

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the Department of Highway Safety
3 and Motor Vehicles fees; amending s. 319.324, F.S.;
4 authorizing the tax collector to retain a certain
5 expedited service fee; amending s. 320.031, F.S.;
6 revising the determination of a certain handling
7 charge; requiring the tax collector to determine
8 certain costs; amending ss. 320.072, 320.08056,
9 322.051, and 322.14, F.S.; authorizing the tax
10 collector to retain certain vehicle registration
11 service charges, specialty license plate processing
12 fees, and additional fees for identification cards,
13 respectively; amending s. 322.20, F.S.; authorizing
14 the processing entity to retain certain record fees;
15 amending s. 322.21, F.S.; requiring a certain amount
16 of replacement driver license and renewal and
17 replacement identification card fees to be remitted to
18 the tax collector; requiring a specified fee to cover
19 the actual costs of any required criminal history
20 check; requiring the tax collector to retain a certain
21 amount of such fee; increasing the amount of certain
22 driver license reinstatement fees to be remitted to or
23 retained by the tax collector; requiring the
24 Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to
25 remit certain driver license reinstatement fees to the

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
46 revenue service charge set forth in s. 215.20(1).

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.—

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

Section 3. Subsection (4) of section 320.072, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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

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

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~~

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

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

322.14 Licenses issued to drivers.—

(1)

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

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

department may adopt rules to administer this section.

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

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

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

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

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

reinstatement following a revocation, disqualification, or
downgrade:

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

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

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

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

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

322.29 Surrender and return of license.—

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

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

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

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

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

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

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