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A bill to be entitled  
An act relating to the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles fees; amending s. 319.324, F.S.; authorizing the tax collector to retain a certain expedited service fee; amending s. 320.031, F.S.; revising the determination of a certain handling charge; requiring the tax collector to determine certain costs; amending ss. 320.072, 320.08056, 322.051, and 322.14, F.S.; authorizing the tax collector to retain certain vehicle registration service charges, specialty license plate processing fees, and additional fees for identification cards, respectively; amending s. 322.20, F.S.; authorizing the processing entity to retain certain record fees; amending s. 322.21, F.S.; requiring a certain amount of replacement driver license and renewal and replacement identification card fees to be remitted to the tax collector; requiring a specified fee to cover the actual costs of any required criminal history check; requiring the tax collector to retain a certain amount of such fee; increasing the amount of certain driver license reinstatement fees to be remitted to or retained by the tax collector; requiring the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to remit certain driver license reinstatement fees to the

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26 tax collector; amending ss. 322.29, 324.0221, and  
27 324.071, F.S.; authorizing the processing entity or  
28 tax collector to retain certain driver license  
29 reinstatement fees; providing an effective date.

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

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33 **Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 319.324, Florida  
34 Statutes, is amended to read:**

35 319.324 Odometer fraud prevention and detection; funding.—

36 (1) Moneys received by the department pursuant to s.

37 319.32(1) in the amount of \$1 for each original certificate of  
38 title, each duplicate copy of a certificate of title, and each  
39 assignment by a lienholder shall be deposited into the Highway  
40 Safety Operating Trust Fund. There shall also be deposited into  
41 the fund moneys received by the department pursuant to s.

42 319.323 in the amount of \$5 for each expedited service performed  
43 by the department for which a fee is assessed. If the expedited  
44 service is performed by the tax collector, the expedited service  
45 fee shall be retained by the tax collector, less the general  
revenue service charge set forth in s. 215.20(1).

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47 **Section 2. Subsection (2) of section 320.031, Florida  
48 Statutes, is amended to read:**

49 320.031 Mailing of registration certificates, license  
50 plates, and validation stickers.—

51       (2) A mail service charge may be collected for each  
52 registration certificate, license plate, mobile home sticker,  
53 and validation sticker mailed by the department or any tax  
54 collector. Each registration certificate, license plate, mobile  
55 home sticker, and validation sticker shall be mailed by first-  
56 class mail unless otherwise requested by the applicant. The  
57 amount of the mail service charge shall be the actual postage  
58 required, rounded to the nearest 5 cents, plus the actual  
59 handling cost or actual envelope cost as determined by the tax  
60 collector a 25 cent handling charge. The mail service charge is  
61 in addition to the service charge provided by s. 320.04. All  
62 charges collected by the department under this section shall be  
63 deposited into the Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund.

64       **Section 3. Subsection (4) of section 320.072, Florida**

65       **Statutes, is amended to read:**

66       320.072 Additional fee imposed on certain motor vehicle  
67 registration transactions.—

68       (4) A tax collector or other authorized agent of the  
69 department shall promptly remit all moneys collected pursuant to  
70 this section, less a retained service charge of 14.3 percent and  
71 any refunds granted pursuant to subsection (3), to the  
72 department. The department shall deposit 85.7 percent of such  
73 moneys into the State Transportation Trust Fund and ~~14.3 percent~~  
74 ~~into the Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund~~. Notwithstanding  
75 any other law, the moneys deposited into the State

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76 Transportation Trust Fund pursuant to this subsection shall be  
77 used by the Department of Transportation for the following:

78 (a) The Florida Shared-Use Nonmotorized Trail Network  
79 established in s. 339.81, \$50 million.

80 (b) The capital funding for the New Starts Transit  
81 Program, authorized by 49 U.S.C. s. 5309 and pursuant to s.  
82 341.051, 3.4 percent.

83 (c) The Small County Outreach Program pursuant to s.  
84 339.2818, 5 percent.

85 (d) The Florida Strategic Intermodal System pursuant to  
86 ss. 339.61-339.64, 20.6 percent.

87 (e) The Transportation Regional Incentive Program pursuant  
88 to s. 339.2819, 6.9 percent.

89 (f) All remaining funds for any transportation purpose  
90 authorized by law.

91 **Section 4. Paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section  
92 320.08056, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

93 320.08056 Specialty license plates.—

94 (3) Each request must be made annually to the department  
95 or an authorized agent serving on behalf of the department,  
96 accompanied by the following tax and fees:

97 (b) A processing fee of \$5 to be retained by the tax  
98 collector, less the general revenue service charge set forth in  
99 s. 215.20(1), to be deposited into the Highway Safety Operating  
100 Trust Fund.

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102 A request may be made any time during a registration period. If  
103 a request is made for a specialty license plate to replace a  
104 current valid license plate, the specialty license plate must be  
105 issued with appropriate decals attached at no tax for the plate,  
106 but all fees and service charges must be paid. If a request is  
107 made for a specialty license plate at the beginning of the  
108 registration period, the tax, together with all applicable fees  
109 and service charges, must be paid.

110 **Section 5. Paragraphs (c) and (d) of subsection (8) of**  
111 **section 322.051, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:**

112 322.051 Identification cards.—

113 (8)

114 (c) The international symbol for the deaf and hard of  
115 hearing shall be exhibited on the identification card of a  
116 person who is deaf or hard of hearing upon the payment of an  
117 additional \$1 fee to be retained by the tax collector for the  
118 identification card and the presentation of sufficient proof  
119 that the person is deaf or hard of hearing as determined by the  
120 department. Until a person's identification card is next  
121 renewed, the person may have the symbol added to his or her  
122 identification card upon surrender of his or her current  
123 identification card, payment of a \$2 fee to be retained by the  
124 tax collector, less the general revenue service charge set forth  
125 in s. 215.20(1) deposited into the Highway Safety Operating

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126 ~~Trust Fund~~, and presentation of sufficient proof that the person  
127 is deaf or hard of hearing as determined by the department. If  
128 the applicant is not conducting any other transaction affecting  
129 the identification card, a replacement identification card may  
130 be issued with the symbol without payment of the fee required in  
131 s. 322.21(1)(f)3.c. For purposes of this paragraph, the  
132 international symbol for the deaf and hard of hearing is  
133 substantially as follows:



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137 (d) The department shall include symbols representing the  
138 following on an identification card upon the payment of an  
139 additional \$1 fee, to be retained by the tax collector, by an  
140 applicant who meets the requirements of subsection (1) and  
141 presents his or her:

- 142 1. Lifetime freshwater fishing license;
- 143 2. Lifetime saltwater fishing license;
- 144 3. Lifetime hunting license;
- 145 4. Lifetime sportsman's license; or
- 146 5. Lifetime boater safety identification card.

148 A person may replace his or her identification card before its  
149 expiration date with a card that includes his or her status as a  
150 lifetime licensee or boater safety cardholder upon surrender of  
151 his or her current identification card, payment of a \$2 fee to  
152 be retained by the tax collector, less the general revenue  
153 service charge set forth in s. 215.20(1) ~~to be deposited into~~  
154 ~~the Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund~~, and presentation of the  
155 person's lifetime license or card. If the sole purpose of the  
156 replacement identification card is the inclusion of the  
157 applicant's status as a lifetime licensee or cardholder, the  
158 replacement identification card must be issued without payment  
159 of the fee required in s. 322.21(1)(f)3.c.

160 **Section 6. Paragraphs (c) and (e) of subsection (1) of  
161 section 322.14, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:**

162 322.14 Licenses issued to drivers.—

163 (1)

164 (c) The international symbol for the deaf and hard of  
165 hearing provided in s. 322.051(8)(c) shall be exhibited on the  
166 driver license of a person who is deaf or hard of hearing upon  
167 the payment of an additional \$1 fee to be retained by the tax  
168 collector, less the general revenue service charge set forth in  
169 s. 215.20(1), for the license and the presentation of sufficient  
170 proof that the person is deaf or hard of hearing as determined  
171 by the department. Until a person's license is next renewed, the  
172 person may have the symbol added to his or her license upon the

173 surrender of his or her current license, payment of a \$2 fee to  
174 be retained by the tax collector, less the general revenue  
175 service charge set forth in s. 215.20(1) to be deposited into  
176 ~~the Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund~~, and presentation of  
177 sufficient proof that the person is deaf or hard of hearing as  
178 determined by the department. If the applicant is not conducting  
179 any other transaction affecting the driver license, a  
180 replacement license may be issued with the symbol without  
181 payment of the fee required in s. 322.21(1)(e).

182 (e) The department shall include symbols representing the  
183 following on a driver license upon the payment of an additional  
184 \$1 fee to be retained by the tax collector, less the general  
185 revenue service charge set forth in s. 215.20(1), by an  
186 applicant who meets the requirements of s. 322.08 and presents  
187 his or her:

- 188 1. Lifetime freshwater fishing license;
- 189 2. Lifetime saltwater fishing license;
- 190 3. Lifetime hunting license;
- 191 4. Lifetime sportsman's license; or
- 192 5. Lifetime boater safety identification card.

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194 A person may replace his or her driver license before its  
195 expiration date with a license that includes his or her status  
196 as a lifetime licensee or boater safety cardholder upon  
197 surrender of his or her current driver license, payment of a \$2

198 fee to be retained by the tax collector, less the general  
199 revenue service charge set forth in s. 215.20(1) deposited into  
200 ~~the Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund~~, and presentation of the  
201 person's lifetime license or identification card. If the sole  
202 purpose of the replacement driver license is the inclusion of  
203 the applicant's status as a lifetime licensee or cardholder, the  
204 replacement driver license must be issued without payment of the  
205 fee required in s. 322.21(1) (e).

206 **Section 7. Paragraph (c) of subsection (11) and subsection**  
207 **(12) of section 322.20, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:**

208 322.20 Records of the department; fees; destruction of  
209 records.—

210 (11)

211 (c) The clerks of court and tax collectors authorized  
212 under s. 322.135, may provide 3-year, 7-year, or complete driver  
213 records to any person requesting such records upon payment of  
214 the appropriate fees. In addition to the fees authorized under  
215 paragraph (a), clerks of court and tax collectors may assess the  
216 fee listed in s. 322.135(1) (c) for this service. The applicable  
217 record fees listed in paragraph (a) shall be retained by the  
218 processing entity, less the general revenue service charge set  
219 forth in s. 215.20(1) must be remitted to the department no  
220 later than 5 days after payment is received, unless a shorter  
221 remittance period is required by law.

222 (12) The fees collected by the department under this

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223 section shall be deposited placed in the Highway Safety  
224 Operating Trust Fund.

225 **Section 8. Paragraphs (e), (f), and (h) of subsection (1)**  
226 **and subsection (8) of section 322.21, Florida Statutes, are**  
227 **amended to read:**

228 322.21 License fees; procedure for handling and collecting  
229 fees.—

230 (1) Except as otherwise provided herein, the fee for:

231 (e) A replacement driver license issued pursuant to s.

232 322.17 is \$25. Of this amount \$7, less the general revenue  
233 service charge set forth in s. 215.20(1), shall be remitted to  
234 the tax collector shall be deposited into the Highway Safety  
235 Operating Trust Fund and \$18 shall be deposited into the General  
236 Revenue Fund. Beginning July 1, 2015, or upon completion of the  
237 transition of driver license issuance services, if the  
238 replacement driver license is issued by the tax collector, the  
239 tax collector shall retain the \$7 that would otherwise be  
240 deposited into the Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund and the  
241 remaining revenues shall be deposited into the General Revenue  
242 Fund.

243 (f) An original, renewal, or replacement identification  
244 card issued pursuant to s. 322.051 is \$25.

245 1. An applicant who meets any of the following criteria is  
246 exempt from the fee under this paragraph for an original,  
247 renewal, or replacement identification card:

248       a. The applicant presents a valid Florida voter's  
249 registration card to the department and attests that he or she  
250 is experiencing a financial hardship.

251       b. The applicant presents evidence satisfactory to the  
252 department that he or she is homeless as defined in s.  
253 414.0252(7).

254       c. The applicant presents evidence satisfactory to the  
255 department that his or her annual income is at or below 100  
256 percent of the federal poverty level.

257       d. The applicant is a juvenile offender who is in the  
258 custody or under the supervision of the Department of Juvenile  
259 Justice, who is receiving services pursuant to s. 985.461, and  
260 whose identification card is issued by the department's mobile  
261 issuing units.

262       2. Pursuant to s. 322.051(10), an applicant who is 80  
263 years of age or older and whose driving privilege is denied due  
264 to failure to pass a vision test administered pursuant to s.  
265 322.18(5) is exempt from the fee under this paragraph for an  
266 original identification card.

267       3. Funds collected from fees for original, renewal, or  
268 replacement identification cards shall be distributed as  
269 follows:

270       a. For an original identification card issued pursuant to  
271 s. 322.051, the fee shall be deposited into the General Revenue  
272 Fund.

273       b. For a renewal identification card issued pursuant to s.  
274       322.051, \$6, less the general revenue service charge set forth  
275       in s. 215.20(1), shall be remitted to the tax collector shall be  
276       deposited into the Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund, and \$19  
277       shall be deposited into the General Revenue Fund.

278       c. For a replacement identification card issued pursuant  
279       to s. 322.051, \$9, less the general revenue service charge set  
280       forth in s. 215.20(1), shall be remitted to the tax collector  
281       shall be deposited into the Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund,  
282       and \$16 shall be deposited into the General Revenue Fund.

283       Beginning July 1, 2015, or upon completion of the transition of  
284       the driver license issuance services, if the replacement  
285       identification card is issued by the tax collector, the tax  
286       collector shall retain the \$9 that would otherwise be deposited  
287       into the Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund and the remaining  
288       revenues shall be deposited into the General Revenue Fund.

289       (h) A hazardous-materials endorsement, as required by s.  
290       322.57(1)(e), shall be set by the department by rule and must  
291       reflect the cost of the required criminal history check,  
292       including the cost of the state and federal fingerprint check,  
293       and the cost to the department of providing and issuing the  
294       license. The fee may shall not exceed \$100. The fee shall cover  
295       the actual costs of any required criminal history check and the  
296       tax collector shall retain \$50 of the fee This fee shall be  
297       deposited in the Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund. The

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298 department may adopt rules to administer this section.

299 (8) A person who applies for reinstatement following the  
300 suspension or revocation of the person's driver license must pay  
301 a service fee of \$45 following a suspension, and \$75 following a  
302 revocation, which is in addition to the fee for a license. A  
303 person who applies for reinstatement of a commercial driver  
304 license following the disqualification or downgrade of the  
305 person's privilege to operate a commercial motor vehicle must  
306 pay a service fee of \$75, which is in addition to the fee for a  
307 license. The department shall collect all of these fees at the  
308 time of reinstatement. The department shall issue proper  
309 receipts for such fees and shall promptly transmit all funds  
310 received by it as follows:

311 (a) Of the \$45 fee received from a licensee for  
312 reinstatement following a suspension:

313 1. If the reinstatement is processed by the department,  
314 the department shall deposit \$15 in the General Revenue Fund and  
315 \$30 in the Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund.

316 2. If the reinstatement is processed by the tax collector,  
317 \$30 \$15, less the general revenue service charge set forth in s.  
318 215.20(1), shall be remitted to the tax collector ~~retained by~~  
319 ~~the tax collector, \$15 shall be deposited into the Highway~~  
320 ~~Safety Operating Trust Fund,~~ and \$15 shall be deposited into the  
321 General Revenue Fund.

322 (b) Of the \$75 fee received from a licensee for

323 reinstatement following a revocation, disqualification, or  
324 downgrade:

325 1. If the reinstatement is processed by the department,  
326 the department shall deposit \$35 in the General Revenue Fund and  
327 \$40 in the Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund.

328 2. If the reinstatement is processed by the tax collector,  
329 ~~\$40~~ \$20, less the general revenue service charge set forth in s.  
330 215.20(1), shall be retained by the tax collector, ~~\$20 shall be~~  
331 ~~deposited into the Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund,~~ and \$35  
332 shall be deposited into the General Revenue Fund.

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334 If the revocation or suspension of the driver license was for a  
335 violation of s. 316.193, or for refusal to submit to a lawful  
336 breath, blood, or urine test, an additional fee of \$130 must be  
337 charged. However, only one \$130 fee may be collected from one  
338 person convicted of violations arising out of the same incident.  
339 The department shall collect the \$130 fee and remit such fee,  
340 less the general revenue service charge set forth in s.  
341 215.20(1), to the tax collector deposit the fee into the Highway  
342 ~~Safety Operating Trust Fund~~ at the time of reinstatement of the  
343 person's driver license, but the fee may not be collected if the  
344 suspension or revocation is overturned. If the revocation or  
345 suspension of the driver license was for a conviction for a  
346 violation of s. 817.234(8) or (9) or s. 817.505, an additional  
347 fee of \$180 is imposed for each offense. The department shall

348 collect and remit such fee, less the general revenue service  
349 charge set forth in s. 215.20(1), to the tax collector deposit  
350 ~~the additional fee into the Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund~~  
351 at the time of reinstatement of the person's driver license.

352 **Section 9. Subsection (2) of section 322.29, Florida**  
353 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

354 322.29 Surrender and return of license.—

355 (2) Notwithstanding subsection (1), an examination is not  
356 required for the return of a license suspended under s. 318.15  
357 or s. 322.245 unless an examination is otherwise required by  
358 this chapter. A person applying for the return of a license  
359 suspended under s. 318.15 or s. 322.245 must present to the  
360 department certification from the court that he or she has  
361 complied with all obligations and penalties imposed pursuant to  
362 s. 318.15 or, in the case of a suspension pursuant to s.  
363 322.245, that he or she has complied with all directives of the  
364 court and the requirements of s. 322.245 and shall pay to the  
365 department a nonrefundable service fee of \$60, of which \$37.50  
366 shall be deposited into the General Revenue Fund and \$22.50  
367 shall be deposited into the Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund.  
368 If reinstated by the clerk of the court or tax collector, the  
369 fee shall be retained by the processing entity \$37.50 shall be  
370 retained and \$22.50 shall be remitted to the Department of  
371 Revenue for deposit into the Highway Safety Operating Trust  
372 Fund. However, the service fee is not required if the person is

373 required to pay a \$45 fee or \$75 fee under s. 322.21(8).

374 **Section 10. Subsection (3) of section 324.0221, Florida**  
375 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

376 324.0221 Reports by insurers to the department; suspension  
377 of driver license and vehicle registrations; reinstatement.—

378 (3) An operator or owner whose driver license or  
379 registration has been suspended under this section or s. 316.646  
380 may affect its reinstatement upon compliance with the  
381 requirements of this section and upon payment to the department  
382 or tax collector of a nonrefundable reinstatement fee of \$150  
383 for the first reinstatement. The reinstatement fee is \$250 for  
384 the second reinstatement and \$500 for each subsequent  
385 reinstatement during the 3 years following the first  
386 reinstatement. A person reinstating her or his insurance under  
387 this subsection must also secure coverage as described in ss.  
388 324.021(8), 324.023, and 627.7275(2) and present to the  
389 appropriate person proof that the coverage is in force on a form  
390 adopted by the department, and such proof shall be maintained  
391 for 2 years. If the person does not have a second reinstatement  
392 within 3 years after her or his initial reinstatement, the  
393 reinstatement fee is \$150 for the first reinstatement after that  
394 3-year period. If a person's license and registration are  
395 suspended under this section or s. 316.646, only one  
396 reinstatement fee must be paid to reinstate the license and the  
397 registration. All fees shall be collected by the department or

398 tax collector at the time of reinstatement. The department or  
399 tax collector shall issue proper receipts for such fees. The  
400 department and shall promptly deposit the ~~these~~ fees in the  
401 Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund and the tax collector shall  
402 retain the fees, less the general revenue service charge set  
403 forth in s. 215.20(1). One-third of the fees collected under  
404 this subsection shall be distributed from the Highway Safety  
405 Operating Trust Fund or tax collector to the local governmental  
406 entity or state agency that employed the law enforcement officer  
407 seizing the license plate pursuant to s. 324.201. The funds may  
408 be used by the local governmental entity or state agency for any  
409 authorized purpose.

410 **Section 11. Section 324.071, Florida Statutes, is amended**  
411 **to read:**

412 324.071 Reinstatement; renewal of license; reinstatement  
413 fee.—Any operator or owner whose license or registration has  
414 been suspended pursuant to s. 324.051(2), s. 324.072, s.  
415 324.081, or s. 324.121 may effect its reinstatement upon  
416 compliance with ~~the provisions of~~ s. 324.051(2)(a)3. or 4., or  
417 s. 324.081(2) and (3), as the case may be, and with one of the  
418 provisions of s. 324.031 and upon payment to the department or  
419 tax collector of a nonrefundable reinstatement fee of \$15. The  
420 fee shall be retained by the processing entity, less the general  
421 revenue service charge set forth in s. 215.20(1). Only one such  
422 fee shall be paid by any one person irrespective of the number

423 of licenses and registrations to be then reinstated or issued to  
424 such person. All such fees shall be deposited to a department  
425 trust fund. When the reinstatement of any license or  
426 registration is effected by compliance with s. 324.051(2)(a)3.  
427 or 4., the department shall not renew the license or  
428 registration within a period of 3 years from such reinstatement,  
429 nor shall any other license or registration be issued in the  
430 name of such person, unless the operator is continuing to comply  
431 with one of the provisions of s. 324.031.

432 **Section 12.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.