



26 |       servicemember who has a valid Florida driver license  
 27 |       provides evidence satisfactory to the department that  
 28 |       he or she is deployed outside this state; providing  
 29 |       the period of validity of such temporary tags;  
 30 |       removing provisions requiring a written, notarized  
 31 |       request for the purchase of a temporary tag; providing  
 32 |       an effective date.

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

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36 |       Section 1. Paragraphs (c) and (d) of subsection (1) of  
 37 | section 319.28, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as paragraphs  
 38 | (d) and (e), respectively, and a new paragraph (c) is added to  
 39 | that subsection to read:

40 |       319.28 Transfer of ownership by operation of law.—

41 |       (1)

42 |       (c) If the previous owner died testate and the application  
 43 | for a certificate of title is made by, and accompanied by an  
 44 | affidavit attested by, a Florida-licensed attorney in good  
 45 | standing with The Florida Bar, such affidavit shall, for  
 46 | purposes of paragraph (a), establish a presumption of ownership,  
 47 | absent information received to the contrary, and right of  
 48 | possession to the motor vehicle or mobile home, so long as the  
 49 | affidavit sets forth the rightful heir or heirs and the attorney  
 50 | attests in the affidavit that such heir or heirs are lawfully

51 entitled to the rights of ownership and possession of the motor  
52 vehicle or mobile home. It is not necessary for the application  
53 for certificate of title filed under this paragraph to be  
54 accompanied by a copy of the will or other testamentary  
55 instrument.

56 Section 2. Subsection (3) of section 319.29, Florida  
57 Statutes, is amended to read:

58 319.29 Lost or destroyed certificates.—

59 (3) If, following the issuance of an original, duplicate,  
60 or corrected certificate of title by the department, the  
61 certificate is lost in transit and is not delivered to the  
62 addressee, the owner of the motor vehicle or mobile home, or the  
63 holder of a lien thereon, may, within 180 days of the date of  
64 issuance of the title, apply to the department for reissuance of  
65 the certificate of title. An ~~No~~ additional fee shall not be  
66 charged by the department or a tax collector, as agent for the  
67 department, for reissuance under this subsection.

68 Section 3. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) and paragraph  
69 (a) of subsection (3) of section 320.06, Florida Statutes, are  
70 amended to read:

71 320.06 Registration certificates, license plates, and  
72 validation stickers generally.—

73 (1)

74 (b)1. Registration license plates bearing a graphic symbol  
75 and the alphanumeric system of identification shall be issued

76 | for a 10-year period. At the end of the 10-year period, upon  
 77 | renewal, the plate shall be replaced. The department shall  
 78 | extend the scheduled license plate replacement date from a 6-  
 79 | year period to a 10-year period. The fee for such replacement is  
 80 | \$28, \$2.80 of which shall be paid each year before the plate is  
 81 | replaced, to be credited toward the next \$28 replacement fee.  
 82 | The fees shall be deposited into the Highway Safety Operating  
 83 | Trust Fund. A credit or refund may not be given for any prior  
 84 | years' payments of the prorated replacement fee if the plate is  
 85 | replaced or surrendered before the end of the 10-year period,  
 86 | except that a credit may be given if a registrant is required by  
 87 | the department to replace a license plate under s.  
 88 | 320.08056(8) (a). With each license plate, a validation sticker  
 89 | shall be issued showing the owner's birth month, license plate  
 90 | number, and the year of expiration or the appropriate renewal  
 91 | period if the owner is not a natural person. The validation  
 92 | sticker shall be placed on the upper right corner of the license  
 93 | plate. The license plate and validation sticker shall be issued  
 94 | based on the applicant's appropriate renewal period. The  
 95 | registration period is 12 months, the extended registration  
 96 | period is 24 months, and all expirations occur based on the  
 97 | applicant's appropriate registration period. Rental vehicles  
 98 | taxed pursuant to s. 320.08(6) (a) and rental trucks taxed  
 99 | pursuant to s. 320.08(3) (a), (b), and (c) and (4) (a)-(d) may  
 100 | elect a permanent registration period, provided payment of the

101 appropriate license taxes and fees occurs annually.

102         2. A vehicle that has an apportioned registration shall be  
 103 issued an annual license plate and a cab card that denote the  
 104 declared gross vehicle weight for each apportioned jurisdiction  
 105 in which the vehicle is authorized to operate. This subparagraph  
 106 expires June 30, 2024.

107         3. Beginning July 1, 2024, a vehicle registered in  
 108 accordance with the International Registration Plan must be  
 109 issued a license plate for a 3-year period. At the end of the 3-  
 110 year period, upon renewal, the license plate must be replaced.  
 111 Each license plate must include a validation sticker showing the  
 112 month of expiration. A cab card denoting the declared gross  
 113 vehicle weight for each apportioned jurisdiction must be issued  
 114 annually. The fee for an original or a renewal cab card is \$28,  
 115 which must be deposited into the Highway Safety Operating Trust  
 116 Fund. If the license plate is damaged or worn, it may be  
 117 replaced at no charge by applying to the department and  
 118 surrendering the current license plate.

119         4. In order to retain the efficient administration of the  
 120 taxes and fees imposed by this chapter, the 80-cent fee increase  
 121 in the replacement fee imposed by chapter 2009-71, Laws of  
 122 Florida, is negated as provided in s. 320.0804.

123         (3)(a) Registration license plates must be made of metal  
 124 specially treated with a retroreflection material, as specified  
 125 by the department. The registration license plate is designed to

126 increase nighttime visibility and legibility and must be at  
127 least 6 inches wide and not less than 12 inches in length,  
128 unless a plate with reduced dimensions is deemed necessary by  
129 the department to accommodate motorcycles, mopeds, ~~or~~ similar  
130 smaller vehicles, or trailers. Validation stickers must also be  
131 treated with a retroreflection material, must be of such size as  
132 specified by the department, and must adhere to the license  
133 plate. The registration license plate must be imprinted with a  
134 combination of bold letters and numerals or numerals, not to  
135 exceed seven digits, to identify the registration license plate  
136 number. The license plate must be imprinted with the word  
137 "Florida" at the top and the name of the county in which it is  
138 sold, the state motto, or the words "Sunshine State" at the  
139 bottom. Apportioned license plates must have the word  
140 "Apportioned" at the bottom, and license plates issued for  
141 vehicles taxed under s. 320.08(3)(d), (4)(m) or (n), (5)(b) or  
142 (c), or (14) must have the word "Restricted" at the bottom.  
143 License plates issued for vehicles taxed under s. 320.08(12)  
144 must be imprinted with the word "Florida" at the top and the  
145 word "Dealer" at the bottom unless the license plate is a  
146 specialty license plate as authorized in s. 320.08056.  
147 Manufacturer license plates issued for vehicles taxed under s.  
148 320.08(12) must be imprinted with the word "Florida" at the top  
149 and the word "Manufacturer" at the bottom. License plates issued  
150 for vehicles taxed under s. 320.08(5)(d) or (e) must be

151 | imprinted with the word "Wrecker" at the bottom. Any county may,  
 152 | upon majority vote of the county commission, elect to have the  
 153 | county name removed from the license plates sold in that county.  
 154 | The state motto or the words "Sunshine State" shall be printed  
 155 | in lieu thereof. A license plate issued for a vehicle taxed  
 156 | under s. 320.08(6) may not be assigned a registration license  
 157 | number, or be issued with any other distinctive character or  
 158 | designation, that distinguishes the motor vehicle as a for-hire  
 159 | motor vehicle.

160 |       Section 4. Subsection (1) of section 320.084, Florida  
 161 | Statutes, is amended, and subsection (6) is added to that  
 162 | section, to read:

163 |       320.084 Free motor vehicle license plate to certain  
 164 | disabled veterans.—

165 |       (1) One free "DV" motor vehicle license number plate shall  
 166 | be issued by the department for use on any motor vehicle owned  
 167 | or leased by any disabled veteran who has been a resident of  
 168 | this state continuously for the preceding 5 years or has  
 169 | established a domicile in this state as provided by s.  
 170 | 222.17(1), (2), or (3), and who has been honorably discharged  
 171 | from the United States Armed Forces, upon application,  
 172 | accompanied by proof that:

173 |       (a) A vehicle was initially acquired through financial  
 174 | assistance by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs  
 175 | or its predecessor specifically for the purchase of an

176 automobile;

177 (b) The applicant has been determined by the United States  
 178 Department of Veterans Affairs or its predecessor to have a  
 179 service-connected 100-percent disability rating for  
 180 compensation; or

181 (c) The applicant has been determined to have a service-  
 182 connected disability rating of 100 percent and is in receipt of  
 183 disability retirement pay from any branch of the United States  
 184 Armed Services.

185 (6) (a) A disabled veteran who meets the requirements of  
 186 subsection (1) may be issued, in lieu of the "DV" license plate,  
 187 a military license plate for which he or she is eligible or a  
 188 specialty license plate. A disabled veteran electing a military  
 189 license plate or specialty license plate under this subsection  
 190 must pay all applicable fees related to such license plate,  
 191 except for fees otherwise waived under subsections (1) and (4).

192 (b) A military license plate or specialty license plate  
 193 elected under this subsection:

194 1. Does not provide the protections or rights afforded by  
 195 ss. 316.1955, 316.1964, 320.0848, 526.141, and 553.5041.

196 2. Is not eligible for the international symbol of  
 197 accessibility as described in s. 320.0842.

198 Section 5. Subsection (2) of section 320.131, Florida  
 199 Statutes, is amended, and paragraphs (m) and (n) are added to  
 200 subsection (1) of that section, to read:

201 320.131 Temporary tags.—

202 (1) The department is authorized and empowered to design,  
203 issue, and regulate the use of temporary tags to be designated  
204 "temporary tags" for use in the following cases:

205 (m) Where the existing owner of a vehicle has submitted an  
206 application to transfer a valid out-of-state title that is  
207 subject to a lien. A temporary tag issued for this purpose shall  
208 be valid for 60 days.

209 (n) Where an active-duty military servicemember who has a  
210 valid Florida driver license provides evidence satisfactory to  
211 the department that he or she is deployed outside this state. A  
212 temporary tag issued for this purpose shall be valid for 60  
213 days.

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215 Further, the department is authorized to disallow the purchase  
216 of temporary tags by licensed dealers, common carriers, or  
217 financial institutions in those cases where abuse has occurred.

218 (2) The department may ~~is authorized to~~ sell temporary  
219 tags, in addition to those listed above, to its ~~their~~ agents and  
220 where need is demonstrated by a consumer complainant. The fee  
221 for a temporary tag issued under this section shall be \$2 each.  
222 One dollar from each tag sold shall be deposited into the Brain  
223 and Spinal Cord Injury Program Trust Fund, with the remaining  
224 proceeds being deposited into the Highway Safety Operating Trust  
225 Fund. Agents of the department shall sell temporary tags for \$2

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226 | each and shall charge the service charge authorized by s. 320.04  
227 | per transaction, regardless of the quantity sold. ~~Requests for~~  
228 | ~~purchase of temporary tags to the department or its agents shall~~  
229 | ~~be made, where applicable, on letterhead stationery and~~  
230 | ~~notarized.~~ Except as specifically provided otherwise, a  
231 | temporary tag issued under this section shall be valid for 30  
232 | days, and no more than two shall be issued to the same person  
233 | for the same vehicle.

234 |       Section 6. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.