

CS/HB 487

2016

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to persons who are deaf; amending ss.
3 322.051 and 322.14, F.S.; authorizing the
4 international symbol for the deaf and hard of hearing
5 to be exhibited on the driver license or
6 identification card of a person who is deaf or hard of
7 hearing; providing applicability; providing an
8 effective date.

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

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12 Section 1. Paragraph (c) is added to subsection (8) of
13 section 322.051, Florida Statutes, to read:

14 322.051 Identification cards.—

15 (8)

16 (c) The international symbol for the deaf and hard of
17 hearing shall be exhibited on the identification card of a
18 person who is deaf or hard of hearing upon the payment of an
19 additional \$1 fee for the identification card and the
20 presentation of sufficient proof that the person is deaf or hard
21 of hearing as determined by the department. Until a person's
22 identification card is next renewed, the person may have the
23 symbol added to his or her identification card upon surrender of
24 his or her current identification card, payment of a \$2 fee to
25 be deposited into the Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund, and
26 presentation of sufficient proof that the person is deaf or hard

27 of hearing as determined by the department. If the applicant is
 28 not conducting any other transaction affecting the
 29 identification card, a replacement identification card may be
 30 issued with the symbol without payment of the fee required in s.
 31 322.21(1)(f)3. For purposes of this paragraph, the international
 32 symbol for the deaf and hard of hearing is substantially as
 33 follows:



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 35 Section 2. Paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of section
 36 322.14, Florida Statutes, is redesignated as paragraph (d), and
 37 a new paragraph (c) is added to that subsection to read:

38 322.14 Licenses issued to drivers.—

39 (1)

40 (c) The international symbol for the deaf and hard of
 41 hearing provided in s. 322.051(8)(c) shall be exhibited on the
 42 driver license of a person who is deaf or hard of hearing upon
 43 the payment of an additional \$1 fee for the license and the
 44 presentation of sufficient proof that the person is deaf or hard
 45 of hearing as determined by the department. Until a person's
 46 license is next renewed, the person may have the symbol added to
 47 his or her license upon the surrender of his or her current

48 license, payment of a \$2 fee to be deposited into the Highway
49 Safety Operating Trust Fund, and presentation of sufficient
50 proof that the person is deaf or hard of hearing as determined
51 by the department. If the applicant is not conducting any other
52 transaction affecting the driver license, a replacement license
53 may be issued with the symbol without payment of the fee
54 required in s. 322.21(1)(e).

55 Section 3. The amendments made by this act to ss. 322.051
56 and 322.14, Florida Statutes, shall apply upon implementation of
57 new designs for the driver license and identification card by
58 the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles.

59 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016.