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The Appropriations Committee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development (Collins) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete lines 140 - 162

and insert:

Section 4. Subsections (1) and (3), paragraphs (a) and (c) of subsection (4), and subsection (6) of section 320.084, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

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

(1) One free disabled veteran ~~“DV”~~ motor vehicle license



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number plate shall be issued by the department for use on any motor vehicle owned or leased by any disabled veteran who has been a resident of this state continuously for the preceding 5 years or has established a domicile in this state as provided by s. 222.17(1), (2), or (3), and who has been honorably discharged from the United States Armed Forces, upon application, accompanied by proof that:

(a) A vehicle was initially acquired through financial assistance by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or its predecessor specifically for the purchase of an automobile;

(b) The applicant has been determined by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or its predecessor to have a service-connected 100-percent disability rating for compensation; or

(c) The applicant has been determined to have a service-connected disability rating of 100 percent and is in receipt of disability retirement pay from any branch of the United States Armed Services.

(3) The department shall, as it deems necessary, require each person to whom a motor vehicle license plate has been issued pursuant to subsection (1) to apply to the department for reissuance of his or her registration license plate. Upon receipt of the application and proof of the applicant's continued eligibility, the department shall issue a new permanent disabled veteran ~~"DV" numerical~~ motor vehicle license plate which shall be of the colors red, white, and blue similar to the colors of the United States flag. The operation of a motor vehicle displaying a disabled veteran ~~"DV"~~ license plate



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from a previous issue period or a noncurrent validation sticker after the date specified by the department shall subject the owner if he or she is present, otherwise the operator, to the penalty provided in s. 318.18(2). Such permanent license plate shall be removed upon sale of the vehicle, but may be transferred to another vehicle owned by such veteran in the manner prescribed by law. ~~The license number of each plate issued under this section shall be identified by the letter designation "DV."~~ Upon request of any such veteran, the department is authorized to issue a designation plate containing only the letters "DV," to be displayed on the front of the vehicle.

(4)(a) With the issuance of each new permanent disabled veteran ~~"DV" numerical~~ motor vehicle license plate, the department shall initially issue, without cost to the applicant, a validation sticker reflecting the owner's birth month and a serially numbered validation sticker reflecting the year of expiration. The initial sticker reflecting the year of expiration may not exceed 27 months.

(c) Registration under this section shall be renewed annually or biennially during the applicable renewal period on forms prescribed by the department, which shall include, in addition to any other information required by the department, a certified statement as to the continued eligibility of the applicant to receive the disabled veteran ~~special "DV"~~ license plate. Any applicant who falsely or fraudulently submits to the department the certified statement required by this paragraph is guilty of a noncriminal violation and is subject to a civil penalty of \$50.



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(6) (a) A disabled veteran who meets the requirements of subsection (1) may be issued, in lieu of the disabled veteran "DV" license plate, a military license plate for which he or she is eligible or a specialty license plate embossed with the initials "DV" in the top left-hand corner. A disabled veteran electing a military license plate or specialty license plate under this subsection must pay all applicable fees related to such license plate, except for fees otherwise waived under subsections (1) and (4).

(b) A military license plate or specialty license plate elected under this subsection:

~~1. Does not provide the protections or rights afforded by ss. 316.1955, 316.1964, 320.0848, 526.141, and 553.5041.~~

~~2.~~ is not eligible for the international symbol of accessibility as described in s. 320.0842.

Section 5. Paragraph (d) of subsection (1) and paragraph (e) of subsection (2) of section 320.0848, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

320.0848 Persons who have disabilities; issuance of disabled parking permits; temporary permits; permits for certain providers of transportation services to persons who have disabilities.—

(1)

(d) The department shall renew the disabled parking permit of a ~~any~~ person certified as permanently disabled on the previous application for a subsequent 4-year period without requiring the person to provide another certificate of disability or United States Department of Veterans Affairs Form Letter 27-333, or its equivalent, as applicable. After such 4-



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year period, the department shall renew the disabled parking permit if the person provides a certificate of disability issued within the last 12 months pursuant to this subsection. A veteran who has been previously evaluated and certified by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or any branch of the United States Armed Forces as permanently and totally disabled from a service-connected disability may provide a United States Department of Veterans Affairs Form Letter 27-333, or its equivalent, issued within the last 12 months in lieu of a certificate of disability.

(2) DISABLED PARKING PERMIT; PERSONS WITH LONG-TERM MOBILITY PROBLEMS.—

(e) A person who qualifies for a disabled parking permit under this section may be issued an international wheelchair user symbol license plate under s. 320.0843 in lieu of the disabled parking permit; or, if the person qualifies for a disabled veteran ~~"DV"~~ license plate under s. 320.084, such a license plate may be issued to him or her in lieu of a disabled parking permit.

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And the title is amended as follows:

Delete lines 13 - 16

and insert:

mail; amending s. 320.084, F.S.; providing for disabled veteran motor vehicle license plates in lieu of "DV" motor vehicle license plates; amending s. 320.0848, F.S.; requiring the department to renew certain disabled parking permits for a specified



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127        period without requiring certain documentation;  
128        conforming a provision to changes made by the act;  
129        amending s. 322.02, F.S.; revising the