

HB 5501 — Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles

by Transportation and Economic Development Appropriations and Rep. Glorioso (CS/SB 1438
by Transportation and Economic Development Appropriations and Senator Fasano)

The bill revises laws relating to the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles.
Specifically the bill:

- Provides for the use of short form crash reports under certain circumstances and for those reports to be maintained by local law enforcement agencies;
- Provides legislative intent relating to the transition of all driver's license services from the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to tax collectors and directs the department in conjunction with the Florida Tax Collectors Association and the Florida Association of Counties to develop a transition plan to be submitted to the Legislature;
- Provides that a fee be assessed for electronic access to registration data provided through a tax collector's office and provides for the distribution of revenues;
- Provides authorization for the department to charge a fee for searching an individual driver history record that is not on file or that meets requested criteria; and
- Provides authorization for county tax collectors to sell driver history records.

The bill also includes a provision to allow a county or municipality to use traffic infraction detectors on state roads when permitted by the Department of Transportation, contingent upon CS/CS/HB 325 becoming law.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2010.

Vote: Senate 38-0; House 120-0