

By Senator Baxley

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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
4 Safety and Motor Vehicles to create a veteran
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,
11 493.6105, 493.6107, 493.6202, 493.6302, 493.6402,
12 501.015, 501.605, 501.607, 507.03, 527.02, 539.001,
13 559.904, 559.928, and 626.171, F.S.; authorizing use
14 of the card as proof of veteran status for obtaining
15 waivers of license or registration fees relating to
16 land surveying and mapping, private investigation
17 services, private security services, repossession
18 services, health studios, commercial telephone sellers
19 or entities providing substance abuse marketing
20 services, salespersons, movers and moving brokers, the
21 sale of liquefied petroleum gas, pawnbrokers, motor
22 vehicle repair shops, sellers of travel, and insurance
23 representatives; amending s. 790.06, F.S.; authorizing
24 use of the card as proof of veteran status for
25 expedited processing of an application for a license
26 to carry a concealed weapon or firearm; providing an
27 effective date.

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

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

33 322.0511 Veteran identification cards.-

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

45 (2) The department shall issue a veteran identification
46 card by mail to a veteran of any branch of the United States
47 Armed Forces who has been honorably discharged and who provides
48 to the department all of the following:

49 (a) A copy of the veteran's DD Form 214, as issued by the
50 United States Department of Defense.

51 (b) A copy of the veteran's valid, unexpired driver license
52 or identification card issued under this chapter or another form
53 of photographic identification acceptable to the department.

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

56 (3) A veteran identification card issued pursuant to this
57 section is not considered an identification card for the
58 purposes of s. 295.17 or s. 322.051 and may not be used for the

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59 determination of any federal benefit.

60 (4) A veteran identification card issued pursuant to this
61 section shall be terminated upon the death of the veteran.

62 (5) This section is repealed August 31, 2023.

63 Section 2. Paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section
64 472.015, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

65 472.015 Licensure.—

66 (3)

67 (b) The department shall waive the initial license fee for
68 an honorably discharged veteran of the United States Armed
69 Forces, the spouse of such a veteran, or a business entity that
70 has a majority ownership held by such a veteran or spouse if the
71 department receives an application, in a format prescribed by
72 the department, within 60 months after the date of the veteran's
73 discharge from any branch of the United States Armed Forces. To
74 qualify for the waiver:7

75 1. A veteran must provide to the department a copy of his
76 or her DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of
77 Defense, his or her veteran identification card issued pursuant
78 to s. 322.0511, or another acceptable form of identification as
79 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs;

80 2. The spouse of a veteran must provide to the department a
81 copy of the veteran's DD Form 214, as issued by the United
82 States Department of Defense, the veteran's veteran
83 identification card issued pursuant to s. 322.0511, or another
84 acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department
85 of Veterans' Affairs, and a copy of a valid marriage license or
86 certificate verifying that he or she was lawfully married to the
87 veteran at the time of discharge; or

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88 3. A business entity must provide to the department proof
89 that a veteran or the spouse of a veteran holds a majority
90 ownership in the business, a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214,
91 as issued by the United States Department of Defense, the
92 veteran's veteran identification card issued pursuant to s.
93 322.0511, or another acceptable form of identification as
94 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, and, if
95 applicable, a copy of a valid marriage license or certificate
96 verifying that the spouse of the veteran was lawfully married to
97 the veteran at the time of discharge.

98 Section 3. Paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of section
99 493.6105, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

100 493.6105 Initial application for license.—

101 (1) Each individual, partner, or principal officer in a
102 corporation, shall file with the department a complete
103 application accompanied by an application fee not to exceed \$60,
104 except that the applicant for a Class "D" or Class "G" license
105 is not required to submit an application fee. The application
106 fee is not refundable.

107 (c) The initial application fee for a veteran, as defined
108 in s. 1.01, shall be waived if he or she applies for a Class
109 "C," Class "CC," Class "DI," Class "E," Class "EE," Class "K,"
110 Class "M," Class "MA," Class "MB," Class "MR," or Class "RI"
111 license within 24 months after being discharged from a branch of
112 the United States Armed Forces. An eligible veteran must include
113 a copy of his or her DD Form 214, as issued by the United States
114 Department of Defense, his or her veteran identification card
115 issued pursuant to s. 322.0511, or another acceptable form of
116 identification as specified by the Department of Veterans'

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117 Affairs with his or her application in order to obtain a waiver.

118 Section 4. Subsection (6) of section 493.6107, Florida
119 Statutes, is amended to read:

120 493.6107 Fees.—

121 (6) The initial license fee for a veteran, as defined in s.
122 1.01, shall be waived if he or she applies for a Class "M" or
123 Class "K" license within 24 months after being discharged from
124 any branch of the United States Armed Forces. An eligible
125 veteran must include a copy of his or her DD Form 214, as issued
126 by the United States Department of Defense, his or her veteran
127 identification card issued pursuant to s. 322.0511, or another
128 acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department
129 of Veterans' Affairs with his or her application in order to
130 obtain a waiver.

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

133 493.6202 Fees.—

134 (4) The initial license fee for a veteran, as defined in s.
135 1.01, shall be waived if he or she applies for a Class "C,"
136 Class "CC," or Class "MA" license within 24 months after being
137 discharged from any branch of the United States Armed Forces. An
138 eligible veteran must include a copy of his or her DD Form 214,
139 as issued by the United States Department of Defense, his or her
140 veteran identification card issued pursuant to s. 322.0511, or
141 another acceptable form of identification as specified by the
142 Department of Veterans' Affairs with his or her application in
143 order to obtain a waiver.

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

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146 493.6302 Fees.—

147 (4) The initial license fee for a veteran, as defined in s.
148 1.01, shall be waived if he or she applies for a Class "D,"
149 Class "DI," or Class "MB" license within 24 months after being
150 discharged from any branch of the United States Armed Forces. An
151 eligible veteran must include a copy of his or her DD Form 214,
152 as issued by the United States Department of Defense, his or her
153 veteran identification card issued pursuant to s. 322.0511, or
154 another acceptable form of identification as specified by the
155 Department of Veterans' Affairs with his or her application in
156 order to obtain a waiver.

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

159 493.6402 Fees.—

160 (4) The initial license fee for a veteran, as defined in s.
161 1.01, shall be waived if he or she applies for a Class "E,"
162 Class "EE," Class "MR," or Class "RI" license within 24 months
163 after being discharged from any branch of the United States
164 Armed Forces. An eligible veteran must include a copy of his or
165 her DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of
166 Defense, his or her veteran identification card issued pursuant
167 to s. 322.0511, or another acceptable form of identification as
168 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs with his or her
169 application in order to obtain a waiver.

170 Section 8. Subsection (2) of section 501.015, Florida
171 Statutes, is amended to read:

172 501.015 Health studios; registration requirements and
173 fees.—Each health studio shall:

174 (2) Remit an annual registration fee of \$300 to the

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175 department at the time of registration for each of the health
176 studio's business locations. The department shall waive the
177 initial registration fee for an honorably discharged veteran of
178 the United States Armed Forces, the spouse of such a veteran, or
179 a business entity that has a majority ownership held by such a
180 veteran or spouse if the department receives an application, in
181 a format prescribed by the department, within 60 months after
182 the date of the veteran's discharge from any branch of the
183 United States Armed Forces. To qualify for the waiver:7

184 (a) A veteran must provide to the department a copy of his
185 or her DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of
186 Defense, his or her veteran identification card issued pursuant
187 to s. 322.0511, or another acceptable form of identification as
188 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs;

189 (b) The spouse of a veteran must provide to the department
190 a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214, as issued by the United
191 States Department of Defense, the veteran's veteran
192 identification card issued pursuant to s. 322.0511, or another
193 acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department
194 of Veterans' Affairs, and a copy of a valid marriage license or
195 certificate verifying that he or she was lawfully married to the
196 veteran at the time of discharge; or

197 (c) A business entity must provide to the department proof
198 that a veteran or the spouse of a veteran holds a majority
199 ownership in the business, a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214,
200 as issued by the United States Department of Defense, the
201 veteran's veteran identification card issued pursuant to s.
202 322.0511, or another acceptable form of identification as
203 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, and, if

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

207 Section 9. Paragraph (b) of subsection (5) of section
208 501.605, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

209 501.605 Licensure of commercial telephone sellers and
210 entities providing substance abuse marketing services.—

211 (5) An application filed pursuant to this part must be
212 verified and accompanied by:

213 (b) A fee for licensing in the amount of \$1,500. The fee
214 shall be deposited into the General Inspection Trust Fund. The
215 department shall waive the initial license fee for an honorably
216 discharged veteran of the United States Armed Forces, the spouse
217 of such a veteran, or a business entity that has a majority
218 ownership held by such a veteran or spouse if the department
219 receives an application, in a format prescribed by the
220 department, within 60 months after the date of the veteran's
221 discharge from any branch of the United States Armed Forces. To
222 qualify for the waiver:7

223 1. A veteran must provide to the department a copy of his
224 or her DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of
225 Defense, his or her veteran identification card issued pursuant
226 to s. 322.0511, or another acceptable form of identification as
227 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs;

228 2. The spouse of a veteran must provide to the department a
229 copy of the veteran's DD Form 214, as issued by the United
230 States Department of Defense, the veteran's veteran
231 identification card issued pursuant to s. 322.0511, or another
232 acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department

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233 of Veterans' Affairs, and a copy of a valid marriage license or
234 certificate verifying that he or she was lawfully married to the
235 veteran at the time of discharge; or

236 3. A business entity must provide to the department proof
237 that a veteran or the spouse of a veteran holds a majority
238 ownership in the business, a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214,
239 as issued by the United States Department of Defense, the
240 veteran's veteran identification card issued pursuant to s.
241 322.0511, or another acceptable form of identification as
242 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, and, if
243 applicable, a copy of a valid marriage license or certificate
244 verifying that the spouse of the veteran was lawfully married to
245 the veteran at the time of discharge.

246 Section 10. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section
247 501.607, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

248 501.607 Licensure of salespersons.—

249 (2) An application filed pursuant to this section must be
250 verified and be accompanied by:

251 (b) A fee for licensing in the amount of \$50 per
252 salesperson. The fee shall be deposited into the General
253 Inspection Trust Fund. The fee for licensing may be paid after
254 the application is filed, but must be paid within 14 days after
255 the applicant begins work as a salesperson. The department shall
256 waive the initial license fee for an honorably discharged
257 veteran of the United States Armed Forces, the spouse of such a
258 veteran, or a business entity that has a majority ownership held
259 by such a veteran or spouse if the department receives an
260 application, in a format prescribed by the department, within 60
261 months after the date of the veteran's discharge from any branch

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262 of the United States Armed Forces. To qualify for the waiver:⁷

263 1. A veteran must provide to the department a copy of his
264 or her DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of
265 Defense, his or her veteran identification card issued pursuant
266 to s. 322.0511, or another acceptable form of identification as
267 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs;

268 2. The spouse of a veteran must provide to the department a
269 copy of the veteran's DD Form 214, as issued by the United
270 States Department of Defense, the veteran's veteran
271 identification card issued pursuant to s. 322.0511, or another
272 acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department
273 of Veterans' Affairs, and a copy of a valid marriage license or
274 certificate verifying that he or she was lawfully married to the
275 veteran at the time of discharge; or

276 3. A business entity must provide to the department proof
277 that a veteran or the spouse of a veteran holds a majority
278 ownership in the business, a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214,
279 as issued by the United States Department of Defense, the
280 veteran's veteran identification card issued pursuant to s.
281 322.0511, or another acceptable form of identification as
282 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, and, if
283 applicable, a copy of a valid marriage license or certificate
284 verifying that the spouse of the veteran was lawfully married to
285 the veteran at the time of discharge.

286 Section 11. Paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section
287 507.03, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

288 507.03 Registration.—

289 (3)

290 (b) The department shall waive the initial registration fee

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291 for an honorably discharged veteran of the United States Armed
292 Forces, the spouse of such a veteran, or a business entity that
293 has a majority ownership held by such a veteran or spouse if the
294 department receives an application, in a format prescribed by
295 the department, within 60 months after the date of the veteran's
296 discharge from any branch of the United States Armed Forces. To
297 qualify for the waiver:7

298 1. A veteran must provide to the department a copy of his
299 or her DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of
300 Defense, his or her veteran identification card issued pursuant
301 to s. 322.0511, or another acceptable form of identification as
302 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs;

303 2. The spouse of a veteran must provide to the department a
304 copy of the veteran's DD Form 214, as issued by the United
305 States Department of Defense, the veteran's veteran
306 identification card issued pursuant to s. 322.0511, or another
307 acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department
308 of Veterans' Affairs, and a copy of a valid marriage license or
309 certificate verifying that he or she was lawfully married to the
310 veteran at the time of discharge; or

311 3. A business entity must provide to the department proof
312 that a veteran or the spouse of a veteran holds a majority
313 ownership in the business, a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214,
314 as issued by the United States Department of Defense, the
315 veteran's veteran identification card issued pursuant to s.
316 322.0511, or another acceptable form of identification as
317 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, and, if
318 applicable, a copy of a valid marriage license or certificate
319 verifying that the spouse of the veteran was lawfully married to

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320 the veteran at the time of discharge.

321 Section 12. Paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section
322 527.02, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

323 527.02 License; penalty; fees.—

324 (3)

325 (b) The department shall waive the initial license fee for
326 an honorably discharged veteran of the United States Armed
327 Forces, the spouse of such a veteran, or a business entity that
328 has a majority ownership held by such a veteran or spouse if the
329 department receives an application, in a format prescribed by
330 the department, within 60 months after the date of the veteran's
331 discharge from any branch of the United States Armed Forces. To
332 qualify for the waiver:~~7~~

333 1. A veteran must provide to the department a copy of his
334 or her DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of
335 Defense, his or her veteran identification card issued pursuant
336 to s. 322.0511, or another acceptable form of identification as
337 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs;

338 2. The spouse of a veteran must provide to the department a
339 copy of the veteran's DD Form 214, as issued by the United
340 States Department of Defense, the veteran's veteran
341 identification card issued pursuant to s. 322.0511, or another
342 acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department
343 of Veterans' Affairs, and a copy of a valid marriage license or
344 certificate verifying that he or she was lawfully married to the
345 veteran at the time of discharge; or

346 3. A business entity must provide to the department proof
347 that a veteran or the spouse of a veteran holds a majority
348 ownership in the business, a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214,

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349 as issued by the United States Department of Defense, the
350 veteran's veteran identification card issued pursuant to s.
351 322.0511, or another acceptable form of identification as
352 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, and, if
353 applicable, a copy of a valid marriage license or certificate
354 verifying that the spouse of the veteran was lawfully married to
355 the veteran at the time of discharge.

356 Section 13. Paragraph (c) of subsection (3) of section
357 539.001, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

358 539.001 The Florida Pawnbroking Act.—

359 (3) LICENSE REQUIRED.—

360 (c) Each license is valid for a period of 1 year unless it
361 is earlier relinquished, suspended, or revoked. Each license
362 shall be renewed annually, and each licensee shall, initially
363 and annually thereafter, pay to the agency a license fee of \$300
364 for each license held. The agency shall waive the initial
365 license fee for an honorably discharged veteran of the United
366 States Armed Forces, the spouse of such a veteran, or a business
367 entity that has a majority ownership held by such a veteran or
368 spouse if the agency receives an application, in a format
369 prescribed by the agency, within 60 months after the date of the
370 veteran's discharge from any branch of the United States Armed
371 Forces. To qualify for the waiver:7

372 1. A veteran must provide to the agency a copy of his or
373 her DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of
374 Defense, his or her veteran identification card issued pursuant
375 to s. 322.0511, or another acceptable form of identification as
376 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs;

377 2. The spouse of a veteran must provide to the agency a

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378 copy of the veteran's DD Form 214, as issued by the United
379 States Department of Defense, the veteran's veteran
380 identification card issued pursuant to s. 322.0511, or another
381 acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department
382 of Veterans' Affairs, and a copy of a valid marriage license or
383 certificate verifying that he or she was lawfully married to the
384 veteran at the time of discharge; or

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

395 Section 14. Paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section
396 559.904, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

397 559.904 Motor vehicle repair shop registration;
398 application; exemption.-

399 (3)

400 (b) The department shall waive the initial registration fee
401 for an honorably discharged veteran of the United States Armed
402 Forces, the spouse of such a veteran, or a business entity that
403 has a majority ownership held by such a veteran or spouse if the
404 department receives an application, in a format prescribed by
405 the department, within 60 months after the date of the veteran's
406 discharge from any branch of the United States Armed Forces. To

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407 qualify for the waiver:~~7~~

408 1. A veteran must provide to the department a copy of his
409 or her DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of
410 Defense, his or her veteran identification card issued pursuant
411 to s. 322.0511, or another acceptable form of identification as
412 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs;

413 2. The spouse of a veteran must provide to the department a
414 copy of the veteran's DD Form 214, as issued by the United
415 States Department of Defense, the veteran's veteran
416 identification card issued pursuant to s. 322.0511, or another
417 acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department
418 of Veterans' Affairs, and a copy of a valid marriage license or
419 certificate verifying that he or she was lawfully married to the
420 veteran at the time of discharge; or

421 3. A business entity must provide to the department proof
422 that a veteran or the spouse of a veteran holds a majority
423 ownership in the business, a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214,
424 as issued by the United States Department of Defense, the
425 veteran's veteran identification card issued pursuant to s.
426 322.0511, or another acceptable form of identification as
427 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, and, if
428 applicable, a copy of a valid marriage license or certificate
429 verifying that the spouse of the veteran was lawfully married to
430 the veteran at the time of discharge.

431 Section 15. Paragraph (c) of subsection (2) of section
432 559.928, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

433 559.928 Registration.—

434 (2)

435 (c) The department shall waive the initial registration fee

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436 for an honorably discharged veteran of the United States Armed
437 Forces, the spouse of such a veteran, or a business entity that
438 has a majority ownership held by such a veteran or spouse if the
439 department receives an application, in a format prescribed by
440 the department, within 60 months after the date of the veteran's
441 discharge from any branch of the United States Armed Forces. To
442 qualify for the waiver:7

443 1. A veteran must provide to the department a copy of his
444 or her DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of
445 Defense, his or her veteran identification card issued pursuant
446 to s. 322.0511, or another acceptable form of identification as
447 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs;

448 2. The spouse of a veteran must provide to the department a
449 copy of the veteran's DD Form 214, as issued by the United
450 States Department of Defense, the veteran's veteran
451 identification card issued pursuant to s. 322.0511, or another
452 acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department
453 of Veterans' Affairs, and a copy of a valid marriage license or
454 certificate verifying that he or she was lawfully married to the
455 veteran at the time of discharge; or

456 3. A business entity must provide to the department proof
457 that a veteran or the spouse of a veteran holds a majority
458 ownership in the business, a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214,
459 as issued by the United States Department of Defense, the
460 veteran's veteran identification card issued pursuant to s.
461 322.0511, or another acceptable form of identification as
462 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, and, if
463 applicable, a copy of a valid marriage license or certificate
464 verifying that the spouse of the veteran was lawfully married to

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465 the veteran at the time of discharge.

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

468 626.171 Application for license as an agent, customer
469 representative, adjuster, service representative, managing
470 general agent, or reinsurance intermediary.—

471 (6) Members of the United States Armed Forces and their
472 spouses, and veterans of the United States Armed Forces who have
473 retired within 24 months before application for licensure, are
474 exempt from the application filing fee prescribed in s. 624.501.
475 Qualified individuals must provide a copy of a military
476 identification card, military dependent identification card,
477 military service record, military personnel file, veteran
478 identification card, veteran record, discharge paper, or
479 separation document, or a separation document that indicates
480 such members of the United States Armed Forces are currently in
481 good standing or were honorably discharged.

482 Section 17. Paragraph (f) of subsection (5) of section
483 790.06, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

484 790.06 License to carry concealed weapon or firearm.—

485 (5) The applicant shall submit to the Department of
486 Agriculture and Consumer Services or an approved tax collector
487 pursuant to s. 790.0625:

488 (f) For expedited processing of an application:

489 1. A servicemember shall submit a copy of the Common Access
490 Card, United States Uniformed Services Identification Card, or
491 current deployment orders.

492 2. A veteran shall submit a copy of the DD Form 214, issued
493 by the United States Department of Defense, the veteran

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494 identification card issued pursuant to s. 322.0511, or another
495 acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department
496 of Veterans' Affairs.

497 Section 18. This act shall take effect January 1, 2019.