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1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to authorized agents of tax
3	collectors; amending s. 320.03, F.S.; requiring a tax
4	collector, upon petition, to appoint a general lines
5	insurance agency as an authorized agent of the tax
6	collector for the purpose of issuing titles,
7	registration certificates, registration license
8	plates, validation stickers, and mobile home stickers;
9	requiring the agency to file a performance bond with
10	the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles;
11	requiring the agency to provide audited financial
12	statements to the department; authorizing the agency
13	to provide services solely to its customers; limiting
14	the number of locations at which the agency may offer
15	services; requiring the tax collector to authorize the
16	agency to access the electronic filing system;
17	specifying provisions of law to which the agency is
18	subject; authorizing the department to adopt rules;
19	providing an effective date.
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21	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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23	Section 1. Subsection (11) is added to section 320.03,
24	Florida Statutes, to read:
25	320.03 Registration; duties of tax collectors;
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26 International Registration Plan.-27 (11) (a) Upon petition by the agent in charge of a general 28 lines insurance agency licensed under chapter 626 and appointed to write motor vehicle insurance, each tax collector must 29 30 appoint such agency as an authorized agent of the tax collector for the purpose of issuing titles, registration certificates, 31 registration license plates, validation stickers, and mobile 32 home stickers to applicants, excluding issuance of registration 33 34 or trip permits pursuant to s. 320.0715, and providing to 35 applicants for each the option to register emergency contact 36 information and the option to be contacted with information about state and federal benefits available as a result of 37 military service, subject to the requirements of law, in 38 39 accordance with rules of the department. 40 (b) A general lines insurance agency appointed as an 41 authorized agent of a tax collector under this subsection: 42 1. Must file a performance bond of \$2 million with the 43 department. 44 2. Must provide to the department audited financial 45 statements, prepared by a certified public accountant licensed to practice in this state, for each of the previous 2 years 46 47 demonstrating that the agency has produced policy premium in 48 excess of \$500 million in each of the previous 2 years. 49 3. Is not required to provide services described in 50 paragraph (a) to the general public and may choose to provide

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51	such services solely to its customers in the normal course of
52	business.
53	4. May offer such services at no more than five locations
54	in each county in which the agency has a branch office.
55	5. Must be authorized by the tax collector pursuant to
56	paragraph (10)(c) to access the electronic filing system.
57	6. Is subject to all provisions of law as though such
58	agent were a private tag agency or agent, except where the
59	context clearly indicates otherwise.
60	(c) The department may adopt rules to administer this
61	subsection, including, but not limited to, rules establishing
62	information that must be contained in the petition to offer
63	services under this subsection, information that must be
64	contained in the audited financial statements required under
65	subparagraph (b)2., and enforcement authority for noncompliance.
66	Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.

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