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LEGISLATIVE ACTION Senate House Comm: RCS 02/08/2018

Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development (Passidomo) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Between lines 14 and 15 4 insert:

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Section 1. Subsections (1) and (3) of section 338.155, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

338.155 Payment of toll on toll facilities required; exemptions.-

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- (1) (a) A person may not use a any toll facility without payment of tolls, except:
- 1. An employee Employees of the agency operating the toll project when using the toll facility on official state business. 7
- 2. State military personnel while on official military business. 7
- 3. A person with a disability Handicapped persons as provided in subsection (3). this section,
- 4. A person Persons exempt from toll payment by the authorizing resolution for bonds issued to finance the facility., and
- 5. A person Persons exempt on a temporary basis where use of such toll facility is required as a detour route.
- 6. A Any law enforcement officer while operating a marked official vehicle is exempt from toll payment when on official law enforcement business. For purposes of this subparagraph, the term "official law enforcement business" includes, but is not limited to, patrol operations, investigative activities, crime prevention operations, and traffic operations.
- 7. A Any person operating a fire vehicle while when on official business or a rescue vehicle while when on official business is exempt from toll payment.
- 8. A Any person participating in the funeral procession of a law enforcement officer or firefighter killed in the line of duty is exempt from toll payment.
- (b) The secretary or the secretary's designee may suspend the payment of tolls on a toll facility when necessary to assist in emergency evacuation.

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- (c) The failure to pay a prescribed toll constitutes a noncriminal traffic infraction, punishable as a moving violation as provided in s. 318.18. The department may adopt rules relating to the payment, collection, and enforcement of tolls, as authorized in this chapter and chapters 316, 318, 320, and 322, including, but not limited to, rules for the implementation of video or other image billing and variable pricing.
- (d) With respect to toll facilities managed by the department, the revenues of which are not pledged to repayment of bonds, the department may by rule allow the use of such facilities by public transit vehicles or by vehicles participating in a funeral procession for an active-duty military service member without the payment of tolls.
- (3) A Any handicapped person with a disability who has a valid driver license, who operates a vehicle specially equipped for use by persons with disabilities the handicapped, and who is certified by a physician licensed under chapter 458 or chapter 459 or by comparable licensing in another state or by the Adjudication Office of the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or its predecessor as being severely physically disabled and having permanent upper limb mobility or dexterity impairments that which substantially impair the person's ability to deposit coins in toll baskets τ shall be allowed to pass free through all tollgates and over all toll bridges and ferries in this state. Such A person who meets the requirements of this subsection shall, upon application, be issued a vehicle window sticker by the Department of Transportation.

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68	And the title is amended as follows:
69	Delete line 2
70	and insert:
71	An act relating to tolls; amending s. 338.155, F.S.;
72	updating terms; exempting a law enforcement officer
73	from paying a toll on a toll facility while on
74	official law enforcement business; defining the term
75	"official law enforcement business"; making technical
76	changes;