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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate

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House

The Committee on Judiciary (Baxley) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause
and insert:

Section 1. Effective September 1, 2020, paragraph (a) of
subsection (1) and subsection (5) of section 320.055, Florida
Statutes, are amended to read:

320.055 Registration periods; renewal periods.—The
following registration periods and renewal periods are
established:

(1) (a) For a motor vehicle subject to registration under s.



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12 320.08(1), (2), (3), (4)(a) or (b), (5)(b), (c), (d), or (f),
13 (6)(a), (7), (8), (9), or (10) and owned by a natural person,
14 the registration period begins the first day of the birth month
15 of the owner and ends the last day of the month immediately
16 preceding the owner's birth month in the succeeding year. If
17 such vehicle is registered in the name of more than one person,
18 the birth month of the person whose name first appears on the
19 registration shall be used to determine the registration period.
20 For a vehicle subject to this registration period, the renewal
21 period is the 30-day period ending at midnight on the vehicle
22 owner's date of birth.

23 (5) For a vehicle subject to apportioned registration under
24 s. 320.08(4)(c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l),
25 (m), or (n) ~~s. 320.08(4)~~, (5)(a)1. or, (6)(b), or (14), the
26 registration period shall be a period of 12 months beginning in
27 a month designated by the department and ending on the last day
28 of the 12th month. For a vehicle subject to this registration
29 period, the renewal period is the last month of the registration
30 period. The registration period may be shortened or extended at
31 the discretion of the department, on receipt of the appropriate
32 prorated fees, in order to evenly distribute such registrations
33 on a monthly basis. For a vehicle subject to nonapportioned
34 registration under s. 320.08(4)(c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h),
35 (i), (j), (k), (l), (m), or (n) ~~s. 320.08(4)~~, (5)(a)1., (6)(b),
36 or (14), the registration period begins December 1 and ends
37 November 30. The renewal period is the 31-day period beginning
38 December 1.

39 Section 2. Beginning September 1, 2020, in order to
40 implement the changes made by this act to s. 320.055, Florida



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41 Statutes, the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles
42 shall give customers the option to renew their registrations on
43 their dates of birth in 2021 or 2022. Customers whose dates of
44 birth occur in the months of January through June may choose to
45 renew for 1 to 18 months. Customers whose dates of birth occur
46 in the months of July through December may choose to renew for 7
47 to 24 months.

48 Section 3. Subsection (7) of section 320.0609, Florida
49 Statutes, is amended to read:

50 320.0609 Transfer and exchange of registration license
51 plates; transfer fee.—

52 (7) A surviving spouse of a registered owner of any motor
53 vehicle may, upon presenting the death certificate, request a
54 registration certificate and transfer of the registration
55 license plate. If the surviving spouse does not present the
56 death certificate, the department or its agent may verify the
57 necessary information through the electronic file of death
58 records maintained by the Department of Health.

59 Section 4. Effective September 1, 2020, paragraph (a) of
60 subsection (2) of section 320.07, Florida Statutes, is amended
61 to read:

62 320.07 Expiration of registration; renewal required;
63 penalties.—

64 (2) Registration shall be renewed semiannually, annually,
65 or biennially, as provided in this subsection, during the
66 applicable renewal period, upon payment of the applicable
67 license tax amounts required by s. 320.08, service charges
68 required by s. 320.04, and any additional fees required by law.

69 (a) Any person who owns a motor vehicle registered under s.



70 320.08(4)(c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m),
71 or (n) ~~s. 320.08(4)~~, (6)(b), or (13) may register semiannually
72 as provided in s. 320.0705.

73 Section 5. Effective September 1, 2020, subsection (1) of
74 section 320.0705, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

75 320.0705 Semiannual registration or renewal for certain
76 vehicles.—

77 (1) The owner of a motor vehicle taxed under s.
78 320.08(4)(c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m),
79 or (n) ~~s. 320.08(4)~~ or (6)(b) may register his or her vehicle
80 semiannually, if the amount of license tax due annually is more
81 than \$100 and the vehicle registration fee is not required to be
82 apportioned, upon payment of a fee of \$2.50 for each semiannual
83 registration.

84 Section 6. Paragraph (c) of subsection (3) of section
85 328.01, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

86 328.01 Application for certificate of title.—

87 (3)

88 (c) In making application for transfer of title from a
89 deceased titled owner, the new owner or surviving coowner shall
90 establish proof of ownership by submitting with the application
91 the original certificate of title and the decedent's probated
92 last will and testament or letters of administration appointing
93 the personal representative of the decedent. In lieu of a
94 probated last will and testament or letters of administration, a
95 copy of the decedent's death certificate, a copy of the
96 decedent's last will and testament, and an affidavit by the
97 decedent's surviving spouse or heirs affirming rights of
98 ownership may be accepted by the department. If the decedent



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99 died intestate, a court order awarding the ownership of the
100 vessel or an affidavit by the decedent's surviving spouse or
101 heirs establishing or releasing all rights of ownership and a
102 copy of the decedent's death certificate shall be submitted to
103 the department. If the new owner or surviving coowner does not
104 present a copy of the death certificate, the department or its
105 agent may verify the necessary information through the
106 electronic file of death records maintained by the Department of
107 Health.

108 Section 7. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this
109 act, this act shall take effect July 1, 2019.

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111 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

112 And the title is amended as follows:

113 Delete everything before the enacting clause
114 and insert:

115 A bill to be entitled
116 An act relating to registration and titling of
117 vehicles and vessels; amending s. 320.055, F.S.;
118 revising registration periods for certain vehicles;
119 requiring the Department of Highway Safety and Motor
120 Vehicles to prorate registration renewals for
121 customers in order to implement changes made by the
122 act; amending s. 320.0609, F.S.; authorizing the
123 department or its agent to verify necessary
124 information through the electronic file of death
125 records maintained by the Department of Health for a
126 surviving spouse of a motor vehicle owner when
127 requesting a registration certificate and license



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128 plate transfer; amending ss. 320.07 and 320.0705,
129 F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the
130 act; amending s. 328.01, F.S.; authorizing the
131 Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles or its
132 agent to verify necessary information through the
133 electronic file of death records maintained by the
134 Department of Health for a new owner or surviving
135 coowner of a vessel when applying for transfer of
136 title; providing effective dates.