

By the Committee on Transportation; and Senator Diaz

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to motor vehicle and vessel
3 registration data; amending s. 320.03, F.S.; requiring
4 tax collectors, third parties contracted with tax
5 collectors, and license tag agents to enter into a
6 memorandum of understanding with the Department of
7 Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles and make certain
8 determinations regarding registration applicants;
9 requiring the department to ensure that certain
10 technology used by tax collectors protects customer
11 privacy and data; authorizing the department to
12 provide certain technology to tax collectors, upon
13 request, in order to provide data access and uniform
14 interface functionalities for registration renewal
15 transactions; providing requirements for the
16 department; authorizing use of such data and
17 functionalities for certain purposes; requiring
18 development of data access and uniform interface
19 functionalities by a certain date; defining the term
20 "registration renewal transactions"; amending s.
21 328.73, F.S.; authorizing the department to provide
22 certain technology to tax collectors, upon request, in
23 order to provide data access and uniform interface
24 functionalities for registration renewal transactions;
25 providing requirements for the department; authorizing
26 use of such data and functionalities for certain
27 purposes; requiring development of data access and
28 uniform interface functionalities by a certain date;
29 defining the term "registration renewal transactions";

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30 providing an effective date.

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

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34 Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (4) and subsection
35 (5) of section 320.03, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

36 320.03 Registration; duties of tax collectors;
37 International Registration Plan.—

38 (4) (a) Each tax collector, third party contracted with a
39 tax collector, or license tag agent who has online computer
40 access to the department's systems or department data center or
41 other reasonable access thereto shall enter into a memorandum of
42 understanding with the department and shall, except when the
43 department has issued a registration renewal notice, upon
44 receipt of an application for the registration of any motor
45 vehicle, determine from the driver file of the applicant whether
46 the applicant's driver license has been canceled, suspended, or
47 revoked and, if so, whether the applicant has surrendered his or
48 her license to the department as required by s. 322.251. If the
49 applicant has not surrendered his or her license in accordance
50 with ~~the provisions of~~ that section, the tax collector must
51 ~~shall~~ refuse to register the vehicle until such time as the
52 applicant surrenders his or her driver license to the
53 department.

54 (5) (a) In addition to the fees required under s. 320.08, a
55 fee of 50 cents must ~~shall~~ be charged on every license
56 registration sold to cover the costs of the Florida Real Time
57 Vehicle Information System. The fees collected must ~~shall~~ be
58 deposited into the Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund to be

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59 used exclusively to fund the system. The fee may only be used to
60 fund the system equipment, software, personnel associated with
61 the maintenance and programming of the system, and networks used
62 in the offices of the county tax collectors as agents of the
63 department and the ancillary technology necessary to integrate
64 the system with other tax collection systems. The department
65 shall administer this program upon consultation with the Florida
66 Tax Collectors, Inc., to ensure that each county tax collector's
67 office is technologically equipped and functional for the
68 operation of the Florida Real Time Vehicle Information System
69 and to ensure that all ancillary technology and other tax
70 collection systems used by tax collectors protect customer
71 privacy and data. Any designated revenue collected to support
72 functions of the county tax collectors and not used in a given
73 year must remain exclusively in the trust fund as a carryover to
74 the following year.

75 (b) Upon a tax collector's request, the department is
76 authorized to provide ancillary technology to integrate other
77 tax collection systems used by tax collectors in order to
78 provide tax collectors with data access and uniform interface
79 functionalities for registration renewal transactions performed
80 at a tax collector's office or online through a tax collector's
81 website. The department shall prescribe the best manner of
82 delivering the data access and uniform interface functionalities
83 to tax collectors for the purpose of processing registration
84 renewal transactions and shall provide the ability to record and
85 process registration renewal transactions in the state system in
86 real time and bulk data reporting for vehicle registrations,
87 including each applicant's electronic mail address collected

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88 pursuant to s. 320.95. Such data and functionalities may be used
89 only for purposes of fulfilling the tax collector's statutory
90 duties pursuant to this chapter, chapter 319, chapter 322, or
91 chapter 328 and may not be resold or used for any other purpose.
92 Such data access and uniform interface functionalities must be
93 developed no later than July 1, 2023. For the purposes of this
94 paragraph, the term "registration renewal transactions" means
95 issuance of motor vehicle, mobile home, and trailer registration
96 certificates, registration license plates, and validation
97 stickers.

98 Section 2. Subsection (1) of section 328.73, Florida
99 Statutes, is amended to read:

100 328.73 Registration; duties of tax collectors.—

101 (1) (a) The tax collectors in the counties of the state, as
102 authorized agents of the department, shall issue registration
103 certificates and vessel numbers and decals to applicants,
104 subject to the requirements of law and in accordance with rules
105 of the department.

106 (b) Upon a tax collector's request, the department is
107 authorized to provide ancillary technology to integrate other
108 tax collection systems used by tax collectors in order to
109 provide tax collectors with data access and uniform interface
110 functionalities for registration renewal transactions performed
111 at a tax collector's office or online through a tax collector's
112 website. The department shall prescribe the best manner of
113 delivering the data access and uniform interface functionalities
114 to tax collectors for the purpose of processing registration
115 renewal transactions and shall provide the ability to record and
116 process registration renewal transactions in the state system in

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117 real time and bulk data reporting for vessel registrations,
118 including each applicant's electronic mail address collected
119 pursuant to s. 320.95. Such data and functionalities may be used
120 only for purposes of fulfilling the tax collector's statutory
121 duties pursuant to this chapter, chapter 319, chapter 320, or
122 chapter 322 and may not be resold or used for any other purpose.
123 Such data access and uniform interface functionalities must be
124 developed no later than July 1, 2023. For the purposes of this
125 paragraph, the term "registration renewal transactions" means
126 issuance of vessel registration certificates, vessel numbers,
127 and decals.

128 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021.