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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; amending s. 320.04, F.S.; imposing a specified service 10 11 charge for the original or duplicate issuance or transfer of a registration certificate card; amending 12 13 s. 320.0609, F.S.; specifying a transfer fee for the issuance of a new registration certificate card under 14 15 certain circumstances; providing a contingent 16 effective date. 18 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 20 Section 1. Section 320.031, Florida Statutes, is amended

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to read:

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320.031 Mailing of registration certificates, registration certificate cards, license plates, and validation stickers .-

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The department and the tax collectors of the several counties of the state may at the request of the applicant use

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United States mail service to deliver registration certificates and registration certificate cards and renewals thereof, license plates, mobile home stickers, and validation stickers to applicants.

- (2) A mail service charge may be collected for each registration certificate, registration certificate card, license plate, mobile home sticker, and validation sticker mailed by the department or any tax collector. Each registration certificate, registration certificate card, license plate, mobile home sticker, and validation sticker shall be mailed by first-class mail unless otherwise requested by the applicant. The amount of the mail service charge shall be the actual postage required, rounded to the nearest 5 cents, plus a 25-cent handling charge. The mail service charge is in addition to the service charge provided by s. 320.04. All charges collected by the department under this section shall be deposited into the Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund.
- Section 2. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 320.04, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
  - 320.04 Registration service charge.
- (1)(a) A service charge of \$2.50 shall be imposed on each application that is handled in connection with original issuance, duplicate issuance, or transfer of a license plate, mobile home sticker, or validation sticker or with transfer or duplicate issuance of a registration certificate. A service

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charge of \$2.50 shall be imposed on each original or duplicate issuance or transfer of a registration certificate card. A This service charge under this paragraph shall be retained by the department or by the tax collector, as the case may be, as other fees accruing to those offices.

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

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

- (5) For a transfer or exchange other than one specified in paragraph (2)(b), the following provisions apply:
- (a) If the replacement motor vehicle requires the same amount of license tax under s. 320.08 as the original vehicle to be replaced, no additional tax other than the transfer fee of \$4.50, accompanied by an application for transfer on a form supplied by the department, is required to transfer or exchange a registration license plate for use on a replacement vehicle for the duration of a current registration period and to issue a new certificate of registration and, at the request of the owner, a new registration certificate card.

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