

By the Committee on Transportation; and Senator Gibson

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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 to collect a mail service charge for mailed  
5       registration certificate cards; amending s. 320.04,  
6       F.S.; imposing a specified service charge for the  
7       original or duplicate issuance or transfer of a  
8       registration certificate card; providing for the  
9       retention of the service charge; providing a  
10      contingent effective date.

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

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14       Section 1. Section 320.031, Florida Statutes, as amended by  
15       SB 574, 2022 Regular Session, is amended to read:

16       320.031 Mailing of registration certificates, registration  
17       certificate cards, license plates, and validation stickers.—

18       (1) The department and the tax collectors of the several  
19       counties of this ~~the~~ state may at the request of the applicant  
20       use United States mail service to deliver registration  
21       certificates and registration certificate cards and renewals  
22       thereof, license plates, mobile home stickers, and validation  
23       stickers to applicants.

24       (2) A mail service charge may be collected for each  
25       registration certificate, registration certificate card, license  
26       plate, mobile home sticker, and validation sticker mailed by the  
27       department or any tax collector. Each registration certificate,  
28       registration certificate card, license plate, mobile home  
29       sticker, and validation sticker shall be mailed by first-class

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30 mail unless otherwise requested by the applicant. The amount of  
31 the mail service charge shall be the actual postage required,  
32 rounded to the nearest 5 cents, plus a 25-cent handling charge.  
33 The mail service charge is in addition to the service charge  
34 provided by s. 320.04. All charges collected by the department  
35 under this section shall be deposited into the Highway Safety  
36 Operating Trust Fund.

37 Section 2. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section  
38 320.04, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

39 320.04 Registration service charge.—

40 (1) (a) A service charge of \$2.50 shall be imposed on each  
41 application that is handled in connection with original  
42 issuance, duplicate issuance, or transfer of a license plate,  
43 mobile home sticker, or validation sticker or with transfer or  
44 duplicate issuance of a registration certificate. A service  
45 charge of \$2.50 shall be imposed on each original or duplicate  
46 issuance or transfer of a registration certificate card. A ~~This~~  
47 service charge under this paragraph shall be retained by the  
48 department or by the tax collector, as the case may be, as other  
49 fees accruing to those offices.

50 Section 3. This act shall take effect on the same date that  
51 SB 574 or similar legislation takes effect, if such legislation  
52 is adopted in the same legislative session or an extension  
53 thereof and becomes a law.