

By Senator Stargel

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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2       An act relating to the Department of Highway Safety  
3       and Motor Vehicles; amending s. 319.40, F.S.;  
4       authorizing the Department of Highway Safety and Motor  
5       Vehicles or its authorized agents to collect  
6       electronic mail addresses and use electronic mail for  
7       certain purposes; requiring that all electronic mail  
8       addresses be made available to the department or its  
9       authorized agents upon request; amending ss. 320.95  
10      and 322.08, F.S.; authorizing the department or its  
11      authorized agents to collect electronic mail addresses  
12      or verified texting numbers and use electronic mail or  
13      text messages in lieu of the United States Postal  
14      Service for certain purposes; requiring that all  
15      electronic mail addresses be made available to the  
16      department or its authorized agents upon request;  
17      amending s. 328.30, F.S.; limiting the applications  
18      the department may accept by electronic or telephonic  
19      means; authorizing the department or its authorized  
20      agents to collect electronic mail addresses or  
21      verified texting numbers and use electronic mail or  
22      text messages in lieu of the United States Postal  
23      Service for certain purposes; requiring that all  
24      electronic mail addresses be made available to the  
25      department or its authorized agents upon request;  
26      amending s. 328.40, F.S.; requiring that certain  
27      records made or kept by the department be subject to  
28      inspection and copying; amending s. 328.80, F.S.;  
29      authorizing the department, instead of the Fish and

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30 Wildlife Conservation Commission, to accept certain  
31 applications by electronic or telephonic means;  
32 authorizing the department or its authorized agents to  
33 collect electronic mail addresses or verified texting  
34 numbers and use electronic mail or text messages in  
35 lieu of the United States Postal Service for certain  
36 purposes; requiring that all electronic mail addresses  
37 be made available to the department or its authorized  
38 agents upon request; providing an effective date.

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

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42 Section 1. Subsection (3) of section 319.40, Florida  
43 Statutes, is amended to read:

44 319.40 Transactions by electronic or telephonic means.—

45 (3) The department or its authorized agents may collect  
46 electronic mail addresses and use electronic mail for purposes  
47 of this chapter, including, but not limited to, use of  
48 electronic mail in lieu of the United States Postal Service as a  
49 method of notification. All electronic mail addresses shall be  
50 made available to the department or its authorized agents upon  
51 request. However, any notice regarding the potential forfeiture  
52 or foreclosure of an interest in property must be sent via the  
53 United States Postal Service.

54 Section 2. Subsection (2) of section 320.95, Florida  
55 Statutes, is amended to read:

56 320.95 Transactions by electronic or telephonic means.—

57 (2) The department or its authorized agents may collect  
58 electronic mail addresses or verified texting numbers and use

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59 electronic mail or text messages in lieu of the United States  
60 Postal Service for the purpose of providing information,  
61 including, but not limited to, renewal notices, appointment  
62 scheduling information, tax collector office locations, hours of  
63 operation, contact information, driving skills testing  
64 locations, and website information. All electronic mail  
65 addresses shall be made available to the department or its  
66 authorized agents upon request ~~renewal notices.~~

67 Section 3. Subsection (10) of section 322.08, Florida  
68 Statutes, is amended to read:

69 322.08 Application for license; requirements for license  
70 and identification card forms.—

71 (10) The department or its authorized agents may collect  
72 electronic mail addresses or verified texting numbers and use  
73 electronic mail or text messages in lieu of the United States  
74 Postal Service for the purpose of providing information,  
75 including, but not limited to, renewal notices, appointment  
76 scheduling information, tax collector office locations, hours of  
77 operation, contact information, driving skills testing  
78 locations, and website information. All electronic mail  
79 addresses shall be made available to the department or its  
80 authorized agents upon request ~~renewal notices.~~

81 Section 4. Section 328.30, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
82 read:

83 328.30 Transactions by electronic or telephonic means.—

84 (1) The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles may  
85 accept any application provided for under this part ~~chapter~~ by  
86 electronic or telephonic means.

87 (2) The department may issue an electronic certificate of

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88 title in lieu of printing a paper title.

89 (3) The department or its authorized agents may collect  
90 electronic mail addresses or verified texting numbers and use  
91 electronic mail or text messages in lieu of the United States  
92 Postal Service for the purpose of providing information,  
93 including, but not limited to, renewal notices, appointment  
94 scheduling information, tax collector office locations, hours of  
95 operation, contact information, and website information. All  
96 electronic mail addresses shall be made available to the  
97 department or its authorized agents upon request ~~renewal~~  
98 ~~notices.~~

99 Section 5. Subsection (3) of section 328.40, Florida  
100 Statutes, is amended to read:

101 328.40 Administration of vessel registration and titling  
102 laws; records.—

103 (3) All records made or kept by the Department of Highway  
104 Safety and Motor Vehicles under this part are subject to  
105 inspection and copying as provided in chapter 119 ~~law are public~~  
106 ~~records except for confidential reports.~~

107 Section 6. Section 328.80, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
108 read:

109 328.80 Transactions by electronic or telephonic means.—

110 (1) The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles  
111 ~~commission~~ is authorized to accept any application provided for  
112 under this part ~~chapter~~ by electronic or telephonic means.

113 (2) The department or its authorized agents may collect  
114 electronic mail addresses or verified texting numbers and use  
115 electronic mail or text messages in lieu of the United States  
116 Postal Service for the purpose of providing information under

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117 this part, including, but not limited to, renewal notices,  
118 appointment scheduling information, tax collector office  
119 locations, hours of operation, and contact information. All  
120 electronic mail addresses shall be made available to the  
121 department or its authorized agents upon request.

122 Section 7. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.