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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to identification cards; amending s.
3 322.051, F.S.; requiring the Department of Highway
4 Safety and Motor Vehicles to issue or renew
5 identification cards at no charge to persons
6 presenting a valid voter's registration card and
7 attesting to financial hardship; prohibiting the
8 department from requiring such persons to present
9 certain evidence; requiring the department to issue
10 identification cards at no charge to certain other
11 persons; conforming cross-references; amending ss.
12 322.18 and 322.21, F.S.; conforming provisions to
13 changes made by the act; providing an effective date.
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15 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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17 Section 1. Paragraphs (b), (c), and (d) of subsection (8)
18 and subsection (9) of section 322.051, Florida Statutes, are
19 amended, and subsection (10) is added to that section, to read:

20 322.051 Identification cards.—

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22 (b)1. The word "Veteran" must be exhibited on the
23 identification card of a veteran upon the presentation of a copy
24 of the person's:

25 a. DD Form 214, issued by the United States Department of
26 Defense;

27 b. Veteran health identification card, issued by the United
28 States Department of Veterans Affairs;

29 c. Veteran identification card, issued by the United States

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30 Department of Veterans Affairs pursuant to the Veterans
31 Identification Card Act of 2015, Pub. L. No. 114-31; or

32 d. Other acceptable form specified by the Department of
33 Veterans' Affairs.

34 2. Until a veteran's identification card is next renewed,
35 the veteran may have the word "Veteran" added to his or her
36 identification card upon surrender of his or her current
37 identification card and presentation of any of the forms of
38 identification specified in subparagraph 1. If the applicant is
39 not conducting any other transaction affecting the
40 identification card, a replacement identification card must be
41 issued with the word "Veteran" without payment of the fee
42 required in s. 322.21(1)(f)3.c. ~~s. 322.21(1)(f)3.~~

43 (c) The international symbol for the deaf and hard of
44 hearing shall be exhibited on the identification card of a
45 person who is deaf or hard of hearing upon the payment of an
46 additional \$1 fee for the identification card and the
47 presentation of sufficient proof that the person is deaf or hard
48 of hearing as determined by the department. Until a person's
49 identification card is next renewed, the person may have the
50 symbol added to his or her identification card upon surrender of
51 his or her current identification card, payment of a \$2 fee to
52 be deposited into the Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund, and
53 presentation of sufficient proof that the person is deaf or hard
54 of hearing as determined by the department. If the applicant is
55 not conducting any other transaction affecting the
56 identification card, a replacement identification card may be
57 issued with the symbol without payment of the fee required in s.
58 322.21(1)(f)3.c. ~~s. 322.21(1)(f)3.~~ For purposes of this

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59 paragraph, the international symbol for the deaf and hard of
60 hearing is substantially as follows:

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64 (d) The department shall include symbols representing the
65 following on an identification card upon the payment of an
66 additional \$1 fee by an applicant who meets the requirements of
67 subsection (1) and presents his or her:

- 68 1. Lifetime freshwater fishing license;
- 69 2. Lifetime saltwater fishing license;
- 70 3. Lifetime hunting license;
- 71 4. Lifetime sportsman's license; or
- 72 5. Lifetime boater safety identification card.

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74 A person may replace his or her identification card before its
75 expiration date with a card that includes his or her status as a
76 lifetime licensee or boater safety cardholder upon surrender of
77 his or her current identification card, payment of a \$2 fee to
78 be deposited into the Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund, and
79 presentation of the person's lifetime license or card. If the
80 sole purpose of the replacement identification card is the
81 inclusion of the applicant's status as a lifetime licensee or
82 cardholder, the replacement identification card must be issued
83 without payment of the fee required in s. 322.21(1)(f)3.c. ~~s.~~
84 ~~322.21(1)(f)3.~~

85 (9) (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section
86 or s. 322.21 to the contrary, the department shall issue or
87 renew a card at no charge to:

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88 1. A person who presents a valid Florida voter's
89 registration card to the department and attests that he or she
90 is experiencing a financial hardship. The department may not
91 require such person to present evidence of a financial hardship.

92 2. A person who presents evidence satisfactory to the
93 department that he or she is homeless as defined in s.
94 414.0252(7).~~r to~~

95 3. A juvenile offender who is in the custody or under the
96 supervision of the Department of Juvenile Justice and receiving
97 services pursuant to s. 985.461.~~r to~~

98 4. An inmate receiving a card issued pursuant to s.
99 944.605(7), or, if necessary, to an inmate receiving a
100 replacement card if the department determines that he or she has
101 a valid state identification card. If the replacement state
102 identification card is scheduled to expire within 6 months, the
103 department may also issue a temporary permit valid for at least
104 6 months after the release date.

105 (b) The department's mobile issuing units shall process the
106 identification cards for juvenile offenders and inmates at no
107 charge, as provided by s. 944.605(7) (a) and (b).

108 (10) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section or
109 s. 322.21 to the contrary, the department shall issue an
110 identification card at no charge to a person who is 80 years of
111 age of older and whose driving privilege is denied due to
112 failure to pass a vision test administered pursuant to s.
113 322.18(5).

114 Section 2. Paragraph (c) is added to subsection (5) of
115 section 322.18, Florida Statutes, to read:

116 322.18 Original applications, licenses, and renewals;

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117 expiration of licenses; delinquent licenses.—

118 (5) All renewal driver licenses may be issued after the
119 applicant licensee has been determined to be eligible by the
120 department.

121 (c) The department shall issue an identification card under
122 s. 322.051 at no charge to a licensee who is at least 80 years
123 of age and whose driving privilege is denied due to failure to
124 pass a vision test pursuant to this subsection.

125 Section 3. Paragraph (f) of subsection (1) of section
126 322.21, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

127 322.21 License fees; procedure for handling and collecting
128 fees.—

129 (1) Except as otherwise provided herein, the fee for:

130 (f) An original, renewal, or replacement identification
131 card issued pursuant to s. 322.051 is \$25.

132 1. ~~except that~~ An applicant who meets any of the
133 following criteria is exempt from the fee under this paragraph
134 for an original, renewal, or replacement identification card:

135 a. The applicant presents a valid Florida voter's
136 registration card to the department and attests that he or she
137 is experiencing a financial hardship.

138 b. The applicant presents evidence satisfactory to the
139 department that he or she is homeless as defined in s.
140 414.0252(7).~~†~~

141 c. The applicant presents evidence satisfactory to the
142 department that his or her annual income is at or below 100
143 percent of the federal poverty level.~~†~~~~or~~

144 d. The applicant ~~he or she~~ is a juvenile offender who is in
145 the custody or under the supervision of the Department of

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146 Juvenile Justice, who is receiving services pursuant to s.
147 985.461, and whose identification card is issued by the
148 department's mobile issuing units ~~is exempt from such fee.~~

149 2. Pursuant to s. 322.051(10), an applicant who is 80 years
150 of age or older and whose driving privilege is denied due to
151 failure to pass a vision test administered pursuant to s.
152 322.18(5) is exempt from the fee under this paragraph for an
153 original identification card.

154 3. Funds collected from fees for original, renewal, or
155 replacement identification cards shall be distributed as
156 follows:

157 a.1. For an original identification card issued pursuant to
158 s. 322.051, the fee shall be deposited into the General Revenue
159 Fund.

160 b.2. For a renewal identification card issued pursuant to
161 s. 322.051, \$6 shall be deposited into the Highway Safety
162 Operating Trust Fund, and \$19 shall be deposited into the
163 General Revenue Fund.

164 c.3. For a replacement identification card issued pursuant
165 to s. 322.051, \$9 shall be deposited into the Highway Safety
166 Operating Trust Fund, and \$16 shall be deposited into the
167 General Revenue Fund. Beginning July 1, 2015, or upon completion
168 of the transition of the driver license issuance services, if
169 the replacement identification card is issued by the tax
170 collector, the tax collector shall retain the \$9 that would
171 otherwise be deposited into the Highway Safety Operating Trust
172 Fund and the remaining revenues shall be deposited into the
173 General Revenue Fund.

174 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.