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See HB 635

1                               A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to drivers' licenses; creating  
3           s. 322.0515, F.S.; providing for compliance  
4           with federal requirements by certain applicants  
5           for drivers' licenses or identification cards;  
6           directing the Department of Highway Safety and  
7           Motor Vehicles to forward certain information  
8           to the federal Selective Service System with  
9           respect to certain applicants; providing  
10          described notice to applicants; directing the  
11          department to include a described statement on  
12          certain applications for drivers' licenses or  
13          identification cards; providing an effective  
14          date.

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16           WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Legislature through  
17          the adoption of this act to protect state residents from the  
18          penalties associated with the failure to register with the  
19          Selective Service System and to help ensure that any future  
20          draft is fair and equitable to all potential draftees, and

21           WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that the penalties  
22          associated with noncompliance with the Selective Service  
23          System registration requirements are severe, including, but  
24          not limited to, a felony conviction and forfeiture of the  
25          ability to seek employment from certain state agencies and  
26          departments, and

27           WHEREAS, failure to register may permanently preclude  
28          the violator from acquiring many federal benefits, such as  
29          federal employment, including employment with the United  
30          States Postal Service, federal and state financial assistance,  
31          participation in federally funded job training programs, and

1 eligibility for United States citizenship for immigrants  
2 seeking citizenship, and

3 WHEREAS, in recognition of the severe consequences of  
4 noncompliance and the importance of helping to ensure that any  
5 future military draft is fair and equitable, it is the intent  
6 of the Legislature to notify state residents of their  
7 responsibility to register with the Selective Service System  
8 and to provide these citizens with the opportunity to register  
9 concurrent with application for a driver's license or  
10 identification card, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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14 Section 1. Section 322.0515, Florida Statutes, is  
15 created to read:

16 322.0515 Department to forward certain information to  
17 federal Selective Service System; notification to applicant  
18 for certain license; application statement required.--

19 (1) The department shall:

20 (a) Require any male United States citizen or  
21 immigrant who is at least 18 years of age but less than 26  
22 years of age to comply with federal Selective Service System  
23 requirements when applying to receive a driver's license, a  
24 learner's driver's license, a commercial driver's license, an  
25 identification card, or the renewal or duplicate card or  
26 license as described in this chapter.

27 (b) Forward to the federal Selective Service System  
28 information about applicants for a license or card as  
29 described in paragraph (a) in an electronic format to assist  
30 in compliance with federal Selective Service System  
31 requirements.

1       (c) Provide notification to each applicant for a  
2 license or card as described in paragraph (a) that an  
3 applicant's submission of the application serves to certify  
4 that the applicant either has complied with federal Selective  
5 Service System requirements or is authorizing the department  
6 to forward to the Selective Service System the information  
7 necessary for registration.

8       (d) Notify an applicant for a license or card as  
9 described in paragraph (a) who is under 18 years of age that  
10 the applicant will be registered upon attaining 18 years of  
11 age as required by federal law.

12       (2) The department shall provide, by rule, for the  
13 following statement to be included on an application for a  
14 license or card as described in paragraph (1)(a): "By  
15 submitting this application, I am consenting to registration  
16 with the federal Selective Service System, if so required. If  
17 under 18 years of age, I understand that I will be registered  
18 when I attain 18 years of age as required by federal law."

19       Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001.

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22                   HOUSE SUMMARY

23       Directs the Department of Highway Safety and Motor  
24       Vehicles to require any male United States citizen or  
25       immigrant who is at least 18 years of age but less than  
26       26 years of age to comply with federal Selective Service  
27       System requirements when applying for a driver's license  
28       or identification card, to forward to the Selective  
29       Service System information about such applicants in an  
30       electronic format to assist in compliance with federal  
31       Selective Service System requirements, and to provide  
      described notification to such applicants. See bill for  
      details.