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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2       An act relating to driver license services; amending  
3       s. 322.135, F.S.; revising a fee charged for driver  
4       license transactions administered by county tax  
5       collectors; providing for the fee to be adjusted in  
6       relation to the change in the Consumer Price Index;  
7       authorizing a tax collector to enter into interlocal  
8       agreements for the provision of driver license  
9       services; providing that such fee shall be paid to the  
10      tax collector in addition to other fees; providing an  
11      effective date.

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

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15       Section 1. Subsections (1), (5), and (8) of section  
16 322.135, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

17       322.135 Driver's license agents.—

18       (1) The department may, upon application, authorize any or  
19      all of the tax collectors in the several counties of the state,  
20      subject to the requirements of law, in accordance with rules of  
21      the department, to serve as its agent for the provision of  
22      specified driver's license services.

23       (a) These services shall be limited to the issuance of  
24      driver's licenses and identification cards as authorized by this  
25      chapter.

26       (b) Each tax collector who is authorized by the department  
27      to provide driver's license services shall bear all costs  
28      associated with providing those services.

29       (c) A fee of \$5.25 is to be charged, in addition to the

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30 fees set forth in this chapter, for any driver's license  
31 transaction administered ~~issued or renewed~~ by a tax collector.

32 (d) On July 1, 2013, and on July 1 every 5 years  
33 thereafter, the fee in paragraph (c) shall be adjusted by the  
34 percentage change in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban  
35 Consumers since the fee was last adjusted, unless otherwise  
36 provided by general law. The driver's license transaction fee  
37 shall take effect July 1.

38 (5) The county tax collector at his or her option may apply  
39 to the department for approval by the executive director to be  
40 the exclusive agent of the department for his or her county to  
41 administer driver license services as provided and authorized in  
42 this chapter. Tax collectors who are providing driver license  
43 services may, by interlocal agreement, provide driver license  
44 services in another tax collector's county in order to provide  
45 efficient service and minimize the cost of service delivery.

46 (a) The application by the county tax collector shall be in  
47 writing to the executive director of the department. The  
48 application must be submitted by September 1 to be effective for  
49 the state's subsequent fiscal year beginning July 1.

50 (b) The department shall provide a form for such  
51 application, which shall include the following information:

52 1. Locations within the county where offices and branch  
53 offices for driver license services are proposed.

54 2. The designation by the tax collector of the driver  
55 license functions to be performed by the tax collector in the  
56 county.

57 3. Any anticipated capital acquisition or construction  
58 costs.

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59           4. A projection of equipment available or to be provided by  
60 the department.

61           5. All anticipated operating costs, including facilities,  
62 equipment, and personnel to administer driver license services.

63           (c) The department shall review applications on or before  
64 September 1 of each year. The department shall compare the costs  
65 included in the information submitted in the application with  
66 the related costs incurred by the department to accomplish the  
67 same level of services. The department shall approve or deny an  
68 application within 60 calendar days after the application is  
69 received unless the department and the applicant agree mutually  
70 to a specific alternative date.

71           (d) The department may provide technical assistance to an  
72 applicant upon request.

73           (8) The county tax collector, as the exclusive agent of the  
74 Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, shall be paid  
75 fees as provided in this chapter for driver license services in  
76 addition to the transaction fee provided for in paragraph  
77 (1) (c).

78           Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009.