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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Infrastructure and Security (Baxley)  
recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete everything after the enacting clause  
and insert:

Section 1. Effective September 1, 2020, paragraph (a) of  
subsection (1) and subsection (5) of section 320.055, Florida  
Statutes, are amended to read:

320.055 Registration periods; renewal periods.—The  
following registration periods and renewal periods are  
established:



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11 (1) (a) For a motor vehicle subject to registration under s.  
12 320.08(1), (2), (3), (4) (a) or (b), (5) (b), (c), (d), or (f),  
13 (6) (a), (7), (8), (9), or (10) and owned by a natural person,  
14 the registration period begins the first day of the birth month  
15 of the owner and ends the last day of the month immediately  
16 preceding the owner's birth month in the succeeding year. If  
17 such vehicle is registered in the name of more than one person,  
18 the birth month of the person whose name first appears on the  
19 registration shall be used to determine the registration period.  
20 For a vehicle subject to this registration period, the renewal  
21 period is the 30-day period ending at midnight on the vehicle  
22 owner's date of birth.

23 (5) For a vehicle subject to apportioned registration under  
24 s. 320.08(4) (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l),  
25 (m), or (n) s. 320.08(4), (5) (a)1. or, (e), (6) (b), or (14), the  
26 registration period shall be a period of 12 months beginning in  
27 a month designated by the department and ending on the last day  
28 of the 12th month. For a vehicle subject to this registration  
29 period, the renewal period is the last month of the registration  
30 period. The registration period may be shortened or extended at  
31 the discretion of the department, on receipt of the appropriate  
32 prorated fees, in order to evenly distribute such registrations  
33 on a monthly basis. For a vehicle subject to nonapportioned  
34 registration under s. 320.08(4) (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h),  
35 (i), (j), (k), (l), (m), or (n) s. 320.08(4), (5) (a)1., (6) (b),  
36 or (14), the registration period begins December 1 and ends  
37 November 30. The renewal period is the 31-day period beginning  
38 December 1.

39 Section 2. Beginning September 1, 2020, in order to



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40 implement the changes made by this act to s. 320.055, Florida  
41 Statutes, the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles  
42 shall develop methodology to prorate motor vehicle registration  
43 renewal fees. The methodology must give customers the option to  
44 renew their registrations on their dates of birth in 2021 or  
45 2022. Customers whose dates of birth occur in the months of  
46 January through June may choose to renew for 1 to 18 months.  
47 Customers whose dates of birth occur in the months of July  
48 through December may choose to renew for 7 to 24 months.  
49 Proration is limited to the renewal of an unexpired registration  
50 or a registration that has been expired for not more than 30  
51 days.

52 Section 3. Subsection (7) of section 320.0609, Florida  
53 Statutes, is amended to read:

54 320.0609 Transfer and exchange of registration license  
55 plates; transfer fee.—

56 (7) A surviving spouse of a registered owner of any motor  
57 vehicle may, upon presenting the death certificate or electronic  
58 file of death records maintained by the Department of Health,  
59 request a registration certificate and transfer of the  
60 registration license plate.

61 Section 4. Effective September 1, 2020, paragraph (a) of  
62 subsection (2) of section 320.07, Florida Statutes, is amended  
63 to read:

64 320.07 Expiration of registration; renewal required;  
65 penalties.—

66 (2) Registration shall be renewed semiannually, annually,  
67 or biennially, as provided in this subsection, during the  
68 applicable renewal period, upon payment of the applicable



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69 license tax amounts required by s. 320.08, service charges  
70 required by s. 320.04, and any additional fees required by law.

71 (a) Any person who owns a motor vehicle registered under s.  
72 320.08(4)(c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m)  
73 or (n) ~~s. 320.08(4)~~, (6)(b), or (13) may register semiannually  
74 as provided in s. 320.0705.

75 Section 5. Effective September 1, 2020, subsection (1) of  
76 section 320.0705, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

77 320.0705 Semiannual registration or renewal for certain  
78 vehicles.—

79 (1) The owner of a motor vehicle taxed under s. 320.08(4)  
80 (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m) or (n) ~~s.~~  
81 ~~320.08(4)~~ or (6)(b) may register his or her vehicle  
82 semiannually, if the amount of license tax due annually is more  
83 than \$100 and the vehicle registration fee is not required to be  
84 apportioned, upon payment of a fee of \$2.50 for each semiannual  
85 registration.

86 Section 6. Paragraph (c) of subsection (3) of section  
87 328.01, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

88 328.01 Application for certificate of title.—

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90 (c) In making application for transfer of title from a  
91 deceased titled owner, the new owner or surviving coowner shall  
92 establish proof of ownership by submitting with the application  
93 the original certificate of title and the decedent's probated  
94 last will and testament or letters of administration appointing  
95 the personal representative of the decedent. In lieu of a  
96 probated last will and testament or letters of administration, a  
97 copy of the decedent's death certificate or electronic file of



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98 death records maintained by the Department of Health, a copy of  
99 the decedent's last will and testament, and an affidavit by the  
100 decedent's surviving spouse or heirs affirming rights of  
101 ownership may be accepted by the department. If the decedent  
102 died intestate, a court order awarding the ownership of the  
103 vessel or an affidavit by the decedent's surviving spouse or  
104 heirs establishing or releasing all rights of ownership and a  
105 copy of the decedent's death certificate shall be submitted to  
106 the department.

107 Section 7. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this  
108 act, this act shall take effect January 1, 2020.

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111 And the title is amended as follows:

112 Delete everything before the enacting clause  
113 and insert:

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A bill to be entitled

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An act relating to registration and titling of

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vehicles and vessels; amending s. 320.055, F.S.;

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revising registration periods for certain vehicles;

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requiring the Department of Highway Safety and Motor

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Vehicles to develop methodology to prorate motor

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vehicle renewal registration fees for certain

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registrations; requiring the methodology to give

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customers certain renewal options; amending s.

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320.0609, F.S.; authorizing the surviving spouse of a

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motor vehicle owner to present certain electronic

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death records when requesting a registration

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certificate and license plate transfer; amending ss.



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127 320.07 and 320.0705, F.S.; conforming provisions to  
128 changes made by the act; amending s. 328.01, F.S.;  
129 authorizing a new owner or surviving coowner of a  
130 vessel to submit certain electronic death records when  
131 applying for transfer of title; providing effective  
132 dates.