

By Senator Diaz

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to vehicle and vessel registration;
3 amending s. 319.32, F.S.; requiring tax collectors to
4 determine service charges collected by privately owned
5 license plate agents for motor vehicle titles;
6 requiring that additional service charges be itemized
7 and disclosed to the person paying them; requiring a
8 license plate agent to enter into a contract with the
9 tax collector for a certain purpose; amending s.
10 320.03, F.S.; requiring tax collectors and approved
11 license plate agents to enter into a memorandum of
12 understanding with the department for a certain
13 purpose; amending s. 320.04, F.S.; requiring the tax
14 collector to determine service charges collected by
15 privately owned license plate agents for motor vehicle
16 registrations; requiring that additional service
17 charges be itemized and disclosed to the person paying
18 them; requiring a license plate agent to enter into a
19 contract with the tax collector for a certain purpose;
20 amending s. 328.72, F.S.; requiring the tax collector
21 to determine service charges collected by privately
22 owned license plate agents for vessel registrations
23 and titles; requiring that additional service charges
24 be itemized and disclosed to the person paying them;
25 requiring a license plate agent to enter into a
26 contract with the tax collector for a certain purpose;
27 providing an effective date.

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

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Section 1. Paragraph (c) is added to subsection (2) of section 319.32, Florida Statutes, to read:

319.32 Fees; service charges; disposition.—
(2)

(c) In exercising his or her authority to contract with a license plate agent, the tax collector shall determine the additional service charges that shall be collected by the privately owned license plate agents approved by the tax collector. Additional service charges must be fully itemized and disclosed to the person paying the service charges to the license plate agent. The license plate agent shall enter into a contract with the tax collector regarding the disclosure of additional service charges.

Section 2. Subsection (5) of section 320.03, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

320.03 Registration; duties of tax collectors;
International Registration Plan.—

(5) In addition to the fees required under s. 320.08, a fee of 50 cents shall be charged on every license registration sold to cover the costs of the Florida Real Time Vehicle Information System. The fees collected shall be deposited into the Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund to be used exclusively to fund the system. The fee may only be used to fund the system equipment, software, personnel associated with the maintenance and programming of the system, and networks used in the offices of the county tax collectors as agents of the department and the ancillary technology necessary to integrate the system with other tax collection systems. The department shall administer

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59 this program upon consultation with the Florida Tax Collectors,
60 Inc., to ensure that each county tax collector's office is
61 technologically equipped and functional for the operation of the
62 Florida Real Time Vehicle Information System. Tax collectors and
63 their approved license plate agents shall enter into a
64 memorandum of understanding with the department regarding use of
65 the Florida Real Time Vehicle Information System in accordance
66 with paragraph (4)(b). Any designated revenue collected to
67 support functions of the county tax collectors and not used in a
68 given year must remain exclusively in the trust fund as a
69 carryover to the following year.

70 Section 3. Present subsection (3) of section 320.04,
71 Florida Statutes, is redesignated as subsection (4), and a new
72 subsection (3) is added to that section, to read:

73 320.04 Registration service charge.—

74 (3) In exercising his or her authority to contract with a
75 license plate agent, the tax collector shall determine the
76 additional service charges that shall be collected by privately
77 owned license plate agents approved by the tax collector.
78 Additional service charges must be fully itemized and disclosed
79 to the person paying the service charges to the license plate
80 agent. The license plate agent shall enter into a contract with
81 the tax collector regarding the disclosure of additional service
82 charges.

83 Section 4. Subsection (7) of section 328.72, Florida
84 Statutes, is amended to read:

85 328.72 Classification; registration; fees and charges;
86 surcharge; disposition of fees; fines; marine turtle stickers.—

87 (7) SERVICE FEE.—

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88 (a) In addition to other registration fees, the vessel
89 owner shall pay the tax collector a \$2.25 service fee for each
90 registration issued, replaced, or renewed. Except as provided in
91 subsection (15), all fees, other than the service charge,
92 collected by a tax collector must be remitted to the department
93 not later than 7 working days following the last day of the week
94 in which the money was remitted. Vessels may travel in salt
95 water or fresh water.

96 (b) In exercising his or her authority to contract with a
97 license plate agent, the tax collector shall determine the
98 additional service charges that shall be collected by privately
99 owned license plate agents approved by the tax collector.
100 Additional service charges must be fully itemized and disclosed
101 to the person paying the service charges to the license plate
102 agent. The license plate agent shall enter into a contract with
103 the tax collector regarding the disclosure of additional service
104 charges.

105 Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021.