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By the Committee on Transportation

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1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to agents of the Department of
3	Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles; amending s.
4	320.03, F.S.; providing duties of license tag
5	agents with respect to issuing vehicle
6	registrations, license plates, and validation
7	stickers; requiring that such agents keep
8	certain records; prohibiting an employee of a
9	tax collector or license tag agent from
10	contracting with or being employed by certain
11	entities that process titles or registrations
12	for motor vehicles; amending s. 328.73, F.S.;
13	providing duties of license tag agents with
14	respect to issuing vessel registrations and
15	vessel numbers and decals; requiring that such
16	agents keep certain records and promptly remit
17	moneys to the department; prohibiting an
18	employee of a tax collector or license tag
19	agent from contracting with or being employed
20	by certain entities that process titles or
21	registrations for vessels; providing an
22	effective date.
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24	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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26	Section 1. Subsections (1) and (3) of section 320.03,
27	Florida Statutes, are amended, and subsection (10) is added to
28	that section, to read:
29	320.03 Registration; duties of tax collectors;
30	International Registration Plan
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1	(1) The tax collectors <u>or license tag agents</u> in the
2	several counties of the state, as authorized agents of the
3	department, shall issue registration certificates,
4	registration license plates, validation stickers, and mobile
5	home stickers to applicants, subject to the requirements of
6	law, in accordance with rules of the department. Any person,
7	firm, or corporation representing itself, through advertising
8	or naming of the business, to be an authorized agent of the
9	department shall be deemed guilty of an unfair and deceptive
10	trade practice as defined in part II of chapter 501. No Such
11	person, firm, or corporation <u>may not</u> shall use either the
12	state or county name as a part of their business name when
13	such use can reasonably be interpreted as an official state or
14	county office.
15	(3) Each tax collector <u>or license tag agent</u> shall keep
16	a full and complete record and account of all validation
17	stickers, mobile home stickers, or other properties received
18	by him or her from the department, or from any other source.
19	Notwithstanding chapter 116, every county officer within this
20	state authorized to collect funds provided for in this chapter
21	shall pay all sums officially received by the officer into the
22	State Treasury no later than 5 working days after the close of
23	the business day in which the officer received the funds.
24	Payment by county officers to the state shall be made by means
25	of electronic funds transfer.
26	(10) An employee of a tax collector or license tag
27	agent may not contract with or be employed by any entity that,
28	in the normal course of its business, prepares the
29	applications for or requests the processing of motor vehicle
30	titles or registrations.
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1 Section 2. Section 328.73, Florida Statutes, is 2 amended to read: 3 328.73 Registration; duties of tax collectors.--(1) The tax collectors or license tag agents in the 4 counties of the state, as authorized agents of the department, 5 6 shall issue registration certificates and vessel numbers and 7 decals to applicants, subject to the requirements of law and in accordance with rules of the department. 8 (2) Each tax collector or license tag agent shall keep 9 a full and complete record and account of all vessel decals or 10 other properties received by him or her from the department or 11 12 from any other source and shall make prompt remittance of 13 moneys collected by him or her at the times and in the manner prescribed by law. 14 (3) A fee of 50 cents shall be charged in addition to 15 the fees required under s. 328.72 on every vessel decal 16 17 registration sold to cover the cost of the Florida Real Time Vehicle Information System. The fees collected under this 18 section shall be deposited into the Highway Safety Operating 19 Trust Fund and shall be used to fund that system and may be 20 21 used to fund the general operations of the department. 22 (4) Notwithstanding chapter 116, every county officer 23 within this state authorized to collect funds provided for in this chapter shall pay all sums officially received by the 2.4 officer into the State Treasury no later than 5 working days 25 26 after the close of the business day in which the officer 27 received the funds. Payment by county officers to the state 2.8 shall be made by means of electronic funds transfer. 29 (5) An employee of a tax collector or license taq 30 agent may not contract with or be employed by any entity that, in the normal course of its business, prepares the 31

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1	applications for or requests the processing of vessel titles
2	or registrations.
3	Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007.
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6	SENATE SUMMARY
7	Provides duties of license tag agents with respect to issuing motor vehicle and vessel registrations, license
8	plates, and validation stickers. Requires such agents to keep certain records. Prohibits an employee of a tax
9	collector or license tag agent from contracting with or being employed by certain entities that process titles or
10	registrations for motor vehicles or vessels.
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