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An act relating to the issuance of drivers' licenses; amending s. 322.01, F.S.; defining the term "county tax collector" to mean an authorized agent of the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles; defining the term "exclusive agent county tax collector"; amending ss. 322.03, 322.05, F.S., relating to the issuance of drivers' licenses; authorizing the county tax collector to issue drivers' licenses; prohibiting the county tax collector from issuing licenses to certain persons; amending s. 322.051, F.S.; authorizing the county tax collector to issue identification cards; providing for the tax collector to retain the fee; amending s. 322.059, F.S.; providing for a driver's license to be surrendered to the county tax collector; amending ss. 322.07, 322.09, F.S.; authorizing the county tax collector to issue instruction permits and temporary licenses; amending s. 322.091, F.S., relating to requirements for school attendance; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 322.12, F.S.; authorizing the county tax collector to perform driver's license examinations; providing for the tax collector to retain a portion of the fee; amending s. 322.135, F.S.; providing for certain counties to retain fees related to driver's license functions; providing a fiscal limitation; amending ss.

1 322.121, 322.13, 322.14, F.S., relating to 2 reexaminations and examiners; conforming 3 provisions to changes made by the act; amending 4 ss. 322.141, 322.142, 322.161, 322.1615, F.S., 5 relating to the color and types of licenses; 6 conforming provisions to changes made by the 7 act; amending s. 322.17, F.S.; authorizing the county tax collector to issue duplicate and 8 9 replacement licenses and change-of-address stickers; revising distribution of the fee; 10 providing for the tax collector to retain a 11 12 portion of the fee; amending s. 322.18, F.S., relating to license applications and expiration 13 14 of licenses; conforming provisions to changes 15 made by the act; amending s. 322.20, F.S.; requiring the county tax collector to maintain 16 17 certain records; amending s. 322.21, F.S.; 18 requiring that the county tax collector provide 19 personnel to perform the duties specified under the act; providing for the county tax collector 20 21 to retain a portion of certain fees; amending s. 322.221, F.S.; authorizing the county tax 22 23 collector to require reexamination of a licensed driver; amending s. 322.251, F.S.; 24 providing for a cancelled, suspended, or 25 26 revoked driver's license to be surrendered to 27 the county tax collector; amending s. 322.282, 28 F.S.; providing for the county tax collector to 29 issue a temporary driver's permit under certain circumstances; amending s. 322.32, F.S., 30 relating to penalties imposed for failure to 31

1 surrender a driver's license; conforming 2 provisions to changes made by the act; requiring the Auditor General to conduct a 3 4 review of certain aspects of certain tax 5 collectors operating the driver's license 6 program; providing effective dates. 7 8 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 9 Section 1. Present subsections (11) through (17) of 10 section 322.01, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as 11 12 subsections (12) through (18), respectively, and new subsections (11) and (19) are added to that section, and 13 14 present subsections (18) through (42) of that section are 15 redesignated as subsections (20) through (44), respectively, 16 to read: 17 322.01 Definitions.--As used in this chapter: 18 (11) "County tax collector" means the county tax 19 collectors of this state performing as: 20 (a) Authorized by contract; or 21 (b) Exclusive agents of the department. 22 (19) "Exclusive agent county tax collectors" means the 23 county tax collectors for Bradford, Escambia, Hillsborough, Manatee, Pinellas, Saint Johns, and Taylor counties. 24 25 Section 2. Subsection (2) and paragraph (a) of 26 subsection (3) of section 322.03, Florida Statutes, are 27 amended to read: 322.03 Drivers must be licensed; penalties.--28 29 (2) Prior to issuing a driver's license, the 30 department or an authorized or exclusive agent county tax

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collector shall require any person who has been convicted two

or more times of a violation of s. 316.193 or of a substantially similar alcohol-related or drug-related offense outside this state within the preceding 5 years, or who has been convicted of three or more such offenses within the preceding 10 years, to present proof of successful completion of or enrollment in a department-approved substance abuse education course. If the person fails to complete such education course within 90 days after issuance, the department shall cancel the license. Further, prior to issuing the driver's license the department or county tax collector shall require such person to present proof of financial responsibility as provided in s. 324.031. For the purposes of this paragraph, a previous conviction for violation of former s. 316.028, former s. 316.1931, or former s. 860.01 shall be considered a previous conviction for violation of s. 316.193.

(3)(a) The department or an authorized or exclusive agent county tax collector may not issue a commercial driver's license to any person who is not a resident of this state.

Section 3. Section 322.05, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

322.05 Persons not to be licensed.--The department or an authorized or exclusive agent county tax collector may not issue a license:

(1) To a person who is under the age of 16 years, except that the department or an authorized or exclusive agent county tax collector may issue a learner's driver's license to a person who is at least 15 years of age and who meets the requirements of ss. 322.091 and 322.1615 and of any other applicable law or rule.

(2) To a person who is at least 16 years of age but is under 18 years of age unless the person meets the requirements of s. 322.091 and holds a valid:

- (a) Learner's driver's license for at least 12 months,with no traffic convictions, before applying for a license;
- (b) Learner's driver's license for at least 12 months and who has a traffic conviction but elects to attend a traffic driving school for which adjudication must be withheld pursuant to s. 318.14; or
- (c) License that was issued in another state or in a foreign jurisdiction and that would not be subject to suspension or revocation under the laws of this state.
- (3) To a person who is at least 16 years of age but who is under 18 years of age, unless the parent, guardian, or other responsible adult meeting the requirements of s. 322.09 certifies that he or she, or another licensed driver 21 years of age or older, has accompanied the applicant for a total of not less than 50 hours' behind-the-wheel experience, of which not less than 10 hours must be at night. This subsection is not intended to create a private cause of action as a result of the certification. The certification is inadmissible for any purpose in any civil proceeding.
- (4) Except as provided by this subsection, to any person, as a Class A licensee, Class B licensee, Class C licensee, or Class D licensee, who is under the age of 18 years. A person age 16 or 17 years who applies for a Class D driver's license is subject to all the requirements and provisions of paragraphs (2)(a) and (b) and ss. 322.09 and 322.16(2) and (3). The department may require of any such applicant for a Class D driver's license such examination of the qualifications of the applicant as the department

considers proper, and the department may limit the use of any license granted as it considers proper.

- (5) To any person whose license has been suspended, during such suspension, nor to any person whose license has been revoked, until the expiration of the period of revocation imposed under the provisions of this chapter.
- (6) To any person, as a commercial motor vehicle operator, whose privilege to operate a commercial motor vehicle has been disqualified, until the expiration of the period of disqualification.
- (7) To any person who is an habitual drunkard, or is an habitual user of narcotic drugs, or is an habitual user of any other drug to a degree which renders him or her incapable of safely driving a motor vehicle.
- (8) To any person who has been adjudged to be afflicted with or suffering from any mental disability or disease and who has not at the time of application been restored to competency by the methods provided by law.
- (9) To any person who is required by this chapter to take an examination, unless such person shall have successfully passed such examination.
- (10) To any person, when the department has good cause to believe that the operation of a motor vehicle on the highways by such person would be detrimental to public safety or welfare. Deafness alone shall not prevent the person afflicted from being issued a Class D or Class E driver's license.

- (1) Any person who is 12 years of age or older, or any person who has a disability, regardless of age, who applies for a disabled parking permit under s. 320.0848, may be issued an identification card by the department or an authorized or exclusive agent county tax collector upon completion of an application and payment of an application fee.
- (a) Each such application shall include the following information regarding the applicant:
- Full name (first, middle or maiden, and last), gender, social security card number, residence and mailing address, and a brief description.
 - 2. Proof of birth date satisfactory to the department.
- 3. Proof of identity satisfactory to the department. Such proof must include one of the following unless a driver's license record or identification card record has already been established: a certified copy of a United States birth certificate, a valid United States passport, an alien registration receipt card (green card), an employment authorization card issued by the United States Department of Justice, or proof of nonimmigrant classification provided by the United States Department of Justice, for an original identification card.
- (b) An application for an identification card must be signed and verified by the applicant in a format designated by the department before a person authorized to administer oaths. The fee for an identification card is \$3, including payment for the color photograph or digital image of the applicant. An exclusive agent county tax collector shall retain the \$3 as reimbursement for the cost of providing the identification card.

(2) Every identification card shall expire, unless canceled earlier, on the fourth birthday of the applicant following the date of original issue. However, if an individual is 60 years of age or older, and has an identification card issued under this section, the card shall not expire unless done so by cancellation by the department or by the death of the cardholder. Renewal of any identification card shall be made for a term which shall expire on the fourth birthday of the applicant following expiration of the identification card renewed, unless surrendered earlier. Any application for renewal received later than 90 days after expiration of the identification card shall be considered the same as an application for an original identification card. The renewal fee for an identification card shall be \$3. An exclusive agent county tax collector shall retain the \$3 as reimbursement for the cost of providing the identification card. The department shall, at the end of 4 years and 6 months after the issuance or renewal of an identification card, destroy any record of the card if it has expired and has not been renewed, unless the cardholder is 60 years of age or older.

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(3) In the event an identification card issued under this section is lost, destroyed, or mutilated or a new name is acquired, the person to whom it was issued may obtain a duplicate upon furnishing satisfactory proof of such fact to the department or an authorized or exclusive county tax collector and upon payment of a fee of \$2.50 for such duplicate, which shall include payment for the color photograph or digital image of the applicant. The department or an exclusive agent tax collector shall retain the \$2.50 as reimbursement for the cost of providing the duplicate card.

Any person who loses an identification card and who, after obtaining a duplicate, finds the original card shall immediately surrender the original card to the department or an authorized or exclusive agent county tax collector. The same documentary evidence shall be furnished for a duplicate as for an original identification card.

(4) When used with reference to identification cards, "cancellation" means that an identification card is terminated without prejudice and must be surrendered. Cancellation of the card may be made when a card has been issued through error or when voluntarily surrendered to the department or an authorized or exclusive agent county tax collector.

Section 5. Section 322.059, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

322.059 Mandatory surrender of suspended driver's license and registration.—Any person whose driver's license or registration has been suspended as provided in s. 322.058 must immediately return his or her driver's license and registration to the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles or an authorized or exclusive agent county tax collector. If such person fails to return his or her driver's license or registration, any law enforcement agent may seize the license or registration while the driver's license or registration is suspended.

Section 6. Section 322.07, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

322.07 Instruction permits and temporary licenses.--

(1) Any person who is at least 18 years of age and who, except for his or her lack of instruction in operating a motor vehicle, would otherwise be qualified to obtain a Class E driver's license under this chapter, may apply for a

or exclusive agent county tax collector shall issue such a permit entitling the applicant, while having the permit in his or her immediate possession, to drive a motor vehicle of the type for which a Class E driver's license is required upon the highways for a period of 90 days, but, except when operating a motorcycle or moped as defined in s. 316.003, the person must be accompanied by a licensed driver who is 21 years of age or older, who is licensed to operate the class of vehicle being operated, and who is actually occupying the closest seat to the right of the driver.

- county tax collector may, in its discretion, issue a temporary permit to an applicant for a Class D or Class E driver's license permitting him or her to operate a motor vehicle of the type for which a Class D or Class E driver's license is required while the department is completing its investigation and determination of all facts relative to such applicant's right to receive a driver's license. Such permit must be in his or her immediate possession while operating a motor vehicle, and it shall be invalid when the applicant's license has been issued or for good cause has been refused.
- (3) Any person who, except for his or her lack of instruction in operating a Class D or commercial motor vehicle, would otherwise be qualified to obtain a Class D or commercial driver's license under this chapter, may apply for a temporary Class D or temporary commercial instruction permit. The department or an authorized or exclusive agent county tax collector shall issue such a permit entitling the applicant, while having the permit in his or her immediate

possession, to drive a Class D or commercial motor vehicle on the highways, provided that:

- (a) The applicant possesses a valid driver's license issued in any state; and
- (b) The applicant, while operating a Class D or commercial motor vehicle, is accompanied by a licensed driver who is 21 years of age or older, who is licensed to operate the class of vehicle being operated, and who is actually occupying the closest seat to the right of the driver.

Section 7. Subsection (3) of section 322.09, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

- 322.09 Application of minors.--
- (3) The department or an authorized or exclusive agent county tax collector may not issue a driver's license or learner's driver's license to any applicant under the age of 18 years who is not in compliance with the requirements of s. 322.091.

Section 8. Subsection (1), paragraph (e) of subsection (2), and subsection (4) of section 322.091, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

322.091 Attendance requirements.--

- (1) ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR DRIVING PRIVILEGES. -- A minor is not eligible for driving privileges unless that minor:
- (a) Is enrolled in a public school, nonpublic school, or home education program and satisfies relevant attendance requirements;
- (b) Has received a high school diploma, a high school equivalency diploma, a special diploma, or a certificate of high school completion;

- (c) Is enrolled in a study course in preparation for the Test of General Educational Development and satisfies relevant attendance requirements;
- (d) Is enrolled in other educational activities approved by the district school board and satisfies relevant attendance requirements;
- (e) Has been issued a certificate of exemption according to s. 232.06; or
 - (f) Has received a hardship waiver under this section.
- The department or an authorized or exclusive agent county tax collector may not issue a driver's license or learner's driver's license to, or the department shall suspend the driver's license or learner's driver's license of, any minor concerning whom the department receives notification of noncompliance with the requirements of this section.
- (2) NOTIFICATION OF INTENT TO SUSPEND; SUSPENSION; RECORD OF NONCOMPLIANCE.--
- (e) The department or an authorized or exclusive agent county tax collector may not issue a driver's license or learner's driver's license to any minor for whom it has a record of noncompliance with the requirements of subsection (1) unless the minor submits verification of compliance pursuant to subsection (4).
- (4) VERIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE AND REINSTATEMENT.--A district school board shall provide a minor with written verification that he or she is in compliance with the requirements of subsection (1) if the district determines that he or she has been in compliance for 30 days prior to the request for verification of compliance. Upon receiving written verification that the minor is again in compliance

with the requirements of subsection (1), the department <u>or an authorized or exclusive county tax collector</u> shall reinstate the minor's driving privilege. Thereafter, if the school district determines that the minor is not in compliance with the requirements of subsection (1), the department shall suspend the minor's driving privilege until the minor is 18 years of age or otherwise satisfies the requirements of subsection (1), whichever occurs first.

Section 9. Section 322.12, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

322.12 Examination of applicants.--

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- (1) It is the intent of the Legislature that every applicant for an original driver's license in this state be required to pass an examination pursuant to this section. However, the department or an authorized or exclusive agent county tax collector may waive the knowledge, endorsement, and skills tests for an applicant who is otherwise qualified and who surrenders a valid driver's license from another state or a province of Canada, or a valid driver's license issued by the United States Armed Forces, if the driver applies for a Florida license of an equal or lesser classification. A person who seeks to retain a hazardous-materials endorsement, pursuant to s. 322.57(1)(d), must pass the hazardous-materials test, upon surrendering his or her commercial driver's license, if the person has not taken and passed the hazardous-materials test within 2 years preceding his or her application for a commercial driver's license in this state.
- (2) The department or an authorized or exclusive agent county tax collector shall examine every applicant for a driver's license, including an applicant who is licensed in another state or country, except as otherwise provided in this

chapter. A person who holds a learner's driver's license as provided for in s. 322.1615 is not required to pay a fee for successfully completing the examination showing his or her ability to operate a motor vehicle as provided for herein and need not pay the fee for a replacement license as provided in s. 322.17(2). Any person who applies for reinstatement following the suspension or revocation of his or her driver's license shall pay a service fee of \$25 following a suspension, and \$50 following a revocation, which is in addition to the fee for a license. Any person who applies for reinstatement of a commercial driver's license following the disqualification 12 of his or her privilege to operate a commercial motor vehicle shall pay a service fee of \$50, which is in addition to the 14 fee for a license. The department or an authorized or exclusive agent county tax collector shall collect all of 16 these fees at the time of reinstatement, of which \$11 shall be retained as a service fee if the reinstated license is provided by an exclusive agent county tax collector. The 18 department or an authorized or exclusive agent county tax collector shall issue proper receipts for such fees and shall 21 promptly transmit all funds received by it as follows: 22 (a) Of the \$25 fee received from a licensee for 23 reinstatement following a suspension, if issued by the department, shall deposit \$15 shall be deposited in the 24 General Revenue Fund and the remaining \$10 shall be deposited 25 26 in the Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund. If an exclusive agent county tax collector reinstates the license, the tax collector shall forward \$4 for deposit into General Revenue, 29 \$10 for deposit into the Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund

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and shall retain \$11 as a service fee.

(b) Of the \$50 fee received from a licensee for reinstatement following a revocation or disqualification, if issued by the department, shall deposit \$35 shall be deposited in the General Revenue Fund and the remaining \$15 shall be deposited in the Highway Safety Opeating Trust Fund. If an exclusive agent county tax collector reinstates the license, the tax collector shall forward \$24 for deposit into the General Revenue Fund, \$15 into the Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund and shall retain \$11 as a service fee.

If the revocation or suspension of the driver's license was for a violation of s. 316.193, or for refusal to submit to a lawful breath, blood, or urine test, an additional fee of \$105 must be charged. However, only one such \$105 fee is to be collected from one person convicted of such violations arising out of the same incident. The department or an authorized or exclusive agent county tax collector shall collect the \$105 fee and deposit it into the Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund at the time of reinstatement of the person's driver's license, but the fee must not be collected if the suspension or revocation was overturned.

driver's license, such examination shall include a test of the applicant's eyesight given by the driver's license examiner designated by the department or an authorized or exclusive agent county tax collector or by a licensed ophthalmologist, optometrist, or physician and a test of the applicant's hearing given by a driver's license examiner or a licensed physician. The examination shall also include a test of the applicant's ability to read and understand highway signs regulating, warning, and directing traffic; his or her

knowledge of the traffic laws of this state, including laws regulating driving under the influence of alcohol or controlled substances, driving with an unlawful blood-alcohol level, and driving while intoxicated; and his or her knowledge of the effects of alcohol and controlled substances upon persons and the dangers of driving a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or controlled substances and shall include an actual demonstration of ability to exercise ordinary and reasonable control in the operation of a motor vehicle.

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(4) The examination for an applicant for a commercial driver's license shall include a test of the applicant's eyesight given by a driver's license examiner designated by the department or an authorized or exclusive agent county tax collector or by a licensed ophthalmologist, optometrist, or physician and a test of the applicant's hearing given by a driver's license examiner or a licensed physician. examination shall also include a test of the applicant's ability to read and understand highway signs regulating, warning, and directing traffic; his or her knowledge of the traffic laws of this state pertaining to the class of motor vehicle which he or she is applying to be licensed to operate, including laws regulating driving under the influence of alcohol or controlled substances, driving with an unlawful blood-alcohol level, and driving while intoxicated; his or her knowledge of the effects of alcohol and controlled substances and the dangers of driving a motor vehicle after having consumed alcohol or controlled substances; and his or her knowledge of any special skills, requirements, or precautions necessary for the safe operation of the class of vehicle which he or she is applying to be licensed to operate.

the examination shall include an actual demonstration of the applicant's ability to exercise ordinary and reasonable control in the safe operation of a motor vehicle or combination of vehicles of the type covered by the license classification which the applicant is seeking, including an examination of the applicant's ability to perform an inspection of his or her vehicle.

- (a) The portion of the examination which tests an applicant's safe driving ability shall be administered by the department or by an entity authorized by the department to administer such examination, pursuant to s. 322.56. Such examination shall be administered at a location approved by the department.
- (b) A person who seeks to retain a hazardous-materials endorsement must, upon renewal, pass the test for such endorsement as specified in s. 322.57(1)(d), if the person has not taken and passed the hazardous-materials test within 2 years preceding his or her application for a commercial driver's license in this state.
- examination for applicants for licenses to operate motorcycles. Any applicant for a driver's license who wishes to operate a motorcycle, and who is otherwise qualified, must successfully complete such an examination, which is in addition to the examination administered under subsection (3). The examination must test the applicant's knowledge of the operation of a motorcycle and of any traffic laws specifically relating thereto and must include an actual demonstration of his or her ability to exercise ordinary and reasonable control in the operation of a motorcycle. In the formulation of the examination, the department shall consider the use of the

Motorcycle Operator Skills Test and the Motorcycle in Traffic Test offered by the Motorcycle Safety Foundation. The department or an authorized or exclusive agent county tax collector shall indicate on the license of any person who successfully completes the examination that the licensee is authorized to operate a motorcycle. If the applicant wishes to be licensed to operate a motorcycle only, he or she need not take the skill or road test required under subsection (3) for the operation of a motor vehicle, and the department or an authorized or exclusive agent county tax collector shall indicate such a limitation on his or her license as a restriction. Every first-time applicant for licensure to operate a motorcycle who is under 21 years of age must provide proof of completion of a motorcycle safety course, as provided for in s. 322.0255, before the applicant may be licensed to operate a motorcycle.

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(b) The department or an authorized or exclusive agent county tax collector may exempt any applicant from the examination provided in this subsection if the applicant presents a certificate showing successful completion of a course approved by the department, which course includes a similar examination of the knowledge and skill of the applicant in the operation of a motorcycle.

Section 10. Subsection (3) of section 322.121, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

322.121 Periodic reexamination of all drivers.--

(3) For each licensee whose driving record does not show any revocations, disqualifications, or suspensions for the preceding 7 years or any convictions for the preceding 3 years except for convictions of the following nonmoving violations:

(a) Failure to exhibit a vehicle registrationcertificate, rental agreement, or cab card pursuant to s.320.0605;

- (b) Failure to renew a motor vehicle or mobile home registration that has been expired for 4 months or less pursuant to s. 320.07(3)(a);
- (c) Operating a motor vehicle with an expired license that has been expired for 4 months or less pursuant to s. 322.065;
- (d) Failure to carry or exhibit a license pursuant to s. 322.15(1); or
- (e) Failure to notify the department <u>or an authorized</u> or exclusive agent county tax collector of a change of address or name within 10 days pursuant to s. 322.19,

the department <u>or an authorized or exclusive agent county tax</u> <u>collector</u> shall cause such licensee's license to be prominently marked with the notation "Safe Driver."

Section 11. Section 322.13, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

- 322.13 Driver's license examiners.--
- agent county tax collector shall designate employees or other persons to serve as driver's license examiners who, upon accepting such designation, shall conduct examinations hereunder, perform other assigned duties, and make factual reports of findings and recommendations to the department or county tax collector as it may require. In the course of his or her duties, an examiner may is authorized to administer oaths or have persons affirm as to the truth of statements filed before him or her.

(b) Those persons serving as driver's license examiners are not liable for actions taken within the scope of their employment or designation, except as provided by s. 768.28.

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(2) The department or an authorized or exclusive agent county tax collector shall further designate employees or other persons to serve as driver's license examiners to enforce all driver's license laws; suspension, revocation, and cancellation orders; and laws relating to the registration of motor vehicles entered in compliance with the provisions of this chapter and chapters 320, 324, and 488. Upon designation, certain examiners shall be empowered to issue uniform traffic citations to persons found in violation of such chapters. Any person who fails or refuses to surrender his or her driver's license, registration certificate, and license plate upon lawful demand of an examiner is guilty of a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083. Persons designated as examiners by the department or county tax collector shall not be considered for membership in the state high-risk retirement program.

Section 12. Paragraph (6) of section 322.135, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

322.135 Driver's license agents.--

(6) Administration of driver license services by a county tax collector as the exclusive agent of the department must be revenue neutral with no adverse state fiscal impact and with no adverse unfunded mandate to the tax collector. Fees retained by the tax collectors as exclusive agents, except in Bradford County, St. Johns County, and Taylor County where the department has no driver license facilities, shall not exceed costs incurred by the department in providing

driver license issuance services in that county calculated on 2 the basis of actual cost incurred in that county in fiscal 3 year 2000-2001 adjusted by the lesser of the consumer price 4 index or 3% per fiscal year. There shall be no revenue 5 reduction to the Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund. Toward 6 this end, The Cost Determination and Allocation Task Force is 7 created, to be established by July 1, 2001. The task force 8 shall be composed of two representatives appointed by the 9 executive director of the department, two tax collectors appointed by the president of the Florida Tax Collectors, 10 Inc., one from a small-population county and one from a 11 12 large-population county; one person appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; one person appointed by the 13 14 President of the Senate; and the Governor's appointee. If requested by the task force, the Auditor General must provide 15 technical assistance. The purpose of the task force is to 16 17 recommend the allocation of cost between the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles and tax collectors to 18 19 administer driver license services authorized in this chapter. These recommendations must be submitted in a written report by 20 January 1, 2002. The task force shall dissolve on January 1, 21 2002. The written report shall be presented to the President 22 23 of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Executive Office of the Governor, and shall contain 24 25 findings and determinations and related allocation 26 recommendations dealing with costs, both construction and 27 operating costs, of both the department and the applicable tax collectors, appropriate allocations of costs between the 28 29 department and the tax collectors, and fee recommendations to assure that the fees paid for these driver license services do 30 31

not result in a loss of revenue to the state in excess of costs incurred by the state.

Section 13. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 322.14, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

322.14 Licenses issued to drivers.--

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(1)(a) The department or an authorized or exclusive agent county tax collector shall, upon successful completion of all required examinations and payment of the required fee, issue to every applicant qualifying therefor, a driver's license as applied for, which license shall bear thereon a color photograph or digital image of the licensee; the name of the state; a distinguishing number assigned to the licensee; and the licensee's full name, date of birth, and mailing address; a brief description of the licensee, including, but not limited to, the licensee's gender and height; and the dates of issuance and expiration of the license. A space shall be provided upon which the licensee shall affix his or her usual signature. No license shall be valid until it has been so signed by the licensee except that the signature of said licensee shall not be required if it appears thereon in facsimile or if the licensee is not present within the state at the time of issuance. Applicants qualifying to receive a Class A, Class B, or Class C driver's license must appear in person within the state for issuance of a color photographic or digital imaged driver's license pursuant to s. 322.142.

Section 14. Section 322.141, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

322.141 Color of licenses.--

(1) All licenses originally issued or reissued by the department or an authorized or exclusive agent county tax collector to persons under the age of 21 years for the

operation of motor vehicles shall have markings or color which shall be obviously separate and distinct from all other licenses issued by the department or county tax collector for the operation of motor vehicles.

- (2)(a) All licenses for the operation of motor vehicles originally issued or reissued by the department or an authorized or exclusive agent county tax collector to persons who have insulin-dependent diabetes may, at the request of the applicant, have distinctive markings separate and distinct from all other licenses issued by the department or county tax collector.
- (b) At the time of application for original license or reissue, the department or an authorized or exclusive agent county tax collector shall require such proof as it deems appropriate that a person has insulin-dependent diabetes.

Section 15. Subsections (1) and (2) of section 322.142, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

322.142 Color photographic or digital imaged licenses.--

- (1) The department or an authorized or exclusive agent county tax collector shall, upon receipt of the required fee, issue to each qualified applicant for an original driver's license a color photographic or digital imaged driver's license bearing a fullface photograph or digital image of the licensee. A space shall be provided upon which the licensee shall affix his or her usual signature, as required in s. 322.14, in the presence of an authorized agent of the department or county tax collector so as to ensure that such signature becomes a part of the license.
- (2) The department or an authorized or exclusive agent county tax collector shall, upon receipt of the required fee,

issue to each qualified licensee applying for a renewal license in accordance with s. 322.18 a color photographic or digital imaged license as provided for in subsection (1).

Section 16. Paragraphs (b) and (c) of subsection (1) of section 322.161, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

322.161 High-risk drivers; restricted licenses.--

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- (b) Upon determination that any person has accumulated six or more points, the department shall notify the licensee and issue the licensee a restricted license for business purposes only. The licensee must appear before the department or an authorized or exclusive agent county tax collector within 10 days after notification to have this restriction applied. The period of restriction shall be for a period of no less than 1 year beginning on the date it is applied by the department or county tax collector.
- (c) The restriction shall be automatically withdrawn by the department after 1 year if the licensee does not accumulate any additional points. If the licensee accumulates any additional points, then the period of restriction shall be extended 90 days for each point. The restriction shall also be automatically withdrawn upon the licensee's 18th birthday if no other grounds for restriction exist. The licensee must appear before the department or an authorized or exclusive agent county tax collector to have the restriction removed and a duplicate license issued.

Section 17. Subsection (1) of section 322.1615, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

322.1615 Learner's driver's license.--

(1) The department or an authorized or exclusive agent county tax collector may issue a learner's driver's license to a person who is at least 15 years of age and who:

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- (a) Has passed the written examination for a learner's driver's license;
- (b) Has passed the vision and hearing examination administered under s. 322.12;
- (c) Has completed the traffic law and substance abuse education course prescribed in s. 322.095; and
- (d) Meets all other requirements set forth in law and by rule of the department.

Section 18. Section 322.17, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

322.17 Duplicate and replacement certificates.--

(1)(a) In the event that an instruction permit or driver's license issued under the provisions of this chapter is lost or destroyed, the person to whom the same was issued may, upon payment of \$10, obtain a duplicate, or substitute thereof, upon furnishing proof satisfactory to the department or an authorized or exclusive agent county tax collector that such permit or license has been lost or destroyed, and further furnishing the full name, date of birth, sex, residence and mailing address, proof of birth satisfactory to the department or county tax collector, and proof of identity satisfactory to the department. Nine Five dollars of the fee levied in this paragraph shall go to the Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund when the duplicate or substitute is issued by of the department and, if the permit or license is reissued by an exclusive agent county tax collector, the tax collector shall retain \$5 as a service fee, and \$5 shall go to the Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund.

driver's license issued under the provisions of this chapter is stolen, the person to whom the same was issued may, at no charge, obtain a duplicate, or substitute thereof, upon furnishing proof satisfactory to the department or an authorized or exclusive agent county tax collector that such permit or license was stolen and further furnishing the full name, date of birth, sex, residence and mailing address, proof of birth satisfactory to the department, and proof of identity satisfactory to the department or county tax collector.

- (2) Upon the surrender of the original license and the payment of a \$10 replacement fee, the department or an authorized or exclusive agent county tax collector shall issue a replacement license to make a change in name, address, or restrictions. If the department replaces the license, \$9 of the fee shall be deposited into the Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund and \$1 shall be deposited into the General Revenue Trust Fund. If an exclusive agent county tax collector replaces the license, the tax collector shall foward \$9 to the Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund and shall retain \$1 as reimbursement for the cost of replacing the license.
- (3) Upon written request by the licensee and notification of a change in address, and the payment of a \$10 fee, the department shall issue an address sticker that shall be affixed to the back of the license by the licensee. Nine dollars of the fee levied in this subsection shall go to the Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund of the department.
- Section 19. Subsections (1), (4), (5), (6), (7), and (8) of section 322.18, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

 322.18 Original applications, licenses, and renewals; expiration of licenses; delinquent licenses.--

(1)(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b), the department or an authorized or exclusive agent county tax collector may issue an original driver's license only after the applicant successfully passes the required examinations and presents the application to the department or county tax collector.

- (b) The department or an authorized or exclusive agent county tax collector may waive the driver's license examination requirement if the applicant is otherwise qualified and surrenders a valid license issued by another state, a province of Canada, or the United States Armed Forces which is of an equal or lesser classification as provided in s. 322.12.
- (4) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, all licenses shall be renewable every 4 years or 6 years, depending upon the terms of issuance and shall be issued or extended upon application, payment of the fees required by s. 322.21, and successful passage of any required examination, unless the department or an authorized or exclusive agent county tax collector has reason to believe that the licensee is no longer qualified to receive a license.
- (5) All renewal driver's licenses may be issued after the applicant licensee has been determined to be eligible by the department or an authorized or exclusive agent county tax collector.
- (6) If the licensee does not receive a renewal notice, the licensee or applicant may apply to the department or an authorized or exclusive agent county tax collector, under oath, at any driver's license examining office. Such application shall be on a form prepared and furnished by the department. The department shall make such forms available to

the various <u>authorized</u> examining offices throughout the state. Upon receipt of such application, the department <u>or county tax</u> <u>collector</u> shall issue a license or temporary permit to the applicant or shall advise the applicant that no license or temporary permit will be issued and advise the applicant of the reason for his or her ineligibility.

- (7) An expired Florida driver's license may be renewed any time within 12 months after the expiration date, with reexamination, if required, upon payment of the required delinquent fee or taking and passing the written examination. If the final date upon which a license may be renewed under this section falls upon a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, the renewal period shall be extended to midnight of the next regular working day. The department or an authorized or exclusive agent county tax collector may refuse to issue any license if:
- (a) It has reason to believe the licensee is no longer qualified to receive a license.
- (b) Its records reflect that the applicant's driving privilege is under suspension or revocation.
- (8) The department shall issue 4-year and 6-year license extensions by mail, electronic, or telephonic means without reexamination.
- (a) If the department determines from its records that the holder of a license about to expire is eligible for renewal, the department shall mail a renewal notice to the licensee at his or her last known address, not less than 30 days prior to the licensee's birthday. The renewal notice shall direct the licensee to appear at an authorized $\frac{1}{2}$ driver license office for in-person renewal or to transmit the completed renewal notice and the fees required by s. 322.21 to

the department by mail, electronically, or telephonically within the 30 days preceding the licensee's birthday for a license extension. License extensions shall not be available to drivers directed to appear for in-person renewal.

- (b) Upon receipt of a properly completed renewal notice, payment of the required fees, and upon determining that the licensee is still eligible for renewal, the department shall send a license extension sticker to the licensee to affix to the expiring license as evidence that the license term has been extended.
- (c) The department shall issue license extensions for two consecutive license expirations only. Upon expiration of two consecutive license extension periods, in-person renewal with reexamination as provided in s. 322.121 shall be required. A person who is out of this state when his or her license expires may be issued a 90-day temporary driving permit without reexamination. At the end of the 90-day period, the person must either return to this state or apply for a license where the person is located, except for a member of the Armed Forces as provided in s. 322.121(6).
- (d) In-person renewal at <u>an authorized</u> $\frac{1}{2}$ driver license office shall not be available to drivers whose records indicate they were directed to apply for a license extension.
- (e) Any person who knowingly possesses any forged, stolen, fictitious, counterfeit, or unlawfully issued license extension sticker, unless possession by such person has been duly authorized by the department, commits a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

(f) The department shall develop a plan for the equitable distribution of license extensions and renewals and the orderly implementation of this section.

Section 20. Subsections (1), (3), (4), (11), (12), (13), and (14) of section 322.20, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

322.20 Records of the department; fees; destruction of records.--

- application for license received by it or an authorized or exclusive agent county tax collector. The possession of such an application form, whether filled out or in blank, or of a counterfeit thereof, not authorized by the department or its personnel constitutes a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.
- or make suitable notations, in order that the individual driver history record of each licensee is readily available for the consideration of the department or an authorized or exclusive agent county tax collector upon application for renewal of a license and at other suitable times. The release by the department of the driver history record, with respect to crashes involving a licensee, shall not include any notation or record of the occurrence of a motor vehicle crash unless the licensee received a traffic citation as a direct result of the crash, and to this extent such notation or record is exempt from the provisions of s. 119.07(1).
- (4) It is unlawful for any person to falsify, alter, erase, remove, or destroy, or cause to be altered, erased, removed, or destroyed, any record maintained by the department or an authorized or exclusive agent county tax collector

1	unless the alteration, erasure, removal, or destruction has
2	been duly authorized.
3	(11)(a) The department or an authorized or exclusive
4	agent county tax collector may is authorized to charge the
5	following fees for the following services and documents:
6	1. For providing a transcript of any one individual's
7	driver history record or any portion thereof for the past 3
8	years or for searching for such record when no record is found
9	to be on file\$2.10
LO	2. For providing a transcript of any one individual's
L1	driver history record or any portion thereof for the past 7
L2	years or for searching for such record when no record is found
L3	to be on file\$3.10
L4	3. For providing a certified copy of a transcript of
L5	the driver history record or any portion thereof for any one
L6	individual\$3.10
L7	4. For providing a certified photographic copy of a
L8	document, per page\$1.00
L9	5. For providing an exemplified record\$15.00
20	6. For providing photocopies of documents, papers,
21	letters, clearances, or license or insurance status reports,
22	per page\$0.50
23	7. For assisting persons in searching any one
24	individual's driver record at a terminal located at the
25	department's general headquarters in Tallahassee\$2.00
26	(b) The department shall furnish such information
27	without charge to any local, state, or federal law enforcement
28	agency or court upon proof satisfactory to the department as
29	to the purpose of the investigation.
30	(12) If the service is provided by the department, the
31	fees collected under this section shall be placed in the
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Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund. <u>If the service is</u> provided by an exclusive agent county tax collector, the fees collected under this section shall be retained by the tax collector as reimbursement for providing the service as agent of the department.

- agent county tax collector may is authorized in accordance with chapter 257, to destroy reports, records, documents, papers, and correspondence in the Division of Driver Licenses or the tax collector's office which are considered obsolete.
- agent county tax collector may is authorized to photograph, microphotograph, or reproduce on film such documents, records, and reports as it may select. The photographs or microphotographs in the form of film or print of any records made in compliance with the provisions of this section shall have the same force and effect as the originals thereof and shall be treated as originals for the purpose of their admissibility in evidence. Duly certified or authenticated reproductions of such photographs or microphotographs shall be admitted in evidence equally with the original photographs or microphotographs.

Section 21. Subsections (2), (3), (4), and (5) of section 322.21, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

- 322.21 License fees; procedure for handling and collecting fees.--
- (2) It is the duty of The Director of the Division of Driver Licenses shall to set up a division in the department with the necessary personnel to perform the necessary clerical and routine work for the department and an authorized or exclusive agent county tax collector shall provide sufficient

personnel to perform all clerical and routine work for the tax collector in issuing and recording applications, licenses, and certificates of eligibility, including the receiving, and accounting, and proper disbursement of all license funds and their payment into the State Treasury, and performing other incidental clerical work connected with the administration of this chapter. The department or county tax collector may is authorized to use such electronic, mechanical, or other devices as necessary to accomplish the purposes of this chapter.

- (3) The department shall prepare sufficient forms for certificates of eligibility, applications, notices, and license materials to supply <u>all authorized agents and</u> all applicants for driver's licenses and all renewal licenses.
- (4) If the department determines from its records or is otherwise satisfied that the holder of a license about to expire is entitled to have it renewed, the department shall mail a renewal notice to him or her at his or her last known address, not less than 30 days prior to the licensee's birthday. The licensee shall be issued a renewal license, after reexamination, if required, during the 30 days immediately preceding his or her birthday upon presenting a renewal notice, his or her current license, and the fee for renewal to the department or an authorized or exclusive agent county tax collector at any driver's license examining office.
- (5)(a) The department shall collect and transmit all fees received by it under this section to the Treasurer to be placed in the General Revenue Fund of the state, and sufficient funds for the necessary expenses of the department shall be included in the appropriations act. The fees shall be used for the maintenance and operation of the department.

- (b) A county tax collector, when serving as an 1 2 exclusive agent for the department, shall retain as 3 reimbursement for actual services rendered the following 4 portions of fees: 5 1. For renewal of a commercial driver's license as 6 provided under paragraph (1)(a), \$7 of the \$50 fee and, when 7 applicable, 50 cents of the delinquent fee of \$1. 8 2. For issuance of an original Class D or Class E 9 driver's license as provided under paragraph (1)(b) or a learner's driver's license as provided under s. 322.1615, \$13 10 11 of the \$20 fee. 12 3. For renewal or extension of a Class D or Class E driver's license as provided under paragraph (1)(c) or a 13 14
 - license restricted to motorcycle use only, \$5 of the \$15 fee and, when applicable, the delinquent fee of \$1.
 - 4. For issuance of an original driver's license restricted to motorcycle use only, \$15 of the \$20 fee.

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- 5. For issuance of an endorsement required under s. 322.57, \$5.
- 6. For processing the written test portion of the commercial driver's license requirement of paragraph (1)(a), a fee of \$7.
- Section 22. Section 322.221, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
- 322.221 Department or an exclusive agent county tax collector may require reexamination .--
- (1) The department, having good cause to believe that a licensed driver is incompetent or otherwise not qualified to be licensed, may, at any time upon written notice of at least 5 days to the licensee, require him or her to submit to an examination or reexamination. Good cause as used herein shall

be construed to mean that a licensee's driving record, a report as provided in s. 322.126, or other evidence is sufficient to indicate that his or her driving privilege is detrimental to public safety.

- (2)(a) The department may require an examination or reexamination to determine the competence and driving ability of any driver causing or contributing to the cause of any crash resulting in death, personal injury, or property damage.
- (b) The department or an exclusive agent county tax collector may, in their its discretion, require any licensed driver to submit to an examination or reexamination prior to his or her normal renewal date upon receipt of a recommendation from a court having jurisdiction of traffic offenses, a law enforcement agency, or a physician stating that the driver's ability to operate a motor vehicle safely is questionable. At the time of renewal of his or her license a driver may be required to submit to an examination or reexamination at the discretion of the examiner if the physical appearance or actions of the licensee give rise to serious doubt as to his or her ability to operate a vehicle safely.
- (c) If the department or an exclusive agent county tax collector has reason to believe that a licensee is physically or mentally unqualified to operate a motor vehicle, it may require the licensee to submit medical reports regarding his or her physical or mental condition to the department's medical advisory board for its review and recommendation. The submission of medical reports shall be made without expense to the state.
- (3) Upon the conclusion of such examination or reexamination the department shall take action as may be

appropriate and may suspend or revoke the license of such person or permit him or her to retain such license, or may issue a license subject to restrictions as permitted under s. 322.16. Refusal or neglect of the licensee to submit to such examination or reexamination shall be ground for suspension or revocation of his or her license.

Section 23. Subsections (3) and (6) of section 322.251, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

322.251 Notice of cancellation, suspension, revocation, or disqualification of license.--

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(3) Whenever the driving privilege is suspended, revoked, or disqualified under the provisions of this chapter, the period of such suspension, revocation, or disqualification shall be indicated on the order of suspension, revocation, or disqualification, and the department shall require the licensee whose driving privilege is suspended, revoked, or disqualified to surrender all licenses then held by him or her to the department or an authorized or exclusive agent county tax collector. However, should the person fail to surrender such licenses, the suspension, revocation, or disqualification period shall not expire until a period identical to the period for which the driving privilege was suspended, revoked, or disqualified has expired after the date of surrender of the licenses, or the date an affidavit swearing such licenses are lost has been filed with the department or county tax collector. In any instance where the suspension, revocation, or disqualification order is mailed as provided in this section herein, and the license is not surrendered to the department, and such license thereafter expires, the department or county tax collector may shall not renew that license until a period of time identical to the period of such

suspension, revocation, or disqualification imposed has expired.

(6) Whenever a cancellation, suspension, revocation, or disqualification occurs, the department shall enter the cancellation, suspension, revocation, or disqualification order on the licensee's driver file 20 days after the notice was actually placed in the mail. Any inquiry into the file after the 20-day period shall reveal that the license is canceled, suspended, revoked, or disqualified and whether the license has been received by the department or an authorized or exclusive agent county tax collector.

Section 24. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section 322.282, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

322.282 Procedure when court revokes or suspends license or driving privilege and orders reinstatement.--When a court suspends or revokes a person's license or driving privilege and, in its discretion, orders reinstatement as provided by s. 322.28(2)(d) or former s. 322.261(5):

(2)(a) The court shall issue an order of reinstatement, on a form to be furnished by the department, which the person may take to any driver's license examining office. The department or an authorized or exclusive agent county tax collector shall issue a temporary driver's permit to a licensee who presents the court's order of reinstatement, proof of completion of a department-approved driver training or substance abuse education course, and a written request for a hearing under s. 322.271. The permit shall not be issued if a record check by the department or county tax collector shows that the person has previously been convicted for a violation of s. 316.193, former s. 316.1931, former s. 316.028, former s. 860.01, or a previous conviction outside this state for

driving under the influence, driving while intoxicated, driving with an unlawful blood-alcohol level, or any similar alcohol-related or drug-related traffic offense; that the person's driving privilege has been previously suspended for refusal to submit to a lawful test of breath, blood, or urine; or that the person is otherwise not entitled to issuance of a driver's license. This paragraph shall not be construed to prevent the reinstatement of a license or driving privilege that is presently suspended for driving with an unlawful blood-alcohol level or a refusal to submit to a breath, urine, or blood test and is also revoked for a conviction for a violation of s. 316.193 or former s. 316.1931, if the suspension and revocation arise out of the same incident.

Section 25. Subsection (4) of section 322.32, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

322.32 Unlawful use of license.--It is a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083, for any person:

(4) To fail or refuse to surrender to the department or an authorized or exclusive agent county tax collector or to any law enforcement officer, upon lawful demand, any driver's license in his or her possession that has been suspended, revoked, disqualified, or canceled.

Section 26. (1) The Auditor General, shall provide a fiscal impact analysis of the effect of each participating tax collector performing services related to the issuance of driver licenses consistent with the requirements of this act.

The Auditor General's analysis shall include, but not be limited to,

- (a) A cost analysis, including an analysis of revenues 1 2 lost by the state compared to the reduction in the state's 3 costs to administer the program. 4 (b) An analysis of the difference in state program 5 costs and state revenues associated with tax collectors who 6 are currently providing driver license services compared to 7 the program costs and state revenues if those tax collectors 8 provide services consistent with the requirements of this act. 9 (c) A projection of the total fiscal impact if the pilot established in this act is implemented statewide. 10 (d) Identification of any recommendations for the 11 12 13 14
 - delivery of driver license services by tax collectors statewide, and performance measures and standards tax collectors should be required to meet if they elect to provide driver license services under the requirements of this act.
 - (2) Each tax collector in the pilot project shall provide to the Auditor General, no later than October 1, 2002, the following data to assist the Auditor General in conducting his review.
 - (a) Total costs within each county's budget for the tax collector to provide all services including a breakdown of transactions per service and a calculation of relative costs for each of its services provided.
 - (b) Specific cost projections of providing either continued or additional driver's license services.
 - (c) Projections relating to the ability of the tax collectors to improve or maintain performance standards and measures as established by the Legislature.
 - (3) The Auditor General shall submit the results of his review and his recommendations to the Governor, the

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