

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

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

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

16 322.135 Driver's license agents.--

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

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

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

28 (c) A fee of \$5.25 is to be charged, in addition to the
 29 fees set forth in this chapter, for any driver's license
 30 transaction administered ~~issued or renewed~~ by a tax collector.

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

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

46 (a) The application by the county tax collector shall be
 47 in 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.

59 4. A projection of equipment available or to be provided
60 by 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
74 the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, shall be
75 paid fees as provided in this chapter for driver license
76 services in addition to the transaction fee provided for in
77 paragraph (1) (c).

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