

1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to military and veterans affairs;  
3           amending s. 322.08, F.S.; requiring the application  
4           form for an original, renewal, or replacement driver  
5           license or identification card to include a voluntary  
6           checkoff authorizing veterans to request written or  
7           electronic information on federal, state, and local  
8           benefits and services for veterans; requiring the  
9           requested information to be delivered by a third-party  
10          provider; requiring the Department of Highway Safety  
11          and Motor Vehicles to report monthly to the Department  
12          of Veterans' Affairs the names and mailing or e-mail  
13          addresses of veterans who request information;  
14          requiring the Department of Veterans' Affairs to  
15          disseminate veteran contact information to the third-  
16          party provider; requiring that the third-party  
17          provider be a nonprofit organization; defining the  
18          term "nonprofit organization"; requiring that the  
19          Department of Veterans' Affairs provide veteran  
20          contact information to the appropriate county or city  
21          veteran service officer; specifying that a third-party  
22          provider may use veteran contact information only as  
23          authorized; prohibiting a third-party provider from  
24          selling veteran contact information; requiring a  
25          third-party provider to maintain confidentiality of  
26          veteran contact information under specified

27 provisions; providing a penalty; creating the Military  
 28 and Overseas Voting Assistance Task Force within the  
 29 Department of State; specifying membership of the task  
 30 force; authorizing reimbursement for per diem and  
 31 travel expenses; prescribing duties of the task force;  
 32 requiring submission of a report to the Governor and  
 33 the Legislature by a specified date; providing for  
 34 expiration of the task force; providing for staffing;  
 35 providing an effective date.

36  
 37 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

38  
 39 Section 1. Present subsection (9) of section 322.08,  
 40 Florida Statutes, is renumbered as subsection (10), and a new  
 41 subsection (9) is added to that section, to read:

42 322.08 Application for license; requirements for license  
 43 and identification card forms.—

44 (9) (a) To support carrying out the duties of the  
 45 Department of Veterans' Affairs prescribed in s. 292.05 and to  
 46 facilitate its outreach to veterans residing in this state, the  
 47 application form for an original, a renewal, or a replacement  
 48 driver license or identification card must include a voluntary  
 49 checkoff authorizing a veteran of the United States Armed Forces  
 50 to request written or electronic information on federal, state,  
 51 and local benefits and services available to veterans. The  
 52 veteran may elect to receive requested information through

53 United States mail or by e-mail. The requested information shall  
54 be delivered to the veteran by a third-party provider selected  
55 by the Department of Veterans' Affairs to act on its behalf.

56 (b) The department shall collaborate with the Department  
57 of Veterans' Affairs to administer this subsection. The  
58 department shall report monthly to the Department of Veterans'  
59 Affairs the name and mailing address or e-mail address of each  
60 veteran who requests information as provided in paragraph (a).  
61 Following receipt of the monthly report, the Department of  
62 Veterans' Affairs shall disseminate the contact information for  
63 each such veteran to the third-party provider acting on its  
64 behalf. The third-party provider must be a nonprofit  
65 organization with sufficient ability to communicate with  
66 veterans residing throughout this state. For purposes of this  
67 paragraph, the term "nonprofit organization" means an  
68 organization exempt from the federal income tax under s. 501 of  
69 the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or any federal, state, or  
70 local governmental entity.

71 (c) In addition to the requirements of paragraph (b), the  
72 Department of Veterans' Affairs shall disseminate the contact  
73 information for a veteran who selects the voluntary checkoff to  
74 the appropriate county or city veteran service officer in order  
75 to facilitate further outreach to veterans.

76 (d)1. The contact information of a veteran which is  
77 obtained by a third-party provider pursuant to this subsection  
78 may be used only as authorized by this subsection. The third-

79 party provider may not sell such contact information. Except as  
80 otherwise provided, the third-party provider must maintain the  
81 confidentiality of the contact information in accordance with  
82 chapter 119 and the federal Driver's Privacy Protection Act of  
83 1994, 18 U.S.C. ss. 2721 et seq.

84 2. A person who willfully and knowingly violates this  
85 paragraph commits a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable  
86 as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

87 Section 2. Military and Overseas Voting Assistance Task  
88 Force.—The Military and Overseas Voting Assistance Task Force, a  
89 task force as defined in s. 20.03, Florida Statutes, is created  
90 within the Department of State. The task force is created for  
91 the express purpose of studying issues involving the development  
92 and implementation of an online voting system that allows absent  
93 uniformed services voters who are overseas to electronically  
94 submit voted ballots.

95 (1) The task force is composed of 11 members, as follows:

96 (a) The Secretary of State or his or her designee, who  
97 shall serve as chair of the task force.

98 (b) The Adjutant General or his or her designee.

99 (c) The executive director of the Agency for State  
100 Technology or his or her designee.

101 (d) One member of the Senate appointed by the President of  
102 the Senate.

103 (e) One member of the House of Representatives appointed  
104 by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

105 (f) Three supervisors of elections appointed by the  
106 Florida State Association of Supervisors of Elections.

107 (g) Three individuals appointed by the Secretary of State,  
108 with relevant expertise in computers, the Internet, or other  
109 associated technologies.

110 (2) Members of the task force shall serve without  
111 compensation, but are entitled to reimbursement for per diem and  
112 travel expenses pursuant to s. 112.061, Florida Statutes.

113 (3) The task force, at a minimum, shall study and report  
114 on the following issues:

115 (a) Any factor that limits the ability of absent uniformed  
116 services voters who are overseas to request, receive, and return  
117 absentee ballots within the current statutory time period for  
118 casting absentee ballots.

119 (b) The costs associated with the development and  
120 implementation of an online voting system.

121 (c) The feasibility of absent uniformed services voters  
122 who are overseas using an online voting system to electronically  
123 submit a voted ballot.

124 (d) The security of electronically submitting a voted  
125 ballot through an online voting system.

126 (e) Procedures adopted by other states to facilitate  
127 greater electoral participation among absent uniformed services  
128 voters who are overseas.

129 (4) The Secretary of State shall submit a report to the  
130 Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the

131 House of Representatives by July 1, 2017, containing the task  
132 force's recommendation of whether the state should pursue the  
133 development and implementation of an online voting system that  
134 allows absent uniformed services voters who are overseas to  
135 electronically submit voted ballots. If the task force favorably  
136 recommends an online voting system, the report must include  
137 recommended steps for developing and implementing such a system.  
138 The task force shall expire upon submission of its report.

139 (5) The Division of Elections of the Department of State  
140 shall provide support staff for the task force. The Agency for  
141 State Technology shall assist the task force upon request.

142 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016.