

By the Committee on Transportation; and Senator Diaz

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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to vehicle and vessel registration;  
3           amending s. 319.32, F.S.; authorizing tax collectors  
4           to determine service charges collected by privately  
5           owned license plate agents for motor vehicle titles;  
6           requiring that additional service charges be itemized  
7           and disclosed to the person paying them; requiring a  
8           license plate agent to enter into a contract with the  
9           tax collector for a certain purpose; amending s.  
10          320.03, F.S.; requiring tax collectors and approved  
11          license plate agents to enter into a memorandum of  
12          understanding with the department for a certain  
13          purpose; amending s. 320.04, F.S.; authorizing the tax  
14          collector to determine service charges collected by  
15          privately owned license plate agents for motor vehicle  
16          registrations; requiring that additional service  
17          charges be itemized and disclosed to the person paying  
18          them; requiring a license plate agent to enter into a  
19          contract with the tax collector for a certain purpose;  
20          amending s. 328.72, F.S.; authorizing the tax  
21          collector to determine service charges collected by  
22          privately owned license plate agents for vessel  
23          registrations and titles; requiring that additional  
24          service charges be itemized and disclosed to the  
25          person paying them; requiring a license plate agent to  
26          enter into a contract with the tax collector for a  
27          certain purpose; providing an effective date.

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

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

319.32 Fees; service charges; disposition.—

(2)

(c) If a tax collector elects to exercise his or her authority to contract with a license plate agent, the tax collector may determine additional service charges to be collected by the privately owned license plate agents approved by the tax collector. Additional service charges must be fully itemized and disclosed to the person paying the service charges to the license plate agent. The license plate agent shall enter into a contract with the tax collector regarding the disclosure of additional service charges.

Section 2. Subsection (5) of section 320.03, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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

(5) In addition to the fees required under s. 320.08, a fee of 50 cents shall be charged on every license registration sold to cover the costs of the Florida Real Time Vehicle Information System. The fees collected shall be deposited into the Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund to be used exclusively to fund the system. The fee may only be used to fund the system equipment, software, personnel associated with the maintenance and programming of the system, and networks used in the offices of the county tax collectors as agents of the department and the ancillary technology necessary to integrate the system with other tax collection systems. The department shall administer

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59 this program upon consultation with the Florida Tax Collectors,  
60 Inc., to ensure that each county tax collector's office is  
61 technologically equipped and functional for the operation of the  
62 Florida Real Time Vehicle Information System. Tax collectors and  
63 their approved license plate agents shall enter into a  
64 memorandum of understanding with the department regarding use of  
65 the Florida Real Time Vehicle Information System in accordance  
66 with paragraph (4)(b). Any designated revenue collected to  
67 support functions of the county tax collectors and not used in a  
68 given year must remain exclusively in the trust fund as a  
69 carryover to the following year.

70 Section 3. Present subsection (3) of section 320.04,  
71 Florida Statutes, is redesignated as subsection (4), and a new  
72 subsection (3) is added to that section, to read:

73 320.04 Registration service charge.—

74 (3) If a tax collector elects to exercise his or her  
75 authority to contract with a license plate agent, the tax  
76 collector may determine additional service charges to be  
77 collected by privately owned license plate agents approved by  
78 the tax collector. Additional service charges must be fully  
79 itemized and disclosed to the person paying the service charges  
80 to the license plate agent. The license plate agent shall enter  
81 into a contract with the tax collector regarding the disclosure  
82 of additional service charges.

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

85 328.72 Classification; registration; fees and charges;  
86 surcharge; disposition of fees; fines; marine turtle stickers.—

87 (7) SERVICE FEE.—

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88       (a) In addition to other registration fees, the vessel  
89 owner shall pay the tax collector a \$2.25 service fee for each  
90 registration issued, replaced, or renewed. Except as provided in  
91 subsection (15), all fees, other than the service charge,  
92 collected by a tax collector must be remitted to the department  
93 not later than 7 working days following the last day of the week  
94 in which the money was remitted. Vessels may travel in salt  
95 water or fresh water.

96       (b) If a tax collector elects to exercise his or her  
97 authority to contract with a license plate agent, the tax  
98 collector may determine additional service charges to be  
99 collected by privately owned license plate agents approved by  
100 the tax collector. Additional service charges must be fully  
101 itemized and disclosed to the person paying the service charges  
102 to the license plate agent. The license plate agent shall enter  
103 into a contract with the tax collector regarding the disclosure  
104 of additional service charges.

105       Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021.