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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and  
Economic Development (Passidomo) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Between lines 14 and 15

insert:

Section 1. Subsections (1) and (3) of section 338.155,  
Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

338.155 Payment of toll on toll facilities required;  
exemptions.—



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10 (1) (a) A person may not use a a ~~any~~ toll facility without  
11 payment of tolls, except:

12 1. An employee ~~Employees~~ of the agency operating the toll  
13 project when using the toll facility on official state  
14 business. ~~7~~

15 2. State military personnel while on official military  
16 business. ~~7~~

17 3. A person with a disability ~~Handicapped persons~~ as  
18 provided in subsection (3). ~~this section,~~

19 4. A person ~~Persons~~ exempt from toll payment by the  
20 authorizing resolution for bonds issued to finance the  
21 facility. ~~7, and~~

22 5. A person ~~Persons~~ exempt on a temporary basis where use  
23 of such toll facility is required as a detour route.

24 6. A Any law enforcement officer while ~~operating a marked~~  
25 ~~official vehicle is exempt from toll payment when on official~~  
26 ~~law enforcement business. For purposes of this subparagraph, the~~  
27 ~~term "official law enforcement business" includes, but is not~~  
28 ~~limited to, patrol operations, investigative activities, crime~~  
29 ~~prevention operations, and traffic operations.~~

30 7. A Any person operating a fire vehicle while ~~when~~ on  
31 official business or a rescue vehicle while ~~when~~ on official  
32 business ~~is exempt from toll payment.~~

33 8. A Any person participating in the funeral procession of  
34 a law enforcement officer or firefighter killed in the line of  
35 duty ~~is exempt from toll payment.~~

36 (b) The secretary or the secretary's designee may suspend  
37 the payment of tolls on a toll facility when necessary to assist  
38 in emergency evacuation.



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39           (c) The failure to pay a prescribed toll constitutes a  
40 noncriminal traffic infraction, punishable as a moving violation  
41 as provided in s. 318.18. The department may adopt rules  
42 relating to the payment, collection, and enforcement of tolls,  
43 as authorized in this chapter and chapters 316, 318, 320, and  
44 322, including, but not limited to, rules for the implementation  
45 of video or other image billing and variable pricing.

46           (d) With respect to toll facilities managed by the  
47 department, the revenues of which are not pledged to repayment  
48 of bonds, the department may by rule allow the use of such  
49 facilities by public transit vehicles or by vehicles  
50 participating in a funeral procession for an active-duty  
51 military service member without the payment of tolls.

52           (3) ~~A Any handicapped~~ person with a disability who has a  
53 valid driver license, who operates a vehicle specially equipped  
54 for use by persons with disabilities ~~the handicapped~~, and who is  
55 certified by a physician licensed under chapter 458 or chapter  
56 459 or by comparable licensing in another state or by the  
57 Adjudication Office of the United States Department of Veterans  
58 Affairs or its predecessor as being severely physically disabled  
59 and having permanent upper limb mobility or dexterity  
60 impairments that ~~which~~ substantially impair the person's ability  
61 to deposit coins in toll baskets, shall be allowed to pass free  
62 through all tollgates and over all toll bridges and ferries in  
63 this state. Such ~~A person who meets the requirements of this~~  
64 ~~subsection~~ shall, upon application, be issued a vehicle window  
65 sticker by the Department of Transportation.

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67 ===== T I T L E   A M E N D M E N T =====



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68 And the title is amended as follows:

69 Delete line 2

70 and insert:

71 An act relating to tolls; amending s. 338.155, F.S.;

72 updating terms; exempting a law enforcement officer

73 from paying a toll on a toll facility while on

74 official law enforcement business; defining the term

75 "official law enforcement business"; making technical

76 changes;