

HB 371

2022

1                    A bill to be entitled  
2                    An act relating to fees; amending s. 320.031, F.S.;  
3                    authorizing the Department of Highway Safety and Motor  
4                    Vehicles and tax collectors to use United States mail  
5                    service to deliver registration certificate cards;  
6                    authorizing the department to collect a mail service  
7                    charge for mailed registration certificate cards;  
8                    requiring registration certificate cards to be mailed  
9                    by first-class mail under certain circumstances;  
10                    amending s. 320.04, F.S.; imposing a specified service  
11                    charge for the transfer or duplicate issuance of a  
12                    registration certificate card; amending s. 320.0609,  
13                    F.S.; specifying a transfer fee for the issuance of a  
14                    new registration certificate card under certain  
15                    circumstances; providing a contingent effective date.

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

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19                    Section 1. Section 320.031, Florida Statutes, is amended  
20                    to read:

21                    320.031 Mailing of registration certificates, registration  
22                    certificate cards, license plates, and validation stickers.—

23                    (1) The department and the tax collectors of the several  
24                    counties of the state may at the request of the applicant use  
25                    United States mail service to deliver registration certificates

26 and registration certificate cards and renewals thereof, license  
27 plates, mobile home stickers, and validation stickers to  
28 applicants.

29 (2) A mail service charge may be collected for each  
30 registration certificate, registration certificate card, license  
31 plate, mobile home sticker, and validation sticker mailed by the  
32 department or any tax collector. Each registration certificate,  
33 registration certificate card, license plate, mobile home  
34 sticker, and validation sticker shall be mailed by first-class  
35 mail unless otherwise requested by the applicant. The amount of  
36 the mail service charge shall be the actual postage required,  
37 rounded to the nearest 5 cents, plus a 25-cent handling charge.  
38 The mail service charge is in addition to the service charge  
39 provided by s. 320.04. All charges collected by the department  
40 under this section shall be deposited into the Highway Safety  
41 Operating Trust Fund.

42 Section 2. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section  
43 320.04, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

44 320.04 Registration service charge.—

45 (1)(a) A service charge of \$2.50 shall be imposed on each  
46 application that is handled in connection with original  
47 issuance, duplicate issuance, or transfer of a license plate,  
48 mobile home sticker, or validation sticker or with transfer or  
49 duplicate issuance of a registration certificate or a  
50 registration certificate card. This service charge shall be

51 retained by the department or by the tax collector, as the case  
52 may be, as other fees accruing to those offices.

53 Section 3. Paragraph (a) of subsection (5) of section  
54 320.0609, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

55 320.0609 Transfer and exchange of registration license  
56 plates; transfer fee.—

57 (5) For a transfer or exchange other than one specified in  
58 paragraph (2)(b), the following provisions apply:

59 (a) If the replacement motor vehicle requires the same  
60 amount of license tax under s. 320.08 as the original vehicle to  
61 be replaced, no additional tax other than the transfer fee of  
62 \$4.50, accompanied by an application for transfer on a form  
63 supplied by the department, is required to transfer or exchange  
64 a registration license plate for use on a replacement vehicle  
65 for the duration of a current registration period and to issue a  
66 new certificate of registration and, at the request of the  
67 owner, a new registration certificate card.

68 Section 4. This act shall take effect on the same date  
69 that HB 369 or similar legislation takes effect, if such  
70 legislation is adopted in the same legislative session or an  
71 extension thereof and becomes a law.