

Committee on Transportation

SB 914 — Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles

by Senator Harrell

The bill makes the following revisions relating to the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV):

- Revises the dates associated with the texting and driving annual report of the DHSMV to require that information be provided to the DHSMV annually by April 1, and the report must be submitted annually by July 1;
- Requires an operator of a motor vehicle to provide proof of insurance upon the request of a law enforcement officer;
 - Any operator who is the owner or registrant of the vehicle being operated and who fails to provide proof of insurance commits a nonmoving traffic infraction and will be required to furnish proof of insurance that was in effect at the time of the violation at or before a scheduled court appearance or have their driver license suspended.
 - Any operator who is not the owner or registrant of the vehicle being operated and fails to provide proof of insurance commits a nonmoving traffic infraction.
- Expands the existing Private Rebuilt Vehicle Inspection Program to Bay, Broward, Duval, Escambia, Hillsborough, Leon, Manatee, Marion, Orange, Palm Beach, and Volusia counties beginning October 1, 2022;
- Provides a fee exemption for a surviving spouse transferring a motor vehicle title solely into their name when only the deceased spouse is named on the title;
- Provides that charter buses are apportionable vehicles subject to the requirements of the International Registration Plan;
- Prohibits individuals who have registration stops associated with toll violations from either renewing their registrations or replacing their license plates until satisfying the toll violation;
- Requires mobile home and recreational vehicle dealers, manufacturers, distributors, and importers to deliver to the DHSMV copies of renewed, continued, changed, or new insurance policies, surety or cash bonds, or irrevocable letters of credit within a specified time period;
- Revises certain minimum insurance requirements for commercial vehicles that carry passengers to comply with federal requirements; and
- Provides that beginning November 1, 2023, each distinguishing number assigned to an original, renewal, or replacement driver license and identification card must have a minimum of four randomly generated digits.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2022.

Vote: Senate 39-0; House 111-1