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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to motor vehicle registration;  
3           amending s. 320.07, F.S.; specifying that a vehicle  
4           may not be operated after expiration of the renewal  
5           period or, for a natural person, after midnight on the  
6           owner's birthday unless the registration was renewed  
7           before then; amending s. 320.15, F.S.; authorizing a  
8           person who has renewed a vehicle registration during  
9           an early registration period to apply for a refund of  
10          specified license taxes upon surrendering the  
11          registration license plate before the end of the  
12          renewal period; providing an effective date.

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

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16           Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 320.07, Florida  
17           Statutes, is amended to read:

18           320.07 Expiration of registration; renewal required;  
19           penalties.—

20           (1) The registration of a motor vehicle or mobile home  
21           expires at midnight on the last day of the registration or  
22           extended registration period. A vehicle may ~~shall~~ not be  
23           operated on the roads of this state after expiration of the  
24           renewal period, or, for a natural person, at midnight on the  
25           owner's birthday, unless the registration has been renewed  
26           according to law.

27           Section 2. Section 320.15, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
28           read:

29           320.15 Refund of license tax.—

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30       (1) Any resident owner of a motor vehicle or mobile home  
31 that has been destroyed or permanently removed from the state  
32 shall, upon application to the department and surrender of the  
33 license plate or mobile home sticker issued for such vehicle, be  
34 entitled to a credit to apply to registration of any other  
35 vehicle in the name of the owner, if the amount is \$3 or more,  
36 for the unexpired period of the license. However, if the license  
37 plate surrendered is a "for-hire" license plate, the amount of  
38 credit may not be more than one-half of the annual license tax  
39 amount. A credit will not be valid after the expiration date of  
40 the license plate which is current on the date of the credit, as  
41 provided in s. 320.07.

42       (2) A motor vehicle registrant who has renewed a motor  
43 vehicle registration during the advance renewal period pursuant  
44 to s. 320.071 and surrenders the license plate for the vehicle  
45 before the end of the renewal period may apply for a refund of  
46 the license taxes assessed in s. 320.08.

47       Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012.