

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to homelessness; amending ss. 320.02,
3 322.08, and 322.18, F.S.; requiring the motor vehicle
4 registration form and registration renewal form, the
5 driver license application form, and the driver
6 license application form for renewal issuance or
7 renewal extension to include an option to make a
8 voluntary contribution to aid the homeless; providing
9 for such contributions to be deposited into the Grants
10 and Donations Trust Fund of the Department of Children
11 and Family Services and used by the State Office on
12 Homelessness for certain purposes; providing exemption
13 from certain application fee requirements; providing
14 that voluntary contributions for the homeless are not
15 income of a revenue nature for the purpose of applying
16 certain service charges; creating s. 414.161, F.S.;
17 establishing a homelessness prevention grant program;
18 requiring grant applicants to be ranked competitively;
19 providing preference for certain grant applicants;
20 providing eligibility requirements; providing grant
21 limitations and restrictions; requiring lead agencies
22 for local homeless assistance continuums of care to
23 track, monitor, and report on assisted families for a
24 specified period of time; amending s. 420.622, F.S.;
25 limiting the percentage of funding that lead agencies
26 may spend on administrative costs; amending s.
27 420.625, F.S.; deleting a cross-reference to conform;
28 repealing s. 414.16, F.S., relating to the emergency

29 assistance program for families with children that
 30 have lost shelter or face loss of shelter due to an
 31 emergency; transferring emergency assistance program
 32 funds to the homelessness prevention grant program;
 33 providing an effective date.

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35 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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37 Section 1. Paragraph (o) is added to subsection (15) of
 38 section 320.02, Florida Statutes, to read:

39 320.02 Registration required; application for
 40 registration; forms.—

41 (15)

42 (o) Notwithstanding s. 320.023, the application form for
 43 motor vehicle registration and renewal of registration must
 44 include language permitting a voluntary contribution of \$1 per
 45 applicant to aid the homeless. Contributions made pursuant to
 46 this paragraph shall be deposited into the Grants and Donations
 47 Trust Fund of the Department of Children and Family Services and
 48 used by the State Office on Homelessness to supplement grants
 49 made under s. 420.622(4) and (5), provide information to the
 50 public about homelessness in the state, and provide literature
 51 for homeless persons seeking assistance. The application fee
 52 required under s. 320.023 for an organization that seeks
 53 authorization to establish a voluntary contribution does not
 54 apply to this paragraph.

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56 For the purpose of applying the service charge provided in s.

57 | 215.20, contributions received under this subsection are not
58 | income of a revenue nature.

59 | Section 2. Subsection (7) of section 322.08, Florida
60 | Statutes, is amended to read:

61 | 322.08 Application for license; requirements for license
62 | and identification card forms.—

63 | (7) The application form for an original, renewal, or
64 | replacement driver's license or identification card shall
65 | include language permitting the following:

66 | (a) A voluntary contribution of \$1 per applicant, which
67 | contribution shall be deposited into the Health Care Trust Fund
68 | for organ and tissue donor education and for maintaining the
69 | organ and tissue donor registry.

70 | (b) A voluntary contribution of \$1 per applicant, which
71 | contribution shall be distributed to the Florida Council of the
72 | Blind.

73 | (c) A voluntary contribution of \$2 per applicant, which
74 | shall be distributed to the Hearing Research Institute,
75 | Incorporated.

76 | (d) A voluntary contribution of \$1 per applicant, which
77 | shall be distributed to the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation
78 | International.

79 | (e) A voluntary contribution of \$1 per applicant, which
80 | shall be distributed to the Children's Hearing Help Fund.

81 | (f) A voluntary contribution of \$1 per applicant, which
82 | shall be distributed to Family First, a nonprofit organization.

83 | (g) A voluntary contribution of \$1 per applicant to Stop
84 | Heart Disease, which shall be distributed to the Florida Heart

85 Research Institute, a nonprofit organization.

86 (h) A voluntary contribution of \$1 per applicant to Senior
87 Vision Services, which shall be distributed to the Florida
88 Association of Agencies Serving the Blind, Inc., a not-for-
89 profit organization.

90 (i) A voluntary contribution of \$1 per applicant for
91 services for persons with developmental disabilities, which
92 shall be distributed to The Arc of Florida.

93 (j) A voluntary contribution of \$1 to the Ronald McDonald
94 House, which shall be distributed each month to Ronald McDonald
95 House Charities of Tampa Bay, Inc.

96 (k) Notwithstanding s. 322.081, a voluntary contribution
97 of \$1 per applicant, which shall be distributed to the League
98 Against Cancer/La Liga Contra el Cancer, a not-for-profit
99 organization.

100 (l) A voluntary contribution of \$1 per applicant to
101 Prevent Child Sexual Abuse, which shall be distributed to
102 Lauren's Kids, Inc., a nonprofit organization.

103 (m) A voluntary contribution of \$1 per applicant, which
104 shall be distributed to Prevent Blindness Florida, a not-for-
105 profit organization, to prevent blindness and preserve the sight
106 of the residents of this state.

107 (n) Notwithstanding s. 322.081, a voluntary contribution
108 of \$1 per applicant to the state homes for veterans, to be
109 distributed on a quarterly basis by the department to the State
110 Homes for Veterans Trust Fund, which is administered by the
111 Department of Veterans' Affairs.

112 (o) A voluntary contribution of \$1 per applicant to the

113 Disabled American Veterans, Department of Florida, which shall
 114 be distributed quarterly to Disabled American Veterans,
 115 Department of Florida, a nonprofit organization.

116 (p) Notwithstanding s. 322.081, a voluntary contribution
 117 of \$1 per applicant to aid the homeless. Contributions made
 118 pursuant to this paragraph shall be deposited into the Grants
 119 and Donations Trust Fund of the Department of Children and
 120 Family Services and used by the State Office on Homelessness to
 121 supplement grants made under s. 420.622(4) and (5), provide
 122 information to the public about homelessness in the state, and
 123 provide literature for homeless persons seeking assistance.

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 125 A statement providing an explanation of the purpose of the trust
 126 funds shall also be included. For the purpose of applying the
 127 service charge provided in s. 215.20, contributions received
 128 under paragraphs (b)-(p) ~~(b)-(e)~~ are not income of a revenue
 129 nature.

130 Section 3. Subsection (9) is added to section 322.18,
 131 Florida Statutes, to read:

132 322.18 Original applications, licenses, and renewals;
 133 expiration of licenses; delinquent licenses.—

134 (9) The application form for a renewal issuance or renewal
 135 extension shall include language permitting a voluntary
 136 contribution of \$1 per applicant to aid the homeless.
 137 Contributions made pursuant to this subsection shall be
 138 deposited into the Grants and Donations Trust Fund of the
 139 Department of Children and Family Services and used by the State
 140 Office on Homelessness to supplement grants made under s.

141 420.622(4) and (5), provide information to the public about
142 homelessness in the state, and provide literature for homeless
143 persons seeking assistance. For the purpose of applying the
144 service charge provided in s. 215.20, contributions received
145 under this paragraph are not income of a revenue nature.

146 Section 4. Section 414.161, Florida Statutes, is created
147 to read:

148 414.161 Homelessness prevention grants.—

149 (1) ESTABLISHMENT OF PROGRAM.—There is created a grant
150 program to provide emergency financial assistance to families
151 facing the loss of their current home due to a financial or
152 other crisis. The State Office on Homelessness, with the
153 concurrence of the Council on Homelessness, may accept and
154 administer moneys appropriated to the Department of Children and
155 Family Services to provide homelessness prevention grants
156 annually to lead agencies for local homeless assistance
157 continuums of care, as recognized by the State Office on
158 Homelessness. These moneys shall consist of any sums that the
159 state may appropriate, as well as money received from donations,
160 gifts, bequests, or otherwise from any public or private source
161 that is intended to assist families to prevent them from
162 becoming homeless.

163 (2) GRANT APPLICATIONS.—Grant applicants shall be ranked
164 competitively. Preference shall be given to applicants who
165 leverage additional private funds and public funds, who
166 demonstrate the effectiveness of their homelessness prevention
167 programs in keeping families housed, and who demonstrate the
168 commitment of other assistance and services to address family

169 health, employment, and education needs.

170 (3) ELIGIBILITY.—In order to qualify for a grant, a lead
171 agency must develop and implement a local homeless assistance
172 continuum of care plan for its designated catchment area. The
173 homelessness prevention program must be included in the
174 continuum of care plan.

175 (4) GRANT LIMITS.—The maximum grant amount per lead agency
176 may not exceed \$300,000. The grant assistance may be used to pay
177 past due rent or mortgage payments, past due utility costs,
178 provision of case management services, and program
179 administration costs not to exceed 3 percent of the grant award.
180 The homelessness prevention program must develop a case plan for
181 each family to be assisted setting forth what costs will be
182 covered and the maximum level of assistance to be offered.

183 (5) PERFORMANCE.—The lead agency must track, monitor, and
184 report on each family assisted for at least 12 months after the
185 last assistance provided to the family. The goal for the
186 homelessness prevention program is to enable at least 85 percent
187 of the families assisted to remain in their homes and avoid
188 becoming homeless during the ensuing year.

189 Section 5. Paragraph (d) is added to subsection (4) of
190 section 420.622, Florida Statutes, to read:

191 420.622 State Office on Homelessness; Council on
192 Homelessness.—

193 (4) Not less than 120 days after the effective date of
194 this act, the State Office on Homelessness, with the concurrence
195 of the Council on Homelessness, may accept and administer moneys
196 appropriated to it to provide "Challenge Grants" annually to

197 | lead agencies for homeless assistance continuums of care
198 | designated by the State Office on Homelessness. A lead agency
199 | may be a local homeless coalition, municipal or county
200 | government, or other public agency or private, not-for-profit
201 | corporation. Such grants may be up to \$500,000 per lead agency.

202 | (d) A lead agency may spend a maximum of 8 percent of its
203 | funding on administrative costs.

204 | Section 6. Paragraph (d) of subsection (3) of section
205 | 420.625, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

206 | 420.625 Grant-in-aid program.—

207 | (3) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is hereby established a grant-in-
208 | aid program to help local communities in serving the needs of
209 | the homeless through a variety of supportive services, which may
210 | include, but are not limited to:

211 | (d) Emergency financial assistance for persons who are
212 | totally without shelter or facing loss of shelter, ~~but who are~~
213 | ~~not eligible for such assistance under s. 414.16.~~

214 | Section 7. Section 414.16, Florida Statutes, is repealed,
215 | and any balances remaining in the emergency assistance program
216 | terminated by this act shall, on the date of termination, be
217 | transferred to the homelessness prevention grant program created
218 | under s. 414.161, Florida Statutes.

219 | Section 8. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012.