

1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to the Department of Highway Safety
3 and Motor Vehicles; amending s. 319.28, F.S.; revising
4 requirements for the transfer of ownership of a motor
5 vehicle or mobile home if the previous owner died
6 testate; amending s. 319.29, F.S.; authorizing
7 application for reissuance of a certificate of title
8 issued by a tax collector which is lost and not
9 delivered; amending s. 320.06, F.S.; specifying the
10 weight of a vehicle for which the department may deem
11 necessary a license plate with reduced dimensions;
12 amending s. 320.084, F.S.; authorizing certain
13 disabled veterans to be issued a military license
14 plate or specialty license plate in lieu of a "DV"
15 license plate; amending s. 322.141, F.S.; requiring
16 certain information on the driver license or
17 identification card of a sexual offender or sexual
18 predator to be printed in red; providing requirements
19 for a sexual offender's or sexual predator's
20 presentation of the license or identification card to
21 certain persons; providing an effective date.

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23 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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25 Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section

26 | 319.28, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

27 | 319.28 Transfer of ownership by operation of law.—

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29 | (b) When the application for a certificate of title is
 30 | made by an heir of a previous owner who died intestate, it shall
 31 | not be necessary to accompany the application with an order of a
 32 | probate court if the applicant files with the department an
 33 | affidavit that the estate is not indebted and the surviving
 34 | spouse, if any, and the heirs, if any, have amicably agreed
 35 | among themselves upon a division of the estate. If the previous
 36 | owner died testate, the application shall be accompanied by:

37 | 1. A certified copy of the will, if probated, and an
 38 | affidavit that the estate is solvent with sufficient assets to
 39 | pay all just claims; ~~or~~

40 | 2. If the will is not being probated, ~~by~~ a sworn copy of
 41 | the will and an affidavit that the estate is not indebted; or

42 | 3. An affidavit developed by the department, attested to
 43 | under penalty of perjury by an attorney licensed in this state
 44 | indicating the rightful heir or heirs and that such heir or
 45 | heirs are legally entitled to apply for a certificate of title
 46 | under this section and ss. 319.32(7), 320.0609(7), 732.507(2),
 47 | 732.515, 732.802, and 733.615, and signed under penalty of
 48 | perjury by such heir or heirs.

49 | Section 2. Subsection (3) of section 319.29, Florida
 50 | Statutes, is amended to read:

51 319.29 Lost or destroyed certificates.—

52 (3) If, following the issuance of an original, duplicate,
 53 or corrected certificate of title by the department or a tax
 54 collector, the certificate is lost in transit and is not
 55 delivered to the addressee, the owner of the motor vehicle or
 56 mobile home, or the holder of a lien thereon, may, within 180
 57 days after ~~of~~ the date of issuance of the title, apply to the
 58 department for reissuance of the certificate of title. An ~~No~~
 59 additional fee shall not be charged for reissuance under this
 60 subsection.

61 Section 3. Paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of section
 62 320.06, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

63 320.06 Registration certificates, license plates, and
 64 validation stickers generally.—

65 (3)(a) Registration license plates must be made of metal
 66 specially treated with a retroreflection material, as specified
 67 by the department. The registration license plate is designed to
 68 increase nighttime visibility and legibility and must be at
 69 least 6 inches wide and not less than 12 inches in length,
 70 unless a plate with reduced dimensions is deemed necessary by
 71 the department to accommodate motorcycles, mopeds, or similar
 72 smaller vehicles weighing less than 4,999 pounds. Validation
 73 stickers must also be treated with a retroreflection material,
 74 must be of such size as specified by the department, and must
 75 adhere to the license plate. The registration license plate must

76 | be imprinted with a combination of bold letters and numerals or
77 | numerals, not to exceed seven digits, to identify the
78 | registration license plate number. The license plate must be
79 | imprinted with the word "Florida" at the top and the name of the
80 | county in which it is sold, the state motto, or the words
81 | "Sunshine State" at the bottom. Apportioned license plates must
82 | have the word "Apportioned" at the bottom, and license plates
83 | issued for vehicles taxed under s. 320.08(3)(d), (4)(m) or (n),
84 | (5)(b) or (c), or (14) must have the word "Restricted" at the
85 | bottom. License plates issued for vehicles taxed under s.
86 | 320.08(12) must be imprinted with the word "Florida" at the top
87 | and the word "Dealer" at the bottom unless the license plate is
88 | a specialty license plate as authorized in s. 320.08056.
89 | Manufacturer license plates issued for vehicles taxed under s.
90 | 320.08(12) must be imprinted with the word "Florida" at the top
91 | and the word "Manufacturer" at the bottom. License plates issued
92 | for vehicles taxed under s. 320.08(5)(d) or (e) must be
93 | imprinted with the word "Wrecker" at the bottom. Any county may,
94 | upon majority vote of the county commission, elect to have the
95 | county name removed from the license plates sold in that county.
96 | The state motto or the words "Sunshine State" shall be printed
97 | in lieu thereof. A license plate issued for a vehicle taxed
98 | under s. 320.08(6) may not be assigned a registration license
99 | number, or be issued with any other distinctive character or
100 | designation, that distinguishes the motor vehicle as a for-hire

101 motor vehicle.

102 Section 4. Subsection (5) of section 320.084, Florida
 103 Statutes, is renumbered as subsection (6), and a new subsection
 104 (5) is added to that section to read:

105 320.084 Free motor vehicle license plate to certain
 106 disabled veterans.—

107 (5) A disabled veteran who meets the requirements of
 108 subsection (1) may, upon application and payment of the license
 109 tax prescribed by s. 320.08, be issued a military license plate
 110 for which he or she is eligible or a specialty license plate in
 111 lieu of the "DV" license plate.

112 Section 5. Subsection (4) of section 322.141, Florida
 113 Statutes, is renumbered as subsection (5), subsection (3) is
 114 amended, and a new subsection (4) is added to that section, to
 115 read:

116 322.141 Color or markings of certain licenses or
 117 identification cards.—

118 (3) All licenses for the operation of motor vehicles or
 119 identification cards originally issued or reissued by the
 120 department to persons who are designated as sexual predators
 121 under s. 775.21 or subject to registration as sexual offenders
 122 under s. 943.0435 or s. 944.607, or who have a similar
 123 designation or are subject to a similar registration under the
 124 laws of another jurisdiction, shall have all personal
 125 information printed on the front of the license or

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126 identification card in the color red, including the following:

127 (a) For a person designated as a sexual predator under s.
128 775.21 or who has a similar designation under the laws of
129 another jurisdiction, the marking "SEXUAL PREDATOR."

130 (b) For a person subject to registration as a sexual
131 offender under s. 943.0435 or s. 944.607, or subject to a
132 similar registration under the laws of another jurisdiction, the
133 marking "943.0435, F.S."

134 (4) A sexual offender or sexual predator who is asked by a
135 law enforcement officer, school resource officer, school
136 official, day care operator, or government official to present
137 his or her driver license or identification card must completely
138 remove the license or identification card from the place in
139 which it is stored or contained and present the license or
140 identification card to the law enforcement officer, school
141 resource officer, school official, day care operator, or
142 government official without any of the colors or markings
143 required under subsection (3) being obscured or hidden.

144 Section 6. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.