration  
10 period. If the vehicle is registered in the name of more than  
11 one person, the birth month of the person whose name first  
12 appears on the registration shall be used to determine the  
13 extended registration period. For a vehicle subject to this  
14 extended registration period, the renewal period is the 30-day  
15 period ending at midnight on the vehicle owner's date of  
16 birth.

17           Section 3. Paragraphs (b) and (c) of subsection (1) of  
18 section 320.06, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

19           320.06 Registration certificates, license plates, and  
20 validation stickers generally.--

21           (1)

22           (b) Registration license plates bearing a graphic  
23 symbol and the alphanumeric system of identification shall be  
24 issued for a 5-year period. At the end of said 5-year period,  
25 upon renewal, the plate shall be replaced. The fee for such  
26 replacement shall be \$10, \$2 of which shall be paid each year  
27 before the plate is replaced, to be credited towards the next  
28 \$10 replacement fee. The fees shall be deposited into the  
29 Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund. A credit or refund shall  
30 not be given for any prior years' payments of such prorated  
31 replacement fee when the plate is replaced or surrendered

1 before the end of the 5-year period. With each license plate,  
2 there shall be issued a validation sticker showing the owner's  
3 birth month or the appropriate renewal period if the owner is  
4 not a natural person. This validation sticker shall be placed  
5 on the upper left corner of the license plate and shall be  
6 issued one time during the life of the license plate, or upon  
7 request when it has been damaged or destroyed. There shall  
8 also be issued with each license plate a serially numbered  
9 validation sticker showing the year of expiration, which  
10 sticker shall be placed on the upper right corner of the  
11 license plate. Such license plate and validation stickers  
12 shall be issued based on the applicant's appropriate renewal  
13 period. The registration period shall be a period of 12  
14 months, and the extended registration period shall be a period  
15 of 24 months,and all expirations shall occur based on the  
16 applicant's appropriate registration or extended registration  
17 period. A vehicle with an apportioned registration shall be  
18 issued an annual license plate and a cab card that denote the  
19 declared gross vehicle weight for each apportioned  
20 jurisdiction in which the vehicle is authorized to operate.

21 (c) Registration license plates equipped with  
22 validation stickers subject to the registration period shall  
23 be valid for not more than 12 months and shall expire at  
24 midnight on the last day of the registration period.  
25 Registration license plates equipped with validation stickers  
26 subject to the extended registration period shall be valid for  
27 not more than 24 months and shall expire at midnight on the  
28 last day of the extended registration period.For each  
29 registration period after the one in which the metal  
30 registration license plate is issued, and until the license  
31 plate is required to be replaced, a validation sticker showing

1 the year of expiration shall be issued upon payment of the  
2 proper license tax amount and fees and shall be valid for not  
3 more than 12 months. For each extended registration period  
4 occurring after the one in which the metal registration  
5 license plate is issued, and until the license plate is  
6 required to be replaced, a validation sticker showing the year  
7 of expiration shall be issued upon payment of the proper  
8 license tax amount and fees and shall be valid for not more  
9 than 24 months.When license plates equipped with validation  
10 stickers are issued in any month other than the owner's birth  
11 month or the designated registration period for any other  
12 motor vehicle, the effective date shall reflect the birth  
13 month or month and the year of renewal. However, when a  
14 license plate or validation sticker is issued for a period of  
15 less than 12 months, the applicant shall pay the appropriate  
16 amount of license tax and the applicable fee under the  
17 provisions of s. 320.14 in addition to all other fees.  
18 Validation stickers issued for vehicles taxed under the  
19 provisions of s. 320.08(6)(a), for any company which owns 250  
20 vehicles or more, or for semitrailers taxed under the  
21 provisions of s. 320.08(5)(a), for any company which owns 50  
22 vehicles or more, may be placed on any vehicle in the fleet so  
23 long as the vehicle receiving the validation sticker has the  
24 same owner's name and address as the vehicle to which the  
25 validation sticker was originally assigned.

26 Section 4. Subsection (1) of section 320.07, Florida  
27 Statutes, is amended, present subsections (3) through (5) are  
28 renumbered as subsections (4) through (6), respectively, and a  
29 new subsection (3) is added to said section, to read:

30 320.07 Expiration of registration; annual renewal  
31 required; penalties.--

1           (1) The registration of a motor vehicle or mobile home  
2 shall expire at midnight on the last day of the registration  
3 or extended registration period. A vehicle shall not be  
4 operated on the roads of this state after expiration of the  
5 renewal period unless the registration has been renewed  
6 according to law.

7           (3) Any person who owns a motor vehicle registered  
8 under s. 320.08(1), (2), or (3) may alternatively renew the  
9 vehicle registration biennially during the applicable renewal  
10 period, upon payment of the cumulative of all applicable  
11 license tax amounts required by s. 320.08, service charges  
12 required by s. 320.04, and any additional fees required by law  
13 for the 24-month extended registration period, provided that  
14 if there are 12 or more months remaining in the 24-month  
15 registration period, the person may apply for and receive a  
16 refund for the remaining period, based on the fees in s.  
17 320.08(1), (2), and (3), if the person does not want the  
18 extended registration.

19           Section 5. This act shall take effect October 1, 2001.

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22           HOUSE SUMMARY

23           Provides for an extended 24-month motor vehicle  
24 registration period for specified classes of motor  
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