

By Senator Trumbull

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to fees for Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles services; amending s. 319.324, F.S.; providing that an expedited service fee, less a specified charge, is retained by the tax collector under certain circumstances; amending s. 320.031, F.S.; providing that a certain mail service charge includes certain actual costs as determined by the department or a tax collector, rather than a specified amount; amending s. 320.072, F.S.; providing that a specified percentage of certain fees imposed on motor vehicle registration transactions are retained by the tax collector or other authorized agent of the department rather than deposited into the Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund; amending s. 320.08056, F.S.; providing that a processing fee for specialty license plate requests is retained by the tax collector, less a specified charge, rather than deposited into the Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund; amending ss. 322.051 and 322.14, F.S.; providing that certain fees relating to specified symbols exhibited on identification cards and driver licenses, respectively, are retained by the tax collector, less a specified charge, rather than deposited into the Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund; amending s. 322.20, F.S.; providing that certain record fees are retained by clerks of court and tax collectors, less a specified charge, rather than remitted to the department within a specified timeframe; amending s.

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30 322.21, F.S.; requiring that specified portions of
31 fees for replacement driver licenses, renewal
32 identification cards, and replacement identification
33 cards be retained by or remitted to the tax collector,
34 less a specified charge, rather than deposited into
35 the Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund; providing
36 that fees relating to hazardous-materials endorsements
37 are retained by the tax collector rather than
38 deposited into the Highway Safety Operating Trust
39 Fund; requiring that a portion of certain fees for
40 reinstatement of driver licenses be retained by the
41 tax collector, less a specified charge, rather than
42 deposited into the Highway Safety Operating Trust
43 Fund; requiring the department to collect and remit
44 certain fees, less a specified charge, to the tax
45 collector rather than collecting and depositing such
46 fees into the Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund;
47 amending s. 322.29, F.S.; requiring that certain
48 service fees relating to license reinstatement be
49 retained by the clerk of court or tax collector who
50 reinstated the license, rather than partially remitted
51 to the Department of Revenue for deposit into the
52 Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund; amending s.
53 324.0221, F.S.; providing that certain fees are
54 collected by the Department of Highway Safety and
55 Motor Vehicles or the tax collector; requiring the tax
56 collector to retain such collected fees, less a
57 specified charge, and distribute a specified portion
58 of such fees to a certain local governmental entity or

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state agency under certain circumstances; amending s.
324.071, F.S.; authorizing payment of a certain
reinstatement fee to a tax collector; providing that
such fee is retained by the processing entity, less a
specified charge; providing an effective date.

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

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

319.324 Odometer fraud prevention and detection; funding.—

(1) Moneys received by the department pursuant to s.
319.32(1) in the amount of \$1 for each original certificate of
title, each duplicate copy of a certificate of title, and each
assignment by a lienholder shall be deposited into the Highway
Safety Operating Trust Fund. There shall also be deposited into
the fund moneys received by the department pursuant to s.
319.323 in the amount of \$5 for each expedited service performed
by the department for which a fee is assessed. If the expedited
service is performed by the tax collector, the expedited service
fee is retained by the tax collector, less the general revenue
service charge set forth in s. 215.20(1).

Section 2. Subsection (2) of section 320.031, Florida
Statutes, as amended by section 4 of chapter 2025-125, Laws of
Florida, is amended to read:

320.031 Mailing or delivery of registration certificates,
license plates, and validation stickers.—

(2) A mail service charge may be collected for each
registration certificate, license plate, mobile home sticker,

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

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

(b) The capital funding for the New Starts Transit Program,

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authorized by 49 U.S.C. s. 5309 and pursuant to s. 341.051, 3.4 percent.

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

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

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

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

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

320.08056 Specialty license plates.—

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

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

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

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

322.051 Identification cards.—

(8)

(c) The international symbol for the deaf and hard of hearing shall be exhibited on the identification card 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, for the identification card and the presentation of sufficient proof that the person is deaf or hard of hearing as determined by the department. Until a person's identification card is next renewed, the person may have the symbol added to his or her identification card 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 sufficient proof that the person is deaf or hard of hearing as determined by the department. If the applicant is not conducting any other transaction affecting the identification card, a replacement identification card may be issued with the symbol without payment of the fee required in s. 322.21(1)(f)3.c. For purposes of this paragraph, the international symbol for the deaf and hard of hearing is substantially as follows:

(d) The department shall include symbols representing the following on an identification card upon the payment of an

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175 additional \$1 fee, to be retained by the tax collector, by an
176 applicant who meets the requirements of subsection (1) and
177 presents his or her:

- 178 1. Lifetime freshwater fishing license;
- 179 2. Lifetime saltwater fishing license;
- 180 3. Lifetime hunting license;
- 181 4. Lifetime sportsman's license; or
- 182 5. Lifetime boater safety identification card.

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

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

198 322.14 Licenses issued to drivers.—

199 (1)

200 (c) The international symbol for the deaf and hard of
201 hearing provided in s. 322.051(8)(c) shall be exhibited on the
202 driver license of a person who is deaf or hard of hearing upon
203 the payment of an additional \$1 fee, to be retained by the tax

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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
surrender of his or her current license, payment of a \$2 fee to
be deposited into the Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund, and
presentation of sufficient proof that the person is deaf or hard
of hearing as determined by the department. If the applicant is
not conducting any other transaction affecting the driver
license, a replacement license may be issued with the symbol
without payment of the fee required in s. 322.21(1)(e).

(e) The department shall include symbols representing the
following on a driver license upon the payment of an additional
\$1 fee by an applicant who meets the requirements of s. 322.08
and presents his or her:

1. Lifetime freshwater fishing license;
2. Lifetime saltwater fishing license;
3. Lifetime hunting license;
4. Lifetime sportsman's license; or
5. Lifetime boater safety identification card.

A person may replace his or her driver license before its
expiration date with a license that includes his or her status
as a lifetime licensee or boater safety cardholder upon
surrender of his or her current driver license, 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

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of the person's lifetime license or identification card. If the sole purpose of the replacement driver license is the inclusion of the applicant's status as a lifetime licensee or cardholder, the replacement driver license must be issued without payment of the fee required in s. 322.21(1)(e).

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

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

(11)

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

(12) The fees collected by the department under this section shall be placed in the Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund.

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

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

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

(e) A replacement driver license issued pursuant to s. 322.17 is \$25. Of this amount \$7, less the general revenue service charge set forth in s. 215.20(1), shall be retained by or remitted to the tax collector, as applicable, shall be deposited into the Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund and \$18 shall be deposited into the General Revenue Fund. ~~Beginning July 1, 2015, or upon completion of the transition of driver license issuance services, if the replacement driver license is issued by the tax collector, the tax collector shall retain the \$7 that would otherwise be deposited into the Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund and the remaining revenues shall be deposited into the General Revenue Fund.~~

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

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

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

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

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

d. The applicant is a juvenile offender who is in the custody or under the supervision of the Department of Juvenile

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Justice, who is receiving services pursuant to s. 985.461, and whose identification card is issued by the department's mobile issuing units.

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

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

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

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

c. For a replacement identification card issued pursuant to s. 322.051, \$9, less the general revenue service charge set forth in s. 215.20(1), shall be retained by or remitted to the tax collector, as applicable ~~shall be deposited into the Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund~~, and \$16 shall be deposited into the General Revenue Fund. ~~Beginning July 1, 2015, or upon completion of the transition of the driver license issuance services, if the replacement identification card is issued by the tax collector, the tax collector shall retain the \$9 that would~~

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~~otherwise be deposited into the Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund and the remaining revenues shall be deposited into the General Revenue Fund.~~

(h) A hazardous-materials endorsement, as required by s. 322.57(1)(e), shall be set by the department by rule and must reflect the cost of the required criminal history check, including the cost of the state and federal fingerprint check, ~~and~~ the cost to the department of providing and issuing the license, and an additional \$50, to be retained by the tax collector. The fee may ~~shall~~ not exceed \$100. ~~This fee shall be 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.

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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 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 and remit the \$130 fee, less the general revenue service charge set forth in s. 215.20(1), to the tax collector ~~and 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

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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 the additional 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 service 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).

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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 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 tax collector at the time of reinstatement. The department or tax collector shall issue proper receipts for such fees and shall, if the service is provided by the department, promptly deposit the ~~these~~ fees in the Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund or, if the service is provided by the tax collector, retain the fees less the general revenue

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service charge set forth in s. 215.20(1). One-third of the fees collected under this subsection shall be distributed from the Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund or tax collector, as applicable, to the local governmental entity or state agency that employed the law enforcement officer seizing the license plate pursuant to s. 324.201. The funds may be used by the local governmental entity or state agency for any authorized purpose.

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

324.071 Reinstatement; renewal of license; reinstatement fee.—Any operator or owner whose license or registration has been suspended pursuant to s. 324.051(2), s. 324.072, s. 324.081, or s. 324.121 may effect its reinstatement upon compliance with the provisions of s. 324.051(2)(a)3. or 4., or s. 324.081(2) and (3), as the case may be, and with one of the provisions of s. 324.031 and upon payment to the department or tax collector of a nonrefundable reinstatement fee of \$15. This fee shall be retained by the processing entity, less the general revenue service charge set forth in s. 215.20(1). Only one such 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.

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