

FINAL BILL ANALYSIS

BILL #: HB 1165

FINAL HOUSE FLOOR ACTION:

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SPONSOR: Rep. Holder

GOVERNOR'S ACTION: Approved

COMPANION BILLS: SB 1190

SUMMARY ANALYSIS

HB 1165 passed the House on April 20, 2011, and subsequently passed the Senate on May 2, 2011, with amendments. The amended bill passed the House on May 4, 2011. The bill was approved by the Governor on May 31, 2011, chapter 2011-94, Laws of Florida, and becomes effective on July 1, 2011.

The bill amends s. 322.14, F.S. and s. 322.051, F.S., to permit a veteran to request a capital "V" on a driver license or identification card, respectively.

The bill requires a veteran to present proof of military service and pay an additional \$1 fee to the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles in order to receive the capital "V" on his or her driver license or identification card.

The bill does not have a fiscal impact on local or state government.

This document does not reflect the intent or official position of the bill sponsor or House of Representatives.

I. SUBSTANTIVE INFORMATION

A. EFFECT OF CHANGES:

Current Situation

Sections 322.051 and 322.08, F.S., provide requirements for the issuance of an identification card or driver's license. An applicant must submit the following proof of identity:

- 1) Full name (first, middle or maiden, and last), gender, proof of social security card number satisfactory to the department, county of residence, mailing address, proof of residential address satisfactory to the department, country of birth, and a brief description;
- 2) Proof of birth date satisfactory to the department; and
- 3) Proof of identity satisfactory to DHSMV. Such proof must include one of the following documents issued to the applicant:
 - a) A driver's license record or identification card record from another jurisdiction that required the applicant to submit a document for identification which is substantially similar to a document required under sub-subparagraphs b. through g., below;
 - b) A certified copy of a United States birth certificate;
 - c) A valid, unexpired United States passport;
 - d) A naturalization certificate issued by the United States Department of Homeland Security;
 - e) A valid, unexpired alien registration receipt card (green card);
 - f) A Consular Report of Birth Abroad provided by the United States Department of State;
 - g) An unexpired employment authorization card issued by the United States Department of Homeland Security; or
 - h) Proof of nonimmigrant classification provided by the United States Department of Homeland Security, for an original identification card. In order to prove such nonimmigrant classification, applicants may produce but are not limited to the following documents:
 - A notice of hearing from an immigration court scheduling a hearing on any proceeding.
 - A notice from the Board of Immigration Appeals acknowledging pendency of an appeal.
 - A notice of the approval of an application for adjustment of status issued by the United States Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services.
 - Any official documentation confirming the filing of a petition for asylum or refugee status or any other relief issued by the United States Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services.
 - A notice of action transferring any pending matter from another jurisdiction to Florida, issued by the United States Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services.
 - Order of an immigration judge or immigration officer granting any relief that authorizes the alien to live and work in the United States including, but not limited to asylum.
 - Evidence that an application is pending for adjustment of status to that of an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence in the United States or conditional permanent resident status in the United States, if a visa number is available

having a current priority date for processing by the United States Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services.

- On or after January 1, 2010, an unexpired foreign passport with an unexpired United States Visa affixed, accompanied by an approved I-94, documenting the most recent admittance into the United States.

The resulting driver license must contain a color photograph of the licensee, the name of the state, a unique identification number, and the licensee's full name, date of birth, and residence address.¹

Effect of the Bill:

HB 1165 amends s. 322.14, F.S., to permit a veteran to request a capital "V" on his or her driver license. The bill amends s. 322.051, F.S., to permit a veteran to request a capital "V" on his or her identification card.

In order to receive a capital "V" on either of these documents, the bill requires a veteran to present his or her DD Form 214 (a "Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty," promulgated by the United States Department of Defense) to DHSMV, along with an additional \$1 fee.

II. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

A. FISCAL IMPACT ON STATE GOVERNMENT:

1. Revenues:

See "Fiscal Comments," below.

2. Expenditures:

See "Fiscal Comments," below.

B. FISCAL IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:

1. Revenues:

None.

2. Expenditures:

None.

C. DIRECT ECONOMIC IMPACT ON PRIVATE SECTOR:

Veterans who desire a capital "V" on their driver license or identification card will be charged an additional \$1 fee.

¹ Section 322.14, F.S.

D. FISCAL COMMENTS:

The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles believes that additional \$1 fee will offset additional administrative costs related to reviewing an applicant's documents and creating a driver license or identification card with a capital "V" denoting veteran status.