

By Senator Smith

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to toll discounts for certified
3 veteran business enterprises; amending s. 338.155,
4 F.S.; requiring the Department of Transportation to
5 establish a pilot program that provides certified
6 veteran business enterprises with a discount on
7 certain toll expenses; providing eligibility
8 requirements for the pilot program; requiring the
9 Florida Turnpike Enterprise, in coordination with the
10 Department of Veterans' Affairs and the Department of
11 Management Services, to administer the pilot program;
12 requiring the Department of Transportation to review
13 the pilot program and submit a certain report to the
14 Legislature by a specified date; providing an
15 effective date.

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

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19 Section 1. Present subsection (6) of section 338.155,
20 Florida Statutes, is redesignated as subsection (7), and a new
21 subsection (6) is added to that section, to read:

22 338.155 Payment of toll on toll facilities required;
23 exemptions.—

24 (6) (a) The department shall establish a 2-year pilot
25 program that provides certified veteran business enterprises as
26 defined in s. 295.187(3) with a discount on business-related
27 toll expenses incurred on toll roads in this state. To be
28 eligible for the program, a certified veteran business
29 enterprise must demonstrate regular commercial use of toll roads

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through automated toll accounts.

(b) Eligible businesses shall receive a 50 percent discount on business-related toll expenses incurred on toll roads in this state by registered commercial vehicles used for business operations.

(c) The Florida Turnpike Enterprise shall administer the pilot program in coordination with the Department of Veterans' Affairs and the Department of Management Services.

(d) Certified veteran business enterprises must apply annually and provide proof of veteran ownership and toll usage.

(e) Discounts shall be applied through automated toll accounts.

(f) The department shall review the pilot program and submit an impact report containing its findings to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by July 1, 2027. The report must assess participation rates and fiscal impact and provide recommendations for continuation or expansion of the program.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.