

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STAFF ANALYSIS

**BILL #:** CS/HB 1165 Identification Cards and Driver Licenses

**SPONSOR(S):** Economic Affairs Committee, McBurney

**TIED BILLS:** **IDEN./SIM. BILLS:** CS/SB 1298

REFERENCE	ACTION	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR or BUDGET/POLICY CHIEF
1) Transportation & Highway Safety Subcommittee	12 Y, 0 N	Kiner	Kruse
2) Transportation & Economic Development Appropriations Subcommittee	15 Y, 0 N	Rayman	Davis
3) Economic Affairs Committee	16 Y, 0 N, As CS	Kiner	Tinker

### SUMMARY ANALYSIS

CS/HB 1165 provides for placement of a temporary capital "V" on driver's licenses and identification cards to designate veteran status. The temporary designation is intended to serve as a place holder until the veteran is next required to renew his or her driver's license or identification card. To receive the temporary designation, the veteran must pay a \$2 fee and present the required documentation. The bill eliminates the requirement that a currently licensed veteran first purchase a renewal or replacement driver's license or identification card in order to receive the designation.

The bill has an indeterminate but likely insignificant fiscal impact on state government.

The bill has an effective date of July 1, 2012.

## FULL ANALYSIS

### I. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS

#### A. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

##### Current Situation

During the 2011 regular Legislative Session, the Florida Legislature passed ch. 2011-94,<sup>1</sup> L.O.F., which provides veterans the choice of obtaining a driver's license or identification card that exhibits a capital "V" to designate veteran status. To receive the designation, the veteran must pay a \$48 fee for a driver's license (original or renewal) or a \$25 fee for a replacement driver's license or identification card (original, renewal, or replacement), plus a \$1 fee for the permanent designation. In total, a veteran must currently pay \$49 or \$26 to have his or her veteran status designated on his or her driver's license or identification card (or replacement driver's license). Additionally, the veteran must present a copy of his or her DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty) issued by the United States Department of Defense.

##### Effect of Proposed Changes

The bill provides for placement of a temporary capital "V" on driver's licenses and identification cards to designate veteran status. The temporary designation is intended to serve as a place holder until the veteran is next required to renew his or her driver's license or identification card. To receive the temporary designation, the veteran must pay a \$2 fee – in lieu of \$48 for an original driver's license or renewal, or \$25 for an original, replacement or renewal identification card (or replacement driver's license), plus an extra \$1 fee for the designation – and present a copy of his or her DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty) issued by the United States Department of Defense. Additionally, the veteran must surrender his or her current credential.

The \$2 fee will eliminate the requirement that a currently licensed veteran first purchase a renewal or replacement driver's license or identification card in order to receive the designation. Additionally, the \$2 fee will offset additional administrative costs related to reviewing an applicant's documents and furnishing the driver's license or identification card with the temporary designation sticker.

The bill has an effective date of July 1, 2012.

#### B. SECTION DIRECTORY:

Section 1. Amends s. 322.051, F.S., providing for placement of a temporary capital "V" on an identification card to designate veteran status upon payment of a \$2 fee and presentation of required documents.

Section 2. Amends s. 322.14, F.S., providing for placement of a temporary capital "V" on a driver's license to designate veteran status upon payment of a \$2 fee and presentation of required documents.

Section 3: Provides an effective date of July 1, 2012.

### II. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

#### A. FISCAL IMPACT ON STATE GOVERNMENT:

##### 1. Revenues:

DHSMV may receive additional revenue associated with the \$2 fee for the temporary sticker. The amount that may be received is indeterminate.

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<sup>1</sup> House Bill No. 1165

2. Expenditures:

DHSMV believes the additional \$2 fee will offset additional administrative costs related to reviewing an applicant's documents and providing a driver's license or identification card with a temporary or permanent capital "V" denoting veteran status.

B. FISCAL IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:

1. Revenues:

None.

2. Expenditures:

None.

C. DIRECT ECONOMIC IMPACT ON PRIVATE SECTOR:

A veteran wishing to obtain the temporary capital "V" on his or her driver's license or identification card will be charged a \$2 fee. Veterans will be able to display their veteran status prior to their renewal period without having to pay for the renewal.

D. FISCAL COMMENTS:

None.

### III. COMMENTS

A. CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES:

1. Applicability of Municipality/County Mandates Provision:

Not applicable because the bill does not appear to: require counties or cities to spend funds or take action(s) requiring the expenditure of funds; reduce the authority that cities or counties have to raise revenues in the aggregate; or reduce the percentage of a state tax shared with cities or counties.

2. Other:

None.

B. RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY:

None.

C. DRAFTING ISSUES OR OTHER COMMENTS:

None.

### IV. AMENDMENTS/ COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES

On February 17, 2012, the Economic Affairs Committee adopted an amendment to HB 1165. The amendment provides additional, official government documents that may be submitted to prove veteran status when receiving the designation. The amendment also provides that the veteran receiving the designation is not required to first purchase a new credential if the veteran is not conducting any other transaction. After adopting the amendment, the Economic Affairs Committee reported the bill favorably. This analysis is drafted to the bill as amended.