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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Appropriations (Negron) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause
and insert:

Section 1. Subsection (5) of section 320.03, Florida
Statutes, is amended to read:

320.03 Registration; duties of tax collectors;
International Registration Plan.—

(5) ~~A fee of \$1.25 shall be charged,~~ In addition to the
fees required under s. 320.08, a fee of 50 cents shall be



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11 charged on every license registration sold to cover the costs of
12 the Florida Real Time Vehicle Information System. The fees
13 collected shall be deposited ~~distributed as follows: 75 cents~~
14 ~~into the Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund, which shall be~~
15 ~~used to fund the Florida Real Time Vehicle Information system~~
16 ~~and may be used to fund the general operations of the~~
17 ~~department, and 50 cents~~ into the Highway Safety Operating Trust
18 Fund to be used exclusively to fund the system. The ~~only use of~~
19 ~~this latter portion of the fee~~ may only be used ~~is~~ to fund the
20 system equipment, software, personnel associated with the
21 maintenance and programming of the system, and networks used in
22 the offices of the county tax collectors as agents of the
23 department and the ancillary technology necessary to integrate
24 the system with other tax collection systems. The department
25 shall administer this program upon consultation with the Florida
26 Tax Collectors, Inc., to ensure that each county tax collector's
27 office is technologically equipped and functional for the
28 operation of the Florida Real Time Vehicle Information System.
29 Any ~~of the~~ designated revenue collected to support functions of
30 the county tax collectors and not used in a given year must
31 remain exclusively in the trust fund as a carryover to the
32 following year.

33 Section 2. Subsection (1) of section 320.04, Florida
34 Statutes, is amended to read:

35 320.04 Registration service charge.—

36 (1) (a) ~~There shall be~~ A service charge of \$2.50 shall be
37 imposed on \$5 for each application that ~~which~~ is handled in
38 connection with original issuance, duplicate issuance, or
39 transfer of a ~~any~~ license plate, mobile home sticker, or



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40 validation sticker or with transfer or duplicate issuance of a
41 any registration certificate. This service charge ~~Of that~~
42 ~~amount, \$2.50 shall be deposited into the General Revenue Fund,~~
43 ~~and the remainder~~ shall be retained by the department or by the
44 tax collector, as the case may be, as other fees accruing to
45 those offices.

46 (b) ~~There shall also be~~ A service charge of \$1 shall also
47 be imposed ~~\$3~~ for the issuance of each license plate validation
48 sticker, vessel decal, and mobile home sticker issued from an
49 automated vending facility or printer dispenser machine. This
50 service charge, ~~which~~ is payable to the department and. ~~Of that~~
51 ~~amount, \$1~~ shall be used to provide for automated vending
52 facilities or printer dispenser machines that are used to
53 dispense such stickers and decals by each tax collector's or
54 license tag agent's employee. ~~The remaining \$2 shall be~~
55 ~~deposited into the General Revenue Fund.~~

56 (c) The tax collector may impose an additional service
57 charge of up to ~~not more than~~ 50 cents on any transaction
58 specified in paragraph (a) or paragraph (b), or on any
59 transaction specified in s. 319.32(2) (a) or s. 328.48 if such
60 transaction occurs at a ~~any~~ tax collector's branch office.

61 Section 3. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) and paragraph
62 (b) of subsection (3) of section 320.06, Florida Statutes, are
63 amended to read:

64 320.06 Registration certificates, license plates, and
65 validation stickers generally.—

66 (1)

67 (b)1. Registration license plates bearing a graphic symbol
68 and the alphanumeric system of identification shall be issued



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69 for a 10-year period. At the end of the ~~that~~ 10-year period,
70 upon renewal, the plate shall be replaced. The department shall
71 extend the scheduled license plate replacement date from a 6-
72 year period to a 10-year period. The fee for such replacement is
73 \$28, \$2.80 of which shall be paid each year before the plate is
74 replaced, to be credited toward ~~towards~~ the next \$28 replacement
75 fee. The fees shall be deposited into the Highway Safety
76 Operating Trust Fund. A credit or refund may not be given for
77 any prior years' payments of the ~~such~~ prorated replacement fee
78 if the plate is replaced or surrendered before the end of the
79 10-year period, except that a credit may be given if a
80 registrant is required by the department to replace a license
81 plate under s. 320.08056(8) (a). With each license plate, a
82 validation sticker shall be issued showing the owner's birth
83 month, license plate number, and the year of expiration or the
84 appropriate renewal period if the owner is not a natural person.
85 The validation sticker shall be placed on the upper right corner
86 of the license plate. The ~~Such~~ license plate and validation
87 sticker shall be issued based on the applicant's appropriate
88 renewal period. The registration period is 12 months, the
89 extended registration period is 24 months, and all expirations
90 occur based on the applicant's appropriate registration period.
91 A vehicle that has ~~with~~ an apportioned registration shall be
92 issued an annual license plate and a cab card that denote the
93 declared gross vehicle weight for each apportioned jurisdiction
94 in which the vehicle is authorized to operate.

95 2. In order to retain the efficient administration of the
96 taxes and fees imposed by this chapter, the 80 cent fee increase
97 in the replacement fee imposed by chapter 2009-71, Laws of



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98 Florida, is negated as provided in s. 320.0804.

99 (3)

100 (b) An additional fee of 50 cents ~~\$1.50~~ shall be collected
101 on each motor vehicle registration or motor vehicle renewal
102 registration issued in this state in order for all license
103 plates and validation stickers to be fully treated with
104 retroreflection material. The fee ~~Of that amount, \$1 shall be~~
105 ~~deposited into the General Revenue Fund and 50 cents~~ shall be
106 deposited into the Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund.

107 Section 4. Subsection (4) of section 320.072, Florida
108 Statutes, is amended to read:

109 320.072 Additional fee imposed on certain motor vehicle
110 registration transactions.-

111 (4) A tax collector or other authorized agent of the
112 department shall promptly remit ~~44.5 percent~~ of all moneys
113 collected pursuant to this section, less any refunds granted
114 pursuant to subsection (3), to the department. The department
115 shall deposit 44.5 percent of such moneys ~~to be deposited~~ into
116 the State Transportation Trust Fund, 14.3 percent. ~~the remaining~~
117 ~~55.5 percent shall be deposited~~ into the Highway Safety
118 Operating Trust Fund, and 41.2 percent into the General Revenue
119 Fund.

120 Section 5. Subsections (1), (2), and (3) of section 320.08,
121 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

122 320.08 License taxes.-Except as otherwise provided herein,
123 there are hereby levied and imposed annual license taxes for the
124 operation of motor vehicles, mopeds, motorized bicycles as
125 defined in s. 316.003(2), tri-vehicles as defined in s. 316.003,
126 and mobile homes, as defined in s. 320.01, which shall be paid



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127 to and collected by the department or its agent upon the
128 registration or renewal of registration of the following:

129 (1) MOTORCYCLES AND MOPEDS.—

130 (a) Any motorcycle: \$10 ~~\$13.50~~ flat, ~~of which \$3.50 shall~~
131 ~~be deposited into the General Revenue Fund.~~

132 (b) Any moped: \$5 ~~\$6.75~~ flat, ~~of which \$1.75 shall be~~
133 ~~deposited into the General Revenue Fund.~~

134 (c) Upon registration of a ~~any~~ motorcycle, motor-driven
135 cycle, or moped, ~~there shall be paid~~ in addition to the license
136 taxes specified in this subsection, a nonrefundable motorcycle
137 safety education fee in the amount of \$2.50 shall be paid. The
138 proceeds of such additional fee shall be deposited in the
139 Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund to fund a motorcycle driver
140 improvement program implemented pursuant to s. 322.025, the
141 Florida Motorcycle Safety Education Program established in s.
142 322.0255, or the general operations of the department.

143 (d) An ancient or antique motorcycle: \$7.50 ~~\$8.50~~ flat, of
144 which \$2.50 ~~\$3.50~~ shall be deposited into the General Revenue
145 Fund.

146 (2) AUTOMOBILES OR TRI-VEHICLES FOR PRIVATE USE.—

147 (a) An ancient or antique automobile, as defined in s.
148 320.086, or a street rod, as defined in s. 320.0863: \$7.50
149 ~~\$10.25~~ flat, ~~of which \$2.75 shall be deposited into the General~~
150 ~~Revenue Fund.~~

151 (b) Net weight of less than 2,500 pounds: \$14.50 ~~\$19.50~~
152 flat, ~~of which \$5 shall be deposited into the General Revenue~~
153 ~~Fund.~~

154 (c) Net weight of 2,500 pounds or more, but less than 3,500
155 pounds: \$22.50 ~~\$30.50~~ flat, ~~of which \$8 shall be deposited into~~



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156 ~~the General Revenue Fund.~~

157 (d) Net weight of 3,500 pounds or more: \$32.50 ~~\$44 flat, of~~
158 ~~which \$11.50 shall be deposited into the General Revenue Fund.~~

159 (3) TRUCKS.—

160 (a) Net weight of less than 2,000 pounds: \$14.50 ~~\$19.50~~
161 ~~flat, of which \$5 shall be deposited into the General Revenue~~
162 ~~Fund.~~

163 (b) Net weight of 2,000 pounds or more, but not more than
164 3,000 pounds: \$22.50 ~~\$30.50 flat, of which \$8 shall be deposited~~
165 ~~into the General Revenue Fund.~~

166 (c) Net weight more than 3,000 pounds, but not more than
167 5,000 pounds: \$32.50 ~~\$44 flat, of which \$11.50 shall be~~
168 ~~deposited into the General Revenue Fund.~~

169 (d) A truck defined as a "goat," or ~~any~~ other vehicle if
170 used in the field by a farmer or in the woods for the purpose of
171 harvesting a crop, including naval stores, during such
172 harvesting operations, and which is not principally operated
173 upon the roads of the state: \$7.50 ~~\$10.25 flat, of which \$2.75~~
174 ~~shall be deposited into the General Revenue Fund. The term A~~
175 "goat" means ~~is~~ a motor vehicle designed, constructed, and used
176 principally for the transportation of citrus fruit within citrus
177 groves or for the transportation of crops on farms, and which
178 can also be used for ~~the~~ hauling ~~of~~ associated equipment or
179 supplies, including required sanitary equipment, and the towing
180 of farm trailers.

181 (e) An ancient or antique truck, as defined in s. 320.086:
182 \$7.50 ~~\$10.25 flat, of which \$2.75 shall be deposited into the~~
183 ~~General Revenue Fund.~~

184 Section 6. Section 320.0804, Florida Statutes, is amended



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185 to read:

186 320.0804 SurchARGE on license tax; ~~trust funds.~~ A surcharge
187 of \$2, shall be ~~There is hereby levied and imposed~~ on each
188 license tax imposed under s. 320.08, except those set forth in
189 s. 320.08(11), ~~a surcharge in the amount of \$4,~~ which shall be
190 collected in the same manner as the license tax. This surcharge
191 shall be further reduced to \$1.20 on September 1, 2014, in order
192 to negate the license plate increase of 80 cents imposed by
193 chapter 2009-71, Laws of Florida. Of this amount, \$1 shall be
194 deposited into the State Transportation Trust Fund, and 20 cents
195 ~~\$1~~ shall be deposited into the Highway Safety Operating Trust
196 Fund, ~~and \$2 shall be deposited into the General Revenue Fund.~~

197 Section 7. Section 320.08046, Florida Statutes, is amended
198 to read:

199 320.08046 Juvenile programs surcharge on license tax. ~~A~~
200 surcharge of \$1 shall be imposed ~~There is levied~~ on each license
201 tax imposed under s. 320.08, except those set forth in s.
202 320.08(11), ~~a surcharge in the amount of \$5.50,~~ which shall be
203 collected in the same manner as the license tax and. ~~Of the~~
204 ~~proceeds of each license tax surcharge, \$4.50 shall be deposited~~
205 ~~into the General Revenue Fund and \$1 shall be deposited into the~~
206 Grants and Donations Trust Fund in the Department of Juvenile
207 Justice to fund the juvenile crime prevention programs and the
208 community juvenile justice partnership grants program.

209 Section 8. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment
210 made by this act to section 320.06, Florida Statutes, in a
211 reference thereto, subsection (4) of section 320.0807, Florida
212 Statutes, is reenacted and amended to read:

213 320.0807 Special license plates for Governor and federal



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214 and state legislators.-

215 (4) License plates purchased under subsection (1),
216 subsection (2), or subsection (3) shall be replaced by the
217 department at no cost, other than the fees required under ~~by~~ ss.
218 320.04 and 320.06(3)(b), when the person to whom the plates have
219 been issued leaves the elective office with respect to which the
220 license plates were issued. Within 30 days after leaving office,
221 the person to whom the license plates have been issued must
222 apply ~~shall make application~~ to the department for a replacement
223 license plate. The person may return the prestige license plates
224 to the department or ~~may~~ retain the plates as souvenirs. Upon
225 receipt of the replacement license plate, the person may not
226 ~~continue to~~ display on any vehicle the prestige license plate or
227 plates issued with respect to his or her former office.

228 Section 9. (1) The disposition of the biennial license
229 taxes, fees, and surcharges collected pursuant to s. 320.07,
230 Florida Statutes, shall occur in accordance with the provisions
231 of chapter 320, Florida Statutes, in effect at the time the
232 taxes, fees, and surcharges are collected.

233 (2) The amendments made by this act do not create a right
234 to a refund of any taxes, fees, or surcharges collected before
235 September 1, 2014, for a biennial registration pursuant to s.
236 320.07, Florida Statutes.

237 Section 11. This act shall take effect September 1, 2014.

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239 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

240 And the title is amended as follows:

241 Delete everything before the enacting clause
242 and insert:



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243 A bill to be entitled
244 An act relating to motor vehicle license taxes;
245 amending s. 320.03, F.S.; reducing the amount of the
246 additional registration fee used to fund the Florida
247 Real Time Vehicle Information System; amending s.
248 320.04, F.S.; reducing the service charge imposed on
249 an application for an original or duplicate license
250 plate, or specified registration stickers or
251 certificates; amending s. 320.06, F.S.; providing a
252 cross-reference to changes made by the act; reducing
253 the fee for treating license plates and validation
254 stickers with retroreflection material; amending s.
255 320.072, F.S.; redistributing the additional fee
256 collected on certain motor vehicle registration
257 transactions; amending s. 320.08, F.S.; reducing
258 license taxes for motorcycles and mopeds, automobiles
259 or tri-vehicles for private use, and trucks; amending
260 ss. 320.0804 and 320.08046, F.S.; reducing surcharges
261 imposed on a license tax; reenacting and amending s.
262 320.0807(4), F.S., relating to special vehicle license
263 plates for the Governor and federal and state
264 legislators, to incorporate the amendment made to s.
265 320.06, F.S., in a reference thereto; providing for
266 the disposition of certain taxes taxes, fees and
267 surcharges collected; prohibiting a refund of any
268 taxes, fees, or surcharges collected before the
269 effective date of the act; providing an effective
270 date.