

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to authorized agents of tax
 3 collectors; amending s. 320.03, F.S.; requiring a tax
 4 collector, upon petition, to appoint a general lines
 5 insurance agency as an authorized agent of the tax
 6 collector for the purpose of issuing registration
 7 certificates, registration license plates, validation
 8 stickers, and mobile home stickers; requiring the
 9 agency to file a performance bond with the Department
 10 of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles; requiring the
 11 agency to provide audited financial statements to the
 12 department; authorizing the agency to provide services
 13 solely to its customers; limiting the number of
 14 locations at which the agency may offer services;
 15 requiring the tax collector to authorize the agency to
 16 access the electronic filing system; specifying
 17 provisions of law to which the agency is subject;
 18 authorizing the department to adopt rules; providing
 19 an effective date.

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

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 23 Section 1. Subsection (11) is added to section 320.03,
 24 Florida Statutes, to read:
 25 320.03 Registration; duties of tax collectors;

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26 International Registration Plan.—

27 (11) (a) Upon petition by the agent in charge of a general
28 lines insurance agency licensed under chapter 626 and appointed
29 to write motor vehicle insurance, each tax collector must
30 appoint such agency as an authorized agent of the tax collector
31 for the purpose of issuing registration certificates,
32 registration license plates, validation stickers, and mobile
33 home stickers to applicants and providing to applicants for each
34 the option to register emergency contact information and the
35 option to be contacted with information about state and federal
36 benefits available as a result of military service, subject to
37 the requirements of law, in accordance with rules of the
38 department.

39 (b) A general lines insurance agency appointed as an
40 authorized agent of a tax collector under this subsection:

41 1. Must file a performance bond of \$2 million with the
42 department.

43 2. Must provide to the department audited financial
44 statements, prepared by a certified public accountant licensed
45 to practice in this state, for each of the previous 2 years
46 demonstrating that the agency has produced policy premium in
47 excess of \$500 million in each of the previous 2 years.

48 3. Is not required to provide services described in
49 paragraph (a) to the general public and may choose to provide
50 such services solely to its customers in the normal course of

51 business.

52 4. May offer such services at no more than five locations
 53 in each county in which the agency has a branch office.

54 5. Must be authorized by the tax collector pursuant to
 55 paragraph (10) (c) to access the electronic filing system.

56 6. Is subject to all provisions of law as though such
 57 agent were a private tag agency or agent, except where the
 58 context clearly indicates otherwise.

59 (c) The department may adopt rules to administer this
 60 subsection, including, but not limited to, rules establishing
 61 information that must be contained in the petition to offer
 62 services under this subsection, information that must be
 63 contained in the audited financial statements required under
 64 subparagraph (b)2., and enforcement authority for noncompliance.

65 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.