

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to motor vehicle and mobile home taxes, fees, and surcharges; amending ss. 320.03, 320.04, 320.06, 320.072, 320.08, 320.0804, and 320.08046, F.S.; reducing taxes, fees, and other charges for motor vehicle and mobile home registration and license plates; revising the disposition of such taxes, fees, and charges collected; reenacting s. 320.0807(4), F.S., relating to special vehicle license plates for the Governor and federal and state legislators, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 320.06, F.S., in a reference thereto; providing applicability; providing that changes made by the act do not create a right to a refund of collections before a specified date; providing an effective date.

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

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 \$0.50 ~~\$1.25~~ shall be charged, in addition to the fees required under s. 320.08, on every license registration sold to cover the costs of the Florida Real Time Vehicle Information System. The fees collected shall be deposited

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27 ~~distributed as follows: 75 cents into the Highway Safety~~
28 ~~Operating Trust Fund, which shall be used to fund the Florida~~
29 ~~Real Time Vehicle Information system and may be used to fund the~~
30 ~~general operations of the department, and 50 cents into the~~
31 Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund to be used exclusively to
32 fund the system. The only use of this ~~latter portion of the fee~~
33 is to fund the system equipment, software, personnel associated
34 with the maintenance and programming of the system, and networks
35 used in the offices of the county tax collectors as agents of
36 the department and the ancillary technology necessary to
37 integrate the system with other tax collection systems. The
38 department shall administer this program upon consultation with
39 the Florida Tax Collectors, Inc., to ensure that each county tax
40 collector's office is technologically equipped and functional
41 for the operation of the Florida Real Time Vehicle Information
42 System. Any of the designated revenue collected to support
43 functions of the county tax collectors and not used in a given
44 year must remain exclusively in the trust fund as a carryover to
45 the following year.

46 Section 2. Paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (1) of
47 section 320.04, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

48 320.04 Registration service charge.—

49 (1) (a) There shall be a service charge of \$2.50 ~~\$5~~ for
50 each application which is handled in connection with original
51 issuance, duplicate issuance, or transfer of any license plate,
52 mobile home sticker, or validation sticker or with transfer or

53 duplicate issuance of any registration certificate. ~~Of That~~
 54 amount, ~~\$2.50 shall be deposited into the General Revenue Fund,~~
 55 and the remainder shall be retained by the department or by the
 56 tax collector, as the case may be, as other fees accruing to
 57 those offices.

58 (b) There shall also be a service charge of \$1 ~~\$3~~ for the
 59 issuance of each license plate validation sticker, vessel decal,
 60 and mobile home sticker issued from an automated vending
 61 facility or printer dispenser machine, which is payable to the
 62 department. ~~Of That amount, \$1 shall be used to provide for~~
 63 automated vending facilities or printer dispenser machines used
 64 to dispense such stickers and decals by each tax collector's or
 65 license tag agent's employee. ~~The remaining \$2 shall be~~
 66 ~~deposited into the General Revenue Fund.~~

67 Section 3. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) and paragraph
 68 (b) of subsection (3) of section 320.06, Florida Statutes, are
 69 amended to read:

70 320.06 Registration certificates, license plates, and
 71 validation stickers generally.—

72 (1)

73 (b)

74 1. Registration license plates bearing a graphic symbol
 75 and the alphanumeric system of identification shall be issued
 76 for a 10-year period. At the end of that 10-year period, upon
 77 renewal, the plate shall be replaced. The department shall
 78 extend the scheduled license plate replacement date from a 6-

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

102 | 2. To retain the efficient administration of the taxes and
 103 | fees imposed by this chapter, the 80 cent increase in the
 104 | replacement fee imposed by chapter 2009-71, Laws of Florida, is

105 negated as provided in s. 320.0804.

106 (3)

107 (b) An additional fee of \$0.50 ~~\$1.50~~ shall be collected on
 108 each motor vehicle registration or motor vehicle renewal
 109 registration issued in this state in order for all license
 110 plates and validation stickers to be fully treated with
 111 retroreflection material. ~~Of That amount, \$1 shall be deposited~~
 112 ~~into the General Revenue Fund and 50 cents shall be deposited~~
 113 ~~into the Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund.~~

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

116 320.072 Additional fee imposed on certain motor vehicle
 117 registration transactions.—

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

127 Section 5. Subsections (1), (2), and (3) of section
 128 320.08, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

129 320.08 License taxes.—Except as otherwise provided herein,
 130 there are hereby levied and imposed annual license taxes for the

131 operation of motor vehicles, mopeds, motorized bicycles as
 132 defined in s. 316.003(2), tri-vehicles as defined in s. 316.003,
 133 and mobile homes, as defined in s. 320.01, which shall be paid
 134 to and collected by the department or its agent upon the
 135 registration or renewal of registration of the following:

136 (1) MOTORCYCLES AND MOPEDS.—

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

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

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

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

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

154 (a) An ancient or antique automobile, as defined in s.
 155 320.086, or a street rod, as defined in s. 320.0863: \$7.50
 156 ~~\$10.25~~ flat, ~~of which \$2.75 shall be deposited into the General~~

157 Revenue Fund.

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

161 (c) Net weight of 2,500 pounds or more, but less than
 162 3,500 pounds: \$22.50 ~~\$30.50~~ flat, ~~of which \$8 shall be deposited~~
 163 ~~into the General Revenue Fund.~~

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

167 (3) TRUCKS.—

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

171 (b) Net weight of 2,000 pounds or more, but not more than
 172 3,000 pounds: \$22.50 ~~\$30.50~~ flat, ~~of which \$8 shall be deposited~~
 173 ~~into the General Revenue Fund.~~

174 (c) Net weight more than 3,000 pounds, but not more than
 175 5,000 pounds: \$32.50 ~~\$44~~ flat, ~~of which \$11.50 shall be~~
 176 ~~deposited into the General Revenue Fund.~~

177 (d) A truck defined as a "goat," or any other vehicle if
 178 used in the field by a farmer or in the woods for the purpose of
 179 harvesting a crop, including naval stores, during such
 180 harvesting operations, and which is not principally operated
 181 upon the roads of the state: \$7.50 ~~\$10.25~~ flat, ~~of which \$2.75~~
 182 ~~shall be deposited into the General Revenue Fund. A "goat" is a~~

183 motor vehicle designed, constructed, and used principally for
 184 the transportation of citrus fruit within citrus groves or for
 185 the transportation of crops on farms, and which can also be used
 186 for the hauling of associated equipment or supplies, including
 187 required sanitary equipment, and the towing of farm trailers.

188 (e) An ancient or antique truck, as defined in s. 320.086:
 189 \$7.50 ~~\$10.25~~ flat, ~~of which \$2.75 shall be deposited into the~~
 190 ~~General Revenue Fund.~~

191 Section 6. Section 320.0804, Florida Statutes, is amended
 192 to read:

193 320.0804 Surcharge on license tax; ~~trust funds.~~ A
 194 surcharge of \$2, shall be ~~There is hereby levied and imposed on~~
 195 each license tax imposed under s. 320.08, except those set forth
 196 in s. 320.08(11), ~~a surcharge in the amount of \$4,~~ which shall
 197 be collected in the same manner as the license tax. This
 198 surcharge shall be further reduced to \$1.20 on September 1,
 199 2014, in order to negate the license plate increase of 80 cents
 200 imposed by chapter 2009-71, Laws of Florida. Of this amount, \$1
 201 shall be deposited into the State Transportation Trust Fund, and
 202 20 cents ~~\$1~~ shall be deposited into the Highway Safety Operating
 203 Trust Fund, ~~and \$2 shall be deposited into the General Revenue~~
 204 ~~Fund.~~

205 Section 7. Section 320.08046, Florida Statutes, is amended
 206 to read:

207 320.08046 Surcharge on license tax.—There is levied on
 208 each license tax imposed under s. 320.08, except those set forth

209 in s. 320.08(11), a surcharge ~~in the amount of \$1~~ \$5.50, which
 210 shall be collected in the same manner as the license tax. ~~Of the~~
 211 ~~proceeds of each license tax surcharge, \$4.50 shall be deposited~~
 212 ~~into the General Revenue Fund and \$1 shall be deposited into the~~
 213 Grants and Donations Trust Fund in the Department of Juvenile
 214 Justice to fund the juvenile crime prevention programs and the
 215 community juvenile justice partnership grants program.

216 Section 8. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment
 217 made by this act to section 320.06, Florida Statutes, in a
 218 reference thereto, subsection (4) of section 320.0807, Florida
 219 Statutes, is reenacted to read:

220 320.0807 Special license plates for Governor and federal
 221 and state legislators.—

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

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235 Section 9. (1) The disposition of the biennial license
236 taxes, fees, and surcharges collected pursuant to s. 320.07,
237 Florida Statutes, shall occur according to the provisions of
238 chapter 320, Florida Statutes, in effect at the time the taxes,
239 fees, and surcharges are collected.

240 (2) The amendments made by this act do not create a right
241 to a refund of any taxes, fees, or surcharges collected before
242 September 1, 2014, for a biennial registration pursuant to s.
243 320.07, Florida Statutes.

244 Section 10. This act shall take effect September 1, 2014.