

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to vehicle and vessel registration
3 data and functionality; amending s. 319.32, F.S.;
4 requiring the tax collector to determine service
5 charges collected by privately owned license plate
6 agents for motor vehicle titles; requiring a license
7 plate agent to enter into a contract with the tax
8 collector; amending s. 320.03, F.S.; specifying tax
9 collection systems for which certain fees may be used
10 for integration with the Florida Real Time Vehicle
11 Information System; requiring the Department of
12 Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to provide tax
13 collectors and their approved vendors with the same
14 data access and interface functionality as provided to
15 other third parties; specifying authorized uses for
16 such data and functionality; requiring tax collectors
17 and their approved license plate agents to enter into
18 a memorandum of understanding with the department;
19 amending s. 320.04, F.S.; requiring the tax collector
20 to determine service charges collected by privately
21 owned license plate agents for motor vehicle
22 registrations; requiring a license plate agent to
23 enter into a contract with the tax collector; amending
24 s. 328.72, F.S.; requiring the tax collector to
25 determine service charges collected by privately owned

26 license plate agents for vessel registrations and
 27 titles; requiring a license plate agent to enter into
 28 a contract with the tax collector; amending s. 328.73,
 29 F.S.; requiring the department to provide tax
 30 collectors and their approved vendors with the same
 31 data access and interface functionality as provided to
 32 other third parties; specifying authorized uses for
 33 such data and functionality; providing an effective
 34 date.

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

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38 Section 1. Paragraph (c) is added to subsection (2) of
 39 section 319.32, Florida Statutes, to read:

40 319.32 Fees; service charges; disposition.—

41 (2)

42 (c) In exercising his or her authority to contract with a
 43 license plate agent, the tax collector shall determine the
 44 additional service charges that shall be collected by privately
 45 owned license plate agents approved by the tax collector and
 46 shall be fully itemized and disclosed to the customer. The
 47 license plate agent shall enter into a contract with the tax
 48 collector regarding the disclosure of additional service
 49 charges.

50 Section 2. Subsection (5) of section 320.03, Florida

51 Statutes, is amended to read:

52 320.03 Registration; duties of tax collectors;
53 International Registration Plan.—

54 (5) In addition to the fees required under s. 320.08, a
55 fee of 50 cents shall be charged on every license registration
56 sold to cover the costs of the Florida Real Time Vehicle
57 Information System. The fees collected shall be deposited into
58 the Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund to be used exclusively
59 to fund the system. The fee may only be used to fund the system
60 equipment, software, personnel associated with the maintenance
61 and programming of the system, and networks used in the offices
62 of the county tax collectors as agents of the department and the
63 ancillary technology necessary to integrate the system with
64 other tax collection systems. Other tax collection systems may
65 include technology systems provided by vendors contracted with
66 the tax collector for in-person transactions of motor vehicle
67 and mobile home registration certificates, registration license
68 plates, and validation stickers and online motor vehicle and
69 mobile home registration renewals and validation stickers. For
70 purposes of this subsection, other tax collection systems do not
71 include electronic filing systems pursuant to s. 320.03(10).
72 Upon a tax collector's request, the department shall provide the
73 tax collector and his or her approved vendors with the same data
74 access and interface functionality that other third parties
75 receive from the department, including, but not limited to, bulk

76 data for vehicle registrations and each applicant's current
77 residential address and electronic mail address collected
78 pursuant to s. 320.95. Such data and functionality may be used
79 only for purposes of fulfilling the tax collector's statutory
80 duties and may not be resold or used for any other purpose. The
81 department shall administer this program upon consultation with
82 the Florida Tax Collectors, Inc., to ensure that each county tax
83 collector's office is technologically equipped and functional
84 for the operation of the Florida Real Time Vehicle Information
85 System and that tax collectors' approved vendors protect
86 customer privacy and data collection. Tax collectors and their
87 approved license plate agents shall enter into a memorandum of
88 understanding with the department regarding use of the Florida
89 Real Time Vehicle Information system in accordance with
90 paragraph (4) (b). Any designated revenue collected to support
91 functions of the county tax collectors and not used in a given
92 year must remain exclusively in the trust fund as a carryover to
93 the following year.

94 Section 3. Subsection (3) of section 320.04, Florida
95 Statutes, is renumbered as subsection (4), and a new subsection
96 (3) is added to that section to read:

97 320.04 Registration service charge.—

98 (3) In exercising his or her authority to contract with a
99 license plate agent, the tax collector shall determine the
100 additional service charges that shall be collected by privately

101 owned license plate agents approved by the tax collector and
102 shall be fully itemized and disclosed to the customer. The
103 license plate agent shall enter into a contract with the tax
104 collector regarding the disclosure of additional service
105 charges.

106 Section 4. Subsection (7) of section 328.72, Florida
107 Statutes, is amended to read:

108 328.72 Classification; registration; fees and charges;
109 surcharge; disposition of fees; fines; marine turtle stickers.-

110 (7) SERVICE FEE.-

111 (a) In addition to other registration fees, the vessel
112 owner shall pay the tax collector a \$2.25 service fee for each
113 registration issued, replaced, or renewed. Except as provided in
114 subsection (15), all fees, other than the service charge,
115 collected by a tax collector must be remitted to the department
116 not later than 7 working days following the last day of the week
117 in which the money was remitted. Vessels may travel in salt
118 water or fresh water.

119 (b) In exercising his or her authority to contract with a
120 license plate agent, the tax collector shall determine the
121 additional service charges that shall be collected by privately
122 owned license plate agents approved by the tax collector and
123 shall be fully itemized and disclosed to the customer. The
124 license plate agent shall enter into a contract with the tax
125 collector regarding the disclosure of additional service

126 charges.

127 Section 5. Subsection (1) of section 328.73, Florida
 128 Statutes, is amended to read:

129 328.73 Registration; duties of tax collectors.—

130 (1) The tax collectors in the counties of the state, as
 131 authorized agents of the department, shall issue registration
 132 certificates and vessel numbers and decals to applicants,
 133 subject to the requirements of law and in accordance with rules
 134 of the department. Other tax collection systems may include
 135 technology systems provided by vendors contracted with the tax
 136 collector for in-person and online vessel registration
 137 certificates and vessel numbers and decals. Upon a tax
 138 collector's request, the department shall provide the tax
 139 collector and his or her approved vendors with the same data
 140 access and interface functionality that other third parties
 141 receive from the department, including, but not limited to, bulk
 142 data for vessel registrations and each applicant's current
 143 residential address and electronic mail address collected
 144 pursuant to s. 320.95. Such data and functionality may be used
 145 only for purposes of fulfilling the tax collector's statutory
 146 duties and may not be resold or used for any other purpose.

147 Section 6. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.