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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the appointment of a general lines
3 agency as an agent for a tax collector; amending s.
4 320.03 F.S.; requiring the tax collector, upon
5 petition, to appoint an agent in charge of a general
6 lines agency as an agent for the tax collector to
7 carry out certain duties; requiring all general lines
8 agencies appointed as agents for the tax collector to
9 fulfill certain requirements; authorizing agents of
10 general lines to have discretion in whether to provide
11 certain services; limiting the locations where agents
12 of general lines may provide services; requiring the
13 tax collector to be approved for access to the
14 electronic filing system; subjecting the general lines
15 agent acting as an agent of the tax collector to
16 certain provisions of law; authorizing the Department
17 of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to adopt rules;
18 providing an effective date.

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

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22 Section 1. Subsection (11) is added to section 320.03,
23 Florida Statutes, to read:

24 320.03 Registration; duties of tax collectors;
25 International Registration Plan.—

26 (11) (a) Upon petition by the agent in charge of a general
27 lines agency licensed pursuant to chapter 626 and appointed to
28 write motor vehicle insurance, each tax collector may appoint
29 such agency as an agent for the tax collector for purposes of

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30 issuing registration certificates, registration license plates,
31 validation stickers, and mobile home stickers to applicants and
32 providing to such applicants the option to register emergency
33 contact information and the option to be contacted with
34 information about state and federal benefits available as a
35 result of military service, subject to the requirements of law,
36 in accordance with the rules of the department.

37 (b) A general lines agency appointed as an agent for a tax
38 collector under this subsection:

39 1. Must provide a performance bond of \$2 million to the
40 department;

41 2. Must provide audited financial statements from a
42 certified public accountant licensed to practice in this state
43 for each of the previous 2 years demonstrating the agency has
44 produced policy premiums in excess of 500 million in each of the
45 previous 2 years;

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

50 4. May not offer such services at more than five locations
51 in each county where the agency has a branch office;

52 5. Must be approved by the tax collector pursuant to
53 paragraph (10) (c) for access to the electronic filing system;
54 and

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

58 (c) The department may adopt rules to administer this

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59 subsection, including, but not limited to, rules establishing
60 information that must be contained in a petition to offer
61 services under this subsection and information that must be
62 contained in the audited financial statements and enforcement
63 authority for noncompliance.

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