

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

26 person paying them; requiring a license plate agent to
 27 enter into a contract with the tax collector for a
 28 certain purpose; providing an effective date.

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

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

34 319.32 Fees; service charges; disposition.—

35 (2)

36 (c) If a tax collector elects to exercise his or her
 37 authority to contract with a license plate agent, the tax
 38 collector may determine additional service charges to be
 39 collected by the privately owned license plate agents approved
 40 by the tax collector. Additional service charges must be fully
 41 itemized and disclosed to the person paying the service charges
 42 to the license plate agent. The license plate agent shall enter
 43 into a contract with the tax collector regarding the disclosure
 44 of additional service charges.

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

47 320.03 Registration; duties of tax collectors;
 48 International Registration Plan.—

49 (5) In addition to the fees required under s. 320.08, a
 50 fee of 50 cents shall be charged on every license registration

51 sold to cover the costs of the Florida Real Time Vehicle
52 Information System. The fees collected shall be deposited into
53 the Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund to be used exclusively
54 to fund the system. The fee may only be used to fund the system
55 equipment, software, personnel associated with the maintenance
56 and programming of the system, and networks used in the offices
57 of the county tax collectors as agents of the department and the
58 ancillary technology necessary to integrate the system with
59 other tax collection systems. The department shall administer
60 this program upon consultation with the Florida Tax Collectors,
61 Inc., to ensure that each county tax collector's office is
62 technologically equipped and functional for the operation of the
63 Florida Real Time Vehicle Information System. Tax collectors and
64 their approved license plate agents shall enter into a
65 memorandum of understanding with the department regarding use of
66 the Florida Real Time Vehicle Information System in accordance
67 with paragraph (4) (b). Any designated revenue collected to
68 support functions of the county tax collectors and not used in a
69 given year must remain exclusively in the trust fund as a
70 carryover to the following year.

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

74 320.04 Registration service charge.—

75 (3) If a tax collector elects to exercise his or her

76 authority to contract with a license plate agent, the tax
77 collector may determine additional service charges to be
78 collected by privately owned license plate agents approved by
79 the tax collector. Additional service charges must be fully
80 itemized and disclosed to the person paying the service charges
81 to the license plate agent. The license plate agent shall enter
82 into a contract with the tax collector regarding the disclosure
83 of additional service charges.

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

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

88 (7) SERVICE FEE.-

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

97 (b) If a tax collector elects to exercise his or her
98 authority to contract with a license plate agent, the tax
99 collector may determine additional service charges to be
100 collected by privately owned license plate agents approved by

101 the tax collector. Additional service charges must be fully
102 itemized and disclosed to the person paying the service charges
103 to the license plate agent. The license plate agent shall enter
104 into a contract with the tax collector regarding the disclosure
105 of additional service charges.

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