1 A bill to be entitled 2 An act relating to veteran identification; creating s. 3 322.0511, F.S.; requiring the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to create a veteran 4 5 identification card for certain purposes; providing 6 for the design of the card; providing veteran 7 eligibility requirements; providing for fee 8 disposition; prohibiting use of the card for certain 9 purposes; providing for termination of the card; 10 providing for future repeal; amending ss. 472.015, 493.6105, 493.6107, 493.6202, 493.6302, 493.6402, 11 12 501.015, 501.605, 501.607, 507.03, 527.02, 539.001, 559.904, 559.928, 626.171, and 790.06, F.S.; 13 14 authorizing use of the card as proof of veteran status for obtaining waivers of license or registration fees 15 16 relating to land surveying and mapping, private investigation, security, and repossession services, 17 health studios, telephone salespersons, movers and 18 19 moving brokers, the sale of liquefied petroleum gas, 20 pawnbrokers, motor vehicle repair shops, sellers of 21 travel, insurance representatives, and the carrying of concealed weapons or firearms; providing an effective 22 23 date. 24

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

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Section 1. Section 322.0511, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

322.0511 Veteran identification cards.-

- (1) The department, in cooperation with the Department of Veterans' Affairs, shall create a veteran identification card to be used as proof of veteran status for the purpose of obtaining discounts or waivers offered to veterans for the exchange of goods and services and for other purposes authorized by law, except as provided in subsection (3). The veteran identification card must bear the colors and design approved by the department, including, but not limited to, a full-face photograph of the veteran and his or her full name, branch of service, and date of discharge. The words "Proof of veteran status" must appear at the bottom of the card.
- (2) The department shall issue a veteran identification card by mail to a veteran of any branch of the United States

 Armed Forces who has been honorably discharged and who provides to the department:
- (a) A copy of the veteran's DD Form 214 as issued by the United States Department of Defense.
- (b) A copy of the veteran's valid, unexpired driver

 license or identification card as issued under this chapter or

 another form of photographic identification acceptable to the

 department.

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(c) Payment of a \$10 fee, which shall be deposited into the Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund.

- (3) A veteran identification card issued pursuant to this section is not considered an identification card for the purposes of s. 295.17 or s. 322.051 and may not be used for the determination of any federal benefit.
- (4) A veteran identification card issued pursuant to this section shall be terminated upon the death of the veteran.
 - (5) This section is repealed August 31, 2022.
- Section 2. Paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section 472.015, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
 - 472.015 Licensure.-
 - (3)

- (b) The department shall waive the initial license fee for an honorably discharged veteran of the United States Armed Forces, the spouse of such a veteran, or a business entity that has a majority ownership held by such a veteran or spouse if the department receives an application, in a format prescribed by the department, within 60 months after the date of the veteran's discharge from any branch of the United States Armed Forces. To qualify for the waiver:
- 1. A veteran must provide to the department a copy of his or her DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of Defense, his or her veteran identification card issued pursuant to s. 322.0511, or another acceptable form of identification as

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specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs;

- 2. The spouse of a veteran must provide to the department a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of Defense, the veteran's veteran identification card issued pursuant to s. 322.0511, or another acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, and a copy of a valid marriage license or certificate verifying that he or she was lawfully married to the veteran at the time of discharge; or
- 3. A business entity must provide to the department proof that a veteran or the spouse of a veteran holds a majority ownership in the business, a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of Defense, the veteran's veteran identification card issued pursuant to s.

 322.0511, or another acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, and, if applicable, a copy of a valid marriage license or certificate verifying that the spouse of the veteran was lawfully married to the veteran at the time of discharge.
- Section 3. Paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of section 493.6105, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
 - 493.6105 Initial application for license.-
- (1) Each individual, partner, or principal officer in a corporation, shall file with the department a complete application accompanied by an application fee not to exceed \$60,

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except that the applicant for a Class "D" or Class "G" license is not required to submit an application fee. The application fee is not refundable.

- (c) The initial application fee for a veteran, as defined in s. 1.01, shall be waived if he or she applies for a Class "C," Class "CC," Class "DI," Class "E," Class "EE," Class "K," Class "M," Class "MA," Class "MB," Class "MR," or Class "RI" license within 24 months after being discharged from a branch of the United States Armed Forces. An eligible veteran must include a copy of his or her DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of Defense, his or her veteran identification card issued pursuant to s. 322.0511, or another acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs with his or her application in order to obtain a waiver.
- Section 4. Subsection (6) of section 493.6107, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

117 493.6107 Fees.—

(6) The initial license fee for a veteran, as defined in s. 1.01, shall be waived if he or she applies for a Class "M" or Class "K" license within 24 months after being discharged from any branch of the United States Armed Forces. An eligible veteran must include a copy of his or her DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of Defense, his or her veteran identification card issued pursuant to s. 322.0511, or another acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department

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of Veterans' Affairs with his or her application in order to obtain a waiver.

Section 5. Subsection (4) of section 493.6202, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

493.6202 Fees.-

(4) The initial license fee for a veteran, as defined in s. 1.01, shall be waived if he or she applies for a Class "C," Class "CC," or Class "MA" license within 24 months after being discharged from any branch of the United States Armed Forces. An eligible veteran must include a copy of his or her DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of Defense, his or her veteran identification card issued pursuant to s. 322.0511, or another acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs with his or her application in order to obtain a waiver.

Section 6. Subsection (4) of section 493.6302, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

493.6302 Fees.-

(4) The initial license fee for a veteran, as defined in s. 1.01, shall be waived if he or she applies for a Class "D," Class "DI," or Class "MB" license within 24 months after being discharged from any branch of the United States Armed Forces. An eligible veteran must include a copy of his or her DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of Defense, his or her veteran identification card issued pursuant to s. 322.0511, or

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another acceptable form of identification as specified by the
Department of Veterans' Affairs with his or her application in
order to obtain a waiver.

Section 7. Subsection (4) of section 493.6402, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

493.6402 Fees.-

- (4) The initial license fee for a veteran, as defined in s. 1.01, shall be waived if he or she applies for a Class "E," Class "EE," Class "MR," or Class "RI" license within 24 months after being discharged from any branch of the United States Armed Forces. An eligible veteran must include a copy of his or her DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of Defense, his or her veteran identification card issued pursuant to s. 322.0511, or another acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs with his or her application in order to obtain a waiver.
- Section 8. Subsection (2) of section 501.015, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
- 501.015 Health studios; registration requirements and fees.—Each health studio shall:
- (2) Remit an annual registration fee of \$300 to the department at the time of registration for each of the health studio's business locations. The department shall waive the initial registration fee for an honorably discharged veteran of the United States Armed Forces, the spouse of such a veteran, or

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a business entity that has a majority ownership held by such a veteran or spouse if the department receives an application, in a format prescribed by the department, within 60 months after the date of the veteran's discharge from any branch of the United States Armed Forces. To qualify for the waiver:

- (a) A veteran must provide to the department a copy of his or her DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of Defense, his or her veteran identification card issued pursuant to s. 322.0511, or another acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs;
- (b) The spouse of a veteran must provide to the department a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of Defense, the veteran's veteran identification card issued pursuant to s. 322.0511, or another acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, and a copy of a valid marriage license or certificate verifying that he or she was lawfully married to the veteran at the time of discharge; or
- (c) A business entity must provide to the department proof that a veteran or the spouse of a veteran holds a majority ownership in the business, a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of Defense, the veteran's veteran identification card issued pursuant to s.

 322.0511, or another acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, and, if

applicable, a copy of a valid marriage license or certificate verifying that the spouse of the veteran was lawfully married to the veteran at the time of discharge.

Section 9. Paragraph (b) of subsection (5) of section 501.605, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

- 501.605 Licensure of commercial telephone sellers.-
- (5) An application filed pursuant to this part must be verified and accompanied by:
- (b) A fee for licensing in the amount of \$1,500. The fee shall be deposited into the General Inspection Trust Fund. The department shall waive the initial license fee for an honorably discharged veteran of the United States Armed Forces, the spouse of such a veteran, or a business entity that has a majority ownership held by such a veteran or spouse if the department receives an application, in a format prescribed by the department, within 60 months after the date of the veteran's discharge from any branch of the United States Armed Forces. To qualify for the waiver:
- 1. A veteran must provide to the department a copy of his or her DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of Defense, his or her veteran identification card issued pursuant to s. 322.0511, or another acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs;
- $\underline{2}$. The spouse of a veteran must provide to the department a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214, as issued by the United

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States Department of Defense, the veteran's veteran identification card issued pursuant to s. 322.0511, or another acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, and a copy of a valid marriage license or certificate verifying that he or she was lawfully married to the veteran at the time of discharge; or

- 3. A business entity must provide to the department proof that a veteran or the spouse of a veteran holds a majority ownership in the business, a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of Defense, the veteran's veteran identification card issued pursuant to s.

 322.0511, or another acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, and, if applicable, a copy of a valid marriage license or certificate verifying that the spouse of the veteran was lawfully married to the veteran at the time of discharge.
- Section 10. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section 501.607, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
 - 501.607 Licensure of salespersons.—

- (2) An application filed pursuant to this section must be verified and be accompanied by:
- (b) A fee for licensing in the amount of \$50 per salesperson. The fee shall be deposited into the General Inspection Trust Fund. The fee for licensing may be paid after the application is filed, but must be paid within 14 days after

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the applicant begins work as a salesperson. The department shall waive the initial license fee for an honorably discharged veteran of the United States Armed Forces, the spouse of such a veteran, or a business entity that has a majority ownership held by such a veteran or spouse if the department receives an application, in a format prescribed by the department, within 60 months after the date of the veteran's discharge from any branch of the United States Armed Forces. To qualify for the waiver:

- 1. A veteran must provide to the department a copy of his or her DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of Defense, his or her veteran identification card issued pursuant to s. 322.0511, or another acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs;
- 2. The spouse of a veteran must provide to the department a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of Defense, the veteran's veteran identification card issued pursuant to s. 322.0511, or another acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, and a copy of a valid marriage license or certificate verifying that he or she was lawfully married to the veteran at the time of discharge; or
- 3. A business entity must provide to the department proof that a veteran or the spouse of a veteran holds a majority ownership in the business, a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of Defense, the

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veteran's veteran identification card issued pursuant to s.

322.0511, or another acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, and, if applicable, a copy of a valid marriage license or certificate verifying that the spouse of the veteran was lawfully married to the veteran at the time of discharge.

Section 11. Paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section 507.03, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

507.03 Registration.-

(3)

- (b) The department shall waive the initial registration fee for an honorably discharged veteran of the United States Armed Forces, the spouse of such a veteran, or a business entity that has a majority ownership held by such a veteran or spouse if the department receives an application, in a format prescribed by the department, within 60 months after the date of the veteran's discharge from any branch of the United States Armed Forces. To qualify for the waiver:
- 1. A veteran must provide to the department a copy of his or her DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of Defense, his or her veteran identification card issued pursuant to s. 322.0511, or another acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs;
- $\underline{2}$. The spouse of a veteran must provide to the department a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214, as issued by the United

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States Department of Defense, the veteran's veteran identification card issued pursuant to s. 322.0511, or another acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, and a copy of a valid marriage license or certificate verifying that he or she was lawfully married to the veteran at the time of discharge; or

3. A business entity must provide to the department proof that a veteran or the spouse of a veteran holds a majority ownership in the business, a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of Defense, the veteran's veteran identification card issued pursuant to s.

322.0511, or another acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, and, if applicable, a copy of a valid marriage license or certificate verifying that the spouse of the veteran was lawfully married to the veteran at the time of discharge.

Section 12. Paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section 527.02, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

527.02 License; penalty; fees.-

320 (3)

(b) The department shall waive the initial license fee for an honorably discharged veteran of the United States Armed Forces, the spouse of such a veteran, or a business entity that has a majority ownership held by such a veteran or spouse if the department receives an application, in a format prescribed by

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the department, within 60 months after the date of the veteran's discharge from any branch of the United States Armed Forces. To qualify for the waiver:

- 1. A veteran must provide to the department a copy of his or her DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of Defense, his or her veteran identification card issued pursuant to s. 322.0511, or another acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs;
- 2. The spouse of a veteran must provide to the department a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of Defense, the veteran's veteran identification card issued pursuant to s. 322.0511, or another acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, and a copy of a valid marriage license or certificate verifying that he or she was lawfully married to the veteran at the time of discharge; or
- 3. A business entity must provide to the department proof that a veteran or the spouse of a veteran holds a majority ownership in the business, a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of Defense, the veteran's veteran identification card issued pursuant to s.

 322.0511, or another acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, and, if applicable, a copy of a valid marriage license or certificate verifying that the spouse of the veteran was lawfully married to

351 the veteran at the time of discharge.

Section 13. Paragraph (c) of subsection (3) of section 539.001, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

539.001 The Florida Pawnbroking Act.-

- (3) LICENSE REQUIRED.-
- (c) Each license is valid for a period of 1 year unless it is earlier relinquished, suspended, or revoked. Each license shall be renewed annually, and each licensee shall, initially and annually thereafter, pay to the agency a license fee of \$300 for each license held. The agency shall waive the initial license fee for an honorably discharged veteran of the United States Armed Forces, the spouse of such a veteran, or a business entity that has a majority ownership held by such a veteran or spouse if the agency receives an application, in a format prescribed by the agency, within 60 months after the date of the veteran's discharge from any branch of the United States Armed Forces. To qualify for the waiver:
- 1. A veteran must provide to the agency a copy of his or her DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of Defense, his or her veteran identification card issued pursuant to s. 322.0511, or another acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs;
- $\underline{2}$. The spouse of a veteran must provide to the agency a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of Defense, the veteran's veteran

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identification card issued pursuant to s. 322.0511, or another acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, and a copy of a valid marriage license or certificate verifying that he or she was lawfully married to the veteran at the time of discharge; or

3. A business entity must provide to the agency proof that a veteran or the spouse of a veteran holds a majority ownership in the business, a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of Defense, the veteran's veteran identification card issued pursuant to s. 322.0511, or another acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, and, if applicable, a copy of a valid marriage license or certificate verifying that the spouse of the veteran was lawfully married to the veteran at the time of discharge.

Section 14. Paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section 559.904, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

559.904 Motor vehicle repair shop registration; application; exemption.—

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(b) The department shall waive the initial registration fee for an honorably discharged veteran of the United States Armed Forces, the spouse of such a veteran, or a business entity that has a majority ownership held by such a veteran or spouse if the department receives an application, in a format

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prescribed by the department, within 60 months after the date of the veteran's discharge from any branch of the United States

Armed Forces. To qualify for the waiver:

- 1. A veteran must provide to the department a copy of his or her DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of Defense, his or her veteran identification card issued pursuant to s. 322.0511, or another acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs;
- 2. The spouse of a veteran must provide to the department a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of Defense, the veteran's veteran identification card issued pursuant to s. 322.0511, or another acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, and a copy of a valid marriage license or certificate verifying that he or she was lawfully married to the veteran at the time of discharge; or
- 3. A business entity must provide to the department proof that a veteran or the spouse of a veteran holds a majority ownership in the business, a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of Defense, the veteran's veteran identification card issued pursuant to s.

 322.0511, or another acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, and, if applicable, a copy of a valid marriage license or certificate verifying that the spouse of the veteran was lawfully married to

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426 the veteran at the time of discharge.

Section 15. Paragraph (c) of subsection (2) of section 559.928, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

559.928 Registration.-

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- (c) The department shall waive the initial registration fee for an honorably discharged veteran of the United States Armed Forces, the spouse of such a veteran, or a business entity that has a majority ownership held by such a veteran or spouse if the department receives an application, in a format prescribed by the department, within 60 months after the date of the veteran's discharge from any branch of the United States Armed Forces. To qualify for the waiver:
- 1. A veteran must provide to the department a copy of his or her DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of Defense, his or her veteran identification card issued pursuant to s. 322.0511, or another acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs;
- 2. The spouse of a veteran must provide to the department a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of Defense, the veteran's veteran identification card issued pursuant to s. 322.0511, or another acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, and a copy of a valid marriage license or certificate verifying that he or she was lawfully married to the

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veteran at the time of discharge; or

3. A business entity must provide to the department proof that a veteran or the spouse of a veteran holds a majority ownership in the business, a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of Defense, the veteran's veteran identification card issued pursuant to s.

322.0511, or another acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, and, if applicable, a copy of a valid marriage license or certificate verifying that the spouse of the veteran was lawfully married to the veteran at the time of discharge.

Section 16. Subsection (6) of section 626.171, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

- 626.171 Application for license as an agent, customer representative, adjuster, service representative, managing general agent, or reinsurance intermediary.—
- (6) Members of the United States Armed Forces and their spouses, and veterans of the United States Armed Forces who have retired within 24 months before application for licensure, are exempt from the application filing fee prescribed in s. 624.501. Qualified individuals must provide a copy of a military identification card, military dependent identification card, military service record, military personnel file, veteran identification card, veteran record, discharge paper, or separation document, or a separation document that indicates

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such members of the United States Armed Forces are currently in good standing or were honorably discharged.

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Section 17. Paragraph (f) of subsection (5) of section 790.06, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

790.06 License to carry concealed weapon or firearm.-

- (5) The applicant shall submit to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services or an approved tax collector pursuant to s. 790.0625:
 - (f) For expedited processing of an application:
- 1. A servicemember shall submit a copy of the Common Access Card, United States Uniformed Services Identification Card, or current deployment orders.
- 2. A veteran shall submit a copy of the DD Form 214, issued by the United States Department of Defense, the veteran identification card issued pursuant to s. 322.0511, or another acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs.
- Section 18. This act shall take effect January 1, 2018.

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