

26 205.055 Exemptions; veterans, spouses of veterans and
 27 certain servicemembers, and low-income persons.-

28 (1) The following persons are entitled to an exemption
 29 from a business tax and any fees imposed under this chapter:

30 (a) A veteran of the United States Armed Forces who was
 31 honorably discharged upon separation from service, or the spouse
 32 or unremarried surviving spouse of such a veteran.

33 (b) The spouse of an active duty military servicemember
 34 who has relocated to the county or municipality pursuant to a
 35 permanent change of station order.

36 (c) A person who is receiving public assistance as defined
 37 in s. 409.2554.

38 (d) A person whose household income is below 130 percent
 39 of the federal poverty level based on the current year's federal
 40 poverty guidelines.

41 (2) A person must complete and sign, under penalty of
 42 perjury, a Request for Fee Exemption to be furnished by the
 43 local governing authority and provide written documentation in
 44 support of his or her request for an exemption under subsection
 45 (1).

46 (3) If a person who is exempt under subsection (1) owns a
 47 majority interest in a business with fewer than 100 employees,
 48 the business is exempt.

49 Section 2. Section 205.171, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

50 Section 3. Notwithstanding the provisions of this act, a

51 municipality that imposes a business tax on merchants which is
52 measured by gross receipts from the sale of merchandise or
53 services, or both, may continue to impose such tax and may, by
54 ordinance, revise the definition of the term "merchant."
55 However, the municipality may not revise the rate of the tax
56 measured by gross sales.

57 Section 4. Paragraph (b) of subsection (8) of section
58 322.051, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

59 322.051 Identification cards.—

60 (8)

61 (b)1. The word "Veteran" must ~~shall~~ be exhibited on the
62 identification card of a veteran upon ~~the payment of an~~
63 ~~additional \$1 fee for the identification card and the~~
64 presentation of a copy of the person's:

65 a. DD Form 214, issued by the United States Department of
66 Defense;

67 b. Veteran health identification card, issued by the
68 United States Department of Veterans Affairs;

69 c. Veteran identification card, issued by the United
70 States Department of Veterans Affairs pursuant to the Veterans
71 Identification Card Act of 2015, Pub. L. 114-31; or

72 d. Other ~~another~~ acceptable form specified by the
73 Department of Veterans' Affairs.

74 2. Until a veteran's identification card is next renewed,
75 the veteran may have the word "Veteran" added to his or her

76 identification card upon surrender of his or her current
 77 identification card, ~~payment of a \$2 fee to be deposited into~~
 78 ~~the Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund,~~ and presentation of any
 79 of the forms of identification specified in subparagraph 1 a
 80 copy of his or her DD Form 214 or another acceptable form
 81 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs. If the
 82 applicant is not conducting any other transaction affecting the
 83 identification card, a replacement identification card must
 84 ~~shall~~ be issued with the word "Veteran" without payment of the
 85 fee required in s. 322.21(1)(f)3.

86 Section 5. Paragraph (d) of subsection (1) of section
 87 322.14, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

88 322.14 Licenses issued to drivers.—

89 (1)

90 (d)1. The word "Veteran" must ~~shall~~ be exhibited on the
 91 driver license of a veteran upon ~~the payment of an additional \$1~~
 92 ~~fee for the license and the presentation of a copy of the~~
 93 person's:

94 a. DD Form 214, issued by the United States Department of
 95 Defense;

96 b. Veteran health identification card, issued by the
 97 United States Department of Veterans Affairs;

98 c. Veteran identification card, issued by the United
 99 States Department of Veterans Affairs pursuant to the Veterans
 100 Identification Card Act of 2015, Pub. L. 114-31; or

101 d. Other ~~another~~ acceptable form specified by the
102 Department of Veterans' Affairs.

103 2. Until a veteran's license is next renewed, the veteran
104 may have the word "Veteran" added to his or her license upon
105 surrender of his or her current license, ~~payment of a \$2 fee to~~
106 ~~be deposited into the Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund,~~ and
107 presentation of any of the forms of identification specified in
108 subparagraph 1 a copy of his or her DD Form 214 or another
109 ~~acceptable form specified by the Department of Veterans'~~
110 ~~Affairs.~~ If the applicant is not conducting any other
111 transaction affecting the driver license, a replacement license
112 must ~~shall~~ be issued with the word "Veteran" without payment of
113 the fee required in s. 322.21(1)(e).

114 Section 6. Paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of section
115 322.135, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

116 322.135 Driver license agents.—

117 (1) The department shall, upon application, authorize by
118 interagency agreement any or all of the tax collectors who are
119 constitutional officers under s. 1(d), Art. VIII of the State
120 Constitution in the several counties of the state, subject to
121 the requirements of law, in accordance with rules of the
122 department, to serve as its agent for the provision of specified
123 driver license services.

124 (c) A service fee of \$6.25 must ~~shall~~ be charged, in
125 addition to the fees set forth in this chapter, for providing

126 all services pursuant to this chapter. The service fee may not
127 be charged:

128 1. More than once per customer during a single visit to a
129 tax collector's office.

130 2. For a reexamination requested by the Medical Advisory
131 Board or required pursuant to s. 322.221.

132 3. For a voter registration transaction.

133 4. In violation of any federal or state law.

134 5. To a veteran receiving any service pursuant to this
135 chapter, upon presentation of a copy of the veteran's:

136 a. DD Form 214, issued by the United States Department of
137 Defense;

138 b. Veteran health identification card, issued by the
139 United States Department of Veterans Affairs;

140 c. Veteran identification card, issued by the United
141 States Department of Veterans Affairs pursuant to the Veterans
142 Identification Card Act of 2015, Pub. L. 114-31; or

143 d. Other acceptable form specified by the Department of
144 Veterans' Affairs.

145 Section 7. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018.