

By Senator Young

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1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to exemptions from toll payment;
 3 amending s. 338.155, F.S.; exempting a law enforcement
 4 officer from the payment of tolls when operating an
 5 official vehicle while on official business; updating
 6 terms; making technical changes; providing an
 7 effective date.

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

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 11 Section 1. Subsections (1) and (3) of section 338.155,
 12 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

13 338.155 Payment of toll on toll facilities required;
 14 exemptions.—

15 (1) (a) A person may not use a ~~any~~ toll facility without
 16 payment of tolls, except:

17 1. An employee ~~Employees~~ of the agency operating the toll
 18 project when using the toll facility on official state
 19 business;~~;~~

20 2. State military personnel while on official military
 21 business;~~;~~

22 3. A person with a disability ~~Handicapped persons~~ as
 23 provided in subsection (3); ~~this section,~~

24 4. A person ~~Persons~~ exempt from toll payment by the
 25 authorizing resolution for bonds issued to finance the
 26 facility;~~;~~ ~~and~~

27 5. A person ~~Persons~~ exempt on a temporary basis when ~~where~~
 28 use of such toll facility is required as a detour route;~~;~~

29 6. A ~~Any~~ law enforcement officer operating an ~~a~~ ~~marked~~

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30 official vehicle while ~~is exempt from toll payment~~ when on
31 official law enforcement business; :-

32 7. A Any person operating a fire vehicle or a rescue
33 vehicle while ~~when on official business or a rescue vehicle when~~
34 on official business; or is exempt from toll payment.

35 8. A Any person participating in the funeral procession of
36 a law enforcement officer or firefighter killed in the line of
37 duty ~~is exempt from toll payment.~~

38 (b) The secretary or the secretary's designee may suspend
39 the payment of tolls on a toll facility when necessary to assist
40 in emergency evacuation.

41 (c) The failure to pay a prescribed toll constitutes a
42 noncriminal traffic infraction, punishable as a moving violation
43 as provided in s. 318.18. The department may adopt rules
44 relating to the payment, collection, and enforcement of tolls,
45 as authorized in this chapter and chapters 316, 318, 320, and
46 322, including, but not limited to, rules for the implementation
47 of video or other image billing and variable pricing.

48 (d) With respect to toll facilities managed by the
49 department, the revenues of which are not pledged to repayment
50 of bonds, the department may by rule allow the use of such
51 facilities by public transit vehicles or by vehicles
52 participating in a funeral procession for an active-duty
53 military service member without the payment of tolls.

54 (3) A Any ~~handicapped~~ person with a disability who has a
55 valid driver license, who operates a vehicle specially equipped
56 for use by persons with disabilities ~~the handicapped~~, and who is
57 certified by a physician licensed under chapter 458 or chapter
58 459 or by comparable licensing in another state or by the

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59 Adjudication Office of the United States Department of Veterans
60 Affairs or its predecessor as being severely physically disabled
61 and having permanent upper limb mobility or dexterity
62 impairments that ~~which~~ substantially impair the person's ability
63 to deposit coins in toll baskets, may ~~shall be allowed to pass~~
64 free through all tollgates and over all toll bridges and ferries
65 in this state. Upon application, such ~~A person who meets the~~
66 ~~requirements of this subsection shall, upon application,~~ be
67 issued a vehicle window sticker by the Department of
68 Transportation.

69 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018.