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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to motor vehicles; amending s. 320.06, F.S.; requiring the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to establish and maintain a secure online license and registration portal for verifying, recording, and processing the seizure or confiscation of license plates; providing requirements for the portal; authorizing the department to adopt rules; amending s. 320.084, F.S.; providing that a disabled veteran may retain a certain license plate designation upon reissuance, renewal, or transfer of the plate; amending s. 320.0843, F.S.; authorizing applications for disabled parking permits to be made to the tax collector; providing that certain license plates may be stamped with specified letters at the option of the applicant; authorizing the tax collector to issue the plates immediately on demand under certain conditions; amending s. 320.26, F.S.; prohibiting a person from manufacturing, selling, offering for sale, or affixing to any registration license plate certain covers, films, or overlays that obscure or alter the registration license plate in a specified manner; amending s. 322.21, F.S.; requiring a tax collector to fulfill certain renewal and replacement driver licenses and identification cards; providing methods for receipt of the driver license or identification card; requiring the department to remit a specified service fee to the appropriate tax collector under certain conditions; amending s. 320.0848, F.S.;

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conforming a provision to changes made by the act;
providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (7) is added to section 320.06,
Florida Statutes, to read:

320.06 Registration certificates, license plates, and
validation stickers generally.—

(7) The department shall establish and maintain a secure
online license and registration portal accessible to the
department, tax collectors, and authorized law enforcement
agencies for the purpose of verifying, recording, and processing
the seizure or confiscation of license plates under this
chapter. The portal must provide immediate status updates when a
plate has been seized, destroyed, or returned and must be
checked before reissuance of a registration or plate. The
department may adopt rules to implement this subsection.

Section 2. Subsection (3) of section 320.084, Florida
Statutes, is amended to read:

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

(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 motor vehicle license plate which

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shall be of the colors red, white, and blue similar to the colors of the United States flag. A disabled veteran who has been issued a permanent disabled veteran motor vehicle license plate may retain the unique alphanumeric designation assigned to the plate upon reissuance, renewal, or transfer of the plate to another vehicle owned by the veteran. The operation of a motor vehicle displaying a disabled veteran 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. 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.

Section 3. Section 320.0843, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

320.0843 License plates for persons with disabilities eligible for permanent disabled parking permits.—

(1) Any owner or lessee of a motor vehicle who resides in this state and qualifies for a disabled parking permit under s. 320.0848(2), upon application to the department, or the tax collector as an authorized agent of the department, and payment of the license tax for a motor vehicle registered under s. 320.08(2), (3)(a), (b), (c), or (e), (4)(a) or (b), (6)(a), or (9)(c) or (d), shall be issued a license plate as provided by s. 320.06 which, in lieu of or in addition to the serial number prescribed by s. 320.06, shall, at the option of the applicant,

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88 be stamped with the international wheelchair user symbol or the
89 letters "DV" indicating a disabled veteran after the serial
90 number of the license plate. The license plate entitles the
91 person to all privileges afforded by a parking permit issued
92 under s. 320.0848. When more than one registrant is listed on
93 the registration issued under this section, the eligible
94 applicant shall be noted on the registration certificate.

95 (2) All applications for such license plates may ~~must~~ be
96 made to the department or the tax collector, and such license
97 plates may be issued immediately on demand by the tax collector,
98 subject to rules of the department.

99 Section 4. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section
100 320.26, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

101 320.26 Counterfeiting license plates, validation stickers,
102 mobile home stickers, cab cards, trip permits, or special
103 temporary operational permits prohibited; obscuring or altering
104 license plates prohibited; penalty.-

105 (1)(a) A ~~no~~ person may not:

106 1. shall Counterfeit registration license plates,
107 validation stickers, or mobile home stickers, or have in his or
108 her possession any such plates or stickers.

109 2. ; nor shall any person Manufacture, sell, or dispose of
110 registration license plates, validation stickers, or mobile home
111 stickers in this ~~the~~ state without first having obtained the
112 permission and authority of the department in writing.

113 3. Manufacture, sell, offer for sale, or affix to any
114 registration license plate any cover, film, or overlay, whether
115 transparent, translucent, tinted, or opaque, which obscures or
116 alters the legibility, color, or design of the registration

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license plate.

Section 5. Subsection (10) is added to section 322.21, Florida Statutes, to read:

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

(10) (a) Any renewal or replacement driver license or identification card ordered through the department's online license and registration portal shall be fulfilled by the tax collector of the county in which the applicant resides. The department shall ensure that all online orders are transmitted to the appropriate tax collector for fulfillment. The tax collector may mail the driver license or identification card to the applicant or, at the option of the applicant, may allow the applicant to pick up the driver license or identification card at the tax collector's office.

(b) For purposes of s. 322.135(1)(c), fulfillment under paragraph (a) constitutes services provided by the tax collector. The department shall remit the service fee authorized by s. 322.135(1)(c) to the appropriate tax collector for each transaction fulfilled under paragraph (a).

Section 6. 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

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

Section 7. This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.