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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Appropriations (Collins) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment to Amendment (582758) (with title amendment)

Between lines 151 and 152
insert:

Section 10. 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.—



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



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motor vehicle displaying a disabled veteran "DV" license plate 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 special disabled veteran "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



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penalty of \$50.

(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 11. Paragraph (e) of subsection (2) of section 320.0848, Florida Statutes, is 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.—

(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



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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:

Between lines 1428 and 1429

insert:

s. 320.084, F.S.; providing for disabled veteran motor
vehicle license plates in lieu of "DV" motor vehicle
license plates; revising construction; amending s.
320.0848, F.S.; conforming a provision to changes made
by the act; amending