

FLORIDA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES BILL ANALYSIS

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BILL #: [CS/HB 841](#)

TITLE: Motor Vehicle Registration Renewal

SPONSOR(S): Fabricio and Rizo

COMPANION BILL: [SB 982](#) (Rodriguez)

LINKED BILLS: None

RELATED BILLS: None

Committee References

[Government Operations](#)

15 Y, 0 N



[State Affairs](#)

21 Y, 0 N, As CS

SUMMARY

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The bill is effective July 1, 2026. (Section [7](#))

FISCAL OR ECONOMIC IMPACT:

STATE GOVERNMENT:

The bill may have an indeterminate positive fiscal impact on the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles as the department will no longer be required to provide, mail, or replace validation stickers for license plates. The bill may have an indeterminate, but insignificant, negative fiscal impact on the department as it removes a provision of law that imposes a service charge for the issuance of a validation sticker on certain registration applications.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT:

The bill may have an indeterminate positive fiscal impact on tax collectors as such entities will no longer be required to provide, mail, or replace validation stickers for license plates. For example, the Miami-Dade Tax Collectors Office estimates that going digital to record registrations and renewals will likely save the office \$2.5 million every year.¹ The bill may have an indeterminate, but insignificant, negative fiscal impact on tax collectors as it removes a provision of law that imposes a service charge for the issuance of a validation sticker on certain registration applications.

¹ Florida Politics, [Should Florida get rid of its yellow license plate tags? Miami-Dade's Tax Collector says yes](#) (last visited Jan. 26, 2026).

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PRIVATE SECTOR:

The bill may have an indeterminate positive economic impact on license plate agents as such entities will no longer be required to issue, mail, or replace validation stickers for license plates. The bill may have an indeterminate negative economic impact on vendors that provide validation stickers, as the vendors' product will no longer be authorized for use in Florida.

RELEVANT INFORMATION**SUBJECT OVERVIEW:****Validation Stickers**

The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV), tax collectors, and license plate agents² are involved in the process of motor vehicle registrations and renewals and issuing the validation stickers. DHSMV is required to provide the tax collectors and license plate agents with the necessary number of validation stickers.³

Current law provides that upon motor vehicle registration, and after payment of the appropriate license tax and fees, a motor vehicle owner or operator will receive a license plate⁴ and with each license plate, a validation sticker⁵ is issued. The validation sticker must be placed on the upper right corner of the license plate and must display the motor vehicle owner's:

- Birth month.
- License plate number.
- Year of expiration or the appropriate renewal period if the owner is not a natural person.⁶

The license plate and validation sticker are issued based on the applicant's appropriate renewal period. Generally, the registration period is 12 months, but an applicant may opt for an extended registration period of 24 months.⁷ For each registration period, after the initial one in which the license plate is issued, and until the license plate is required to be replaced, a validation sticker showing the month and year of expiration must be issued upon payment of the proper license tax amount and fees and is valid for the standard 12 months or the extended 24 months.⁸

The license plate and the validation sticker are a way for law enforcement to visually verify that a motor vehicle is legally registered and authorized to operate on Florida's roads.⁹ Many law enforcement officers have the capability to verify motor vehicle registrations electronically using automated license plate recognition systems¹⁰ on their cars, which automatically read the license plates of passing motorists and show their registration data to the officer.

² [Section 320.03, F.S.](#), provides that each tax collector is authorized to enter into contracts with private third-party license plate agents for certain tasks, including registering motor vehicles and issuing license plates and validation stickers.

³ [S. 320.06\(2\), F.S.](#)

⁴ [S. 320.06\(1\), F.S.](#)

⁵ [Section 320.06\(3\)\(a\), F.S.](#), provides that validation stickers must be made of retroreflection material, must be of a specific size as recommended by the Department of Highway Safety and motor vehicles, and must adhere to the license plate.

⁶ [S. 320.06\(1\)\(b\), F.S.](#)

⁷ *Id.*

⁸ [Section 320.06\(1\)\(c\), F.S.](#), provides that when license plates equipped with validation stickers are issued in any month other than the owner's birth month or the designated registration period for any other motor vehicle, the effective date must reflect the birth month or month and the year of renewal.

⁹ Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, [Motor Vehicle Registrations](#) (last visited Jan. 14, 2026).

¹⁰ [Section 316.0777\(1\)\(c\), F.S.](#), provides that an "automated license plate recognition system" is a system of one or more mobile or fixed high-speed cameras combined with computer algorithms to convert images of license plates into computer-readable data.

BILL HISTORY

COMMITTEE REFERENCE	ACTION	DATE	STAFF DIRECTOR/ POLICY CHIEF	ANALYSIS PREPARED BY
Government Operations Subcommittee	15 Y, 0 N	1/29/2026	Toliver	Walker
State Affairs Committee	21 Y, 0 N, As CS	2/17/2026	Williamson	Walker

THE CHANGES ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE: Removed the imposition of certain service charges associated with the issuance of a validation sticker.

THIS BILL ANALYSIS HAS BEEN UPDATED TO INCORPORATE ALL OF THE CHANGES DESCRIBED ABOVE.
