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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Finance and Tax (Collins) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete lines 595 - 640

and insert:

Section 17. Subsection (3) of section 319.23, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

319.23 Application for, and issuance of, certificate of title.—

(3) If a certificate of title has not previously been issued for a motor vehicle or mobile home in this state, the



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11 application, unless otherwise provided for in this chapter, must  
12 ~~shall~~ be accompanied by a proper bill of sale or sworn statement  
13 of ownership, or a duly certified copy thereof, or by a  
14 certificate of title, bill of sale, or other evidence of  
15 ownership required by the law of the state or county from which  
16 the motor vehicle or mobile home was brought into this state.  
17 The application must ~~shall~~ also be accompanied by:

18 (a)1. A sworn affidavit from the seller and purchaser  
19 verifying that the vehicle identification number shown on the  
20 affidavit is identical to the vehicle identification number  
21 shown on the motor vehicle; or

22 2. An appropriate departmental form evidencing that a  
23 physical examination has been made of the motor vehicle by the  
24 owner and by a duly constituted law enforcement officer in any  
25 state, a licensed motor vehicle dealer, a license inspector as  
26 provided by s. 320.58, ~~or~~ a notary public commissioned by this  
27 state, or a nonprofit organization established to detect and  
28 deter insurance fraud and crime which has entered into an  
29 agreement with the department through a memorandum of  
30 understanding and that the vehicle identification number shown  
31 on such form is identical to the vehicle identification number  
32 shown on the motor vehicle; and

33 (b) If the vehicle is a used car original, a sworn  
34 affidavit from the owner verifying that the odometer reading  
35 shown on the affidavit is identical to the odometer reading  
36 shown on the motor vehicle in accordance with the requirements  
37 of 49 C.F.R. s. 580.5 at the time that application for title is  
38 made. For the purposes of this section, the term "used car  
39 original" means a used vehicle coming into and being titled in



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40 this state for the first time.

41 (c) If the vehicle is an ancient or antique vehicle, as  
42 defined in s. 320.086, the application must ~~shall~~ be accompanied  
43 by a certificate of title; a bill of sale and a registration; or  
44 a bill of sale and an affidavit by the owner defending the title  
45 from all claims. The bill of sale must contain a complete  
46 vehicle description to include the vehicle identification or  
47 engine number, year make, color, selling price, and signatures  
48 of the seller and purchaser.

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50 Verification of the vehicle identification number is not  
51 required for any new motor vehicle; any mobile home; any trailer  
52 or semitrailer with a net weight of less than 2,000 pounds; or  
53 any travel trailer, camping trailer, truck camper, or fifth-  
54 wheel recreation trailer.

55 Section 18. Subsection (2) of section 320.02, Florida  
56 Statutes, is amended to read:

57 320.02 Registration required; application for registration;  
58 forms.-

59 (2) (a) The application for registration must include the  
60 street address of the owner's permanent Florida residence or the  
61 address of his or her permanent place of business in this state  
62 and be accompanied by personal or business identification  
63 information. If the vehicle is registered to an active duty  
64 member of the United States Armed Forces who is a Florida  
65 resident, the active duty member is not required to provide the  
66 street address of a permanent Florida residence.

67 (b) An individual applicant must provide proof of address  
68 satisfactory to the department and:



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69           1. A valid REAL ID driver's driver license or  
70 identification card issued by this state or another state; or  
71           2. A valid, unexpired United States passport; or  
72           3. A valid, unexpired passport issued by another country  
73 and an unexpired Form I-94 issued by the United States Bureau of  
74 Customs and Border Protection.

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76 For purposes of this paragraph, the term "REAL ID driver's  
77 license or identification card" has the same meaning as provided  
78 in 6 C.F.R. s. 37.3.

79           (c) A business applicant must provide a federal employer  
80 identification number, if applicable, or verification that the  
81 business is authorized to conduct business in this the state, or  
82 a Florida municipal or county business license or number.

83           ~~1. If the owner does not have a permanent residence or~~  
84 ~~permanent place of business or if the owner's permanent~~  
85 ~~residence or permanent place of business cannot be identified by~~  
86 ~~a street address, the application must include:~~

87           ~~a. If the vehicle is registered to a business, the name and~~  
88 ~~street address of the permanent residence of an owner of the~~  
89 ~~business, an officer of the corporation, or an employee who is~~  
90 ~~in a supervisory position.~~

91           ~~b. If the vehicle is registered to an individual, the name~~  
92 ~~and street address of the permanent residence of a close~~  
93 ~~relative or friend who is a resident of this state.~~

94           ~~2. If the vehicle is registered to an active duty member of~~  
95 ~~the Armed Forces of the United States who is a Florida resident,~~  
96 ~~the active duty member is exempt from the requirement to provide~~  
97 ~~the street address of a permanent residence.~~



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98            ~~(d)-(b)~~ The department shall prescribe a form upon which  
99 motor vehicle owners may record odometer readings when  
100 registering their motor vehicles.

101            Section 19. Subsections (1) and (3), paragraph (a) of  
102 subsection (4), and subsection (6) of section 320.084, Florida  
103 Statutes, are amended to read:

104            320.084 Free motor vehicle license plate to certain  
105 disabled veterans.—

106            (1) One free disabled veteran ~~“DV”~~ motor vehicle license  
107 number plate shall be issued by the department for use on any  
108 motor vehicle owned or leased by any disabled veteran who has  
109 been a resident of this state continuously for the preceding 5  
110 years or has established a domicile in this state as provided by  
111 s. 222.17(1), (2), or (3), and who has been honorably discharged  
112 from the United States Armed Forces, upon application,  
113 accompanied by proof that:

114            (a) A vehicle was initially acquired through financial  
115 assistance by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs  
116 or its predecessor specifically for the purchase of an  
117 automobile;

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

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

126            (3) The department shall, as it deems necessary, require



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127 each person to whom a motor vehicle license plate has been  
128 issued pursuant to subsection (1) to apply to the department for  
129 reissuance of his or her registration license plate. Upon  
130 receipt of the application and proof of the applicant's  
131 continued eligibility, the department shall issue a new  
132 permanent disabled veteran ~~"DV" numerical~~ motor vehicle license  
133 plate which shall be of the colors red, white, and blue similar  
134 to the colors of the United States flag. The operation of a  
135 motor vehicle displaying a disabled veteran ~~"DV"~~ license plate  
136 from a previous issue period or a noncurrent validation sticker  
137 after the date specified by the department shall subject the  
138 owner if he or she is present, otherwise the operator, to the  
139 penalty provided in s. 318.18(2). Such permanent license plate  
140 shall be removed upon sale of the vehicle, but may be  
141 transferred to another vehicle owned by such veteran in the  
142 manner prescribed by law. ~~The license number of each plate~~  
143 ~~issued under this section shall be identified by the letter~~  
144 ~~designation "DV."~~ Upon request of any such veteran, the  
145 department is authorized to issue a designation plate containing  
146 only the letters "DV," to be displayed on the front of the  
147 vehicle.

148 (4) (a) With the issuance of each new permanent disabled  
149 veteran ~~"DV" numerical~~ motor vehicle license plate, the  
150 department shall initially issue, without cost to the applicant,  
151 a validation sticker reflecting the owner's birth month and a  
152 serially numbered validation sticker reflecting the year of  
153 expiration. The initial sticker reflecting the year of  
154 expiration may not exceed 27 months.

155 (6) (a) A disabled veteran who meets the requirements of



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156 subsection (1) may be issued, in lieu of the disabled veteran  
157 "DV" license plate, a military license plate for which he or she  
158 is eligible or a specialty license plate embossed with the  
159 initials "DV" in the top left-hand corner. A disabled veteran  
160 electing a military license plate or specialty license plate  
161 under this subsection must pay all applicable fees related to  
162 such license plate, except for fees otherwise waived under  
163 subsections (1) and (4).

164 (b) A military license plate or specialty license plate  
165 elected under this subsection:

166 ~~1. Does not provide the protections or rights afforded by~~  
167 ~~ss. 316.1955, 316.1964, 320.0848, 526.141, and 553.5041.~~

168 ~~2. is not eligible for the international symbol of~~  
169 ~~accessibility as described in s. 320.0842.~~

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171 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

172 And the title is amended as follows:

173 Delete lines 54 - 59

174 and insert:

175 amending s. 319.23, F.S.; including certain nonprofit  
176 organizations in the list of entities authorized to  
177 perform a certain physical examination of a motor  
178 vehicle for the purpose of an owner applying for a  
179 certificate of title; amending s. 320.02, F.S.;  
180 requiring vehicle registration applicants to provide a  
181 Florida address; providing an exception; requiring an  
182 applicant to provide satisfactory proof of address and  
183 certain documentation; defining the term "REAL ID  
184 driver's license or identification card"; amending s.



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185 320.084, F.S.; providing for disabled veteran motor  
186 vehicle license plates in lieu of "DV" motor vehicle  
187 license plates; revising construction; amending s.  
188 320.605,