

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
FINAL BILL ANALYSIS**

BILL #:	CS/HB 1165 (CS/CS/SB 1298)	FINAL HOUSE FLOOR ACTION:	
SPONSOR(S):	Economic Affairs Committee; McBurney (Budget Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development Appropriations; Transportation; Detert)	115 Y's	0 N's
COMPANION BILLS:	CS/CS/SB 1298	GOVERNOR'S ACTION:	Approved

SUMMARY ANALYSIS

CS/HB 1165 passed the House on February 23, 2012, and subsequently passed the Senate on March 9, 2012. The bill provides for advance renewal placement of a capital V on driver's licenses and identification cards to designate veteran status. The designation is intended to serve as a placeholder until the veteran is next required to renew his or her driver's license or identification card. To receive the advance renewal designation, the veteran must pay a \$2 fee, present the required documentation and surrender his or her current credential.

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. In addition, the bill's legislative intent states that the \$2 fee is the only fee a veteran will be required to pay to receive the advance renewal designation. Lastly, 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 advance renewal designation.

The bill has an indeterminate fiscal impact.

The bill was approved by the Governor on April 6, 2012, ch. 2012-82, Laws of Florida. The effective date of the bill is July 1, 2012.

I. SUBSTANTIVE INFORMATION

A. EFFECT OF CHANGES:

Present Situation

During the 2011 Legislative Session, the Florida Legislature passed ch. 2011-94, L.O.F., which provided 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 designation. In total, a veteran must 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.

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II. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

A. FISCAL IMPACT ON STATE GOVERNMENT:

1. Revenues:

The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV) will receive revenue associated with the \$2 fee for the advance renewal designation. The amount that may be received is indeterminate.

2. Expenditures:

DHSMV believes the \$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 capital V denoting veteran status.

B. FISCAL IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:

1. Revenues:

Indeterminate.

2. Expenditures:

None.

C. DIRECT ECONOMIC IMPACT ON PRIVATE SECTOR:

A veteran wishing to obtain the advance renewal designation on his or her driver's license or identification card will only be charged a one-time \$2 fee.

D. FISCAL COMMENTS

None.