

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to motor vehicles; amending s. 320.06,
3 F.S.; requiring the Department of Highway Safety and
4 Motor Vehicles to establish and maintain a secure
5 online license and registration portal for verifying,
6 recording, and processing the seizure or confiscation
7 of license plates; providing requirements for the
8 portal; authorizing the department to adopt rules;
9 amending s. 320.084, F.S.; providing that a disabled
10 veteran may retain a certain license plate designation
11 upon reissuance, renewal, or transfer of the plate;
12 amending s. 320.0843, F.S.; authorizing applications
13 for disabled parking permits to be made to the tax
14 collector; providing that certain license plates may
15 be stamped with specified letters at the option of the
16 applicant; authorizing the tax collector to issue the
17 plates immediately on demand under certain conditions;
18 amending s. 320.26, F.S.; prohibiting a person from
19 obscuring or altering a registration license plate in
20 a specified manner; amending s. 322.21, F.S.;
21 requiring a tax collector to fulfill certain renewal
22 and replacement driver licenses and identification
23 cards; providing methods for receipt of the driver
24 license or identification card; requiring the
25 department to remit a specified service fee to the

appropriate tax collector under certain conditions;
amending s. 320.0848, F.S.; conforming a provision to
changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (7) is added to section 320.06, Florida Statutes, to read:

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

(7) The department shall establish and maintain a secure
online license and registration portal accessible to the
department, tax collectors, and authorized law enforcement
agencies for the purpose of verifying, recording, and processing
the seizure or confiscation of license plates under this
chapter. The portal must provide immediate status updates when a
plate has been seized, destroyed, or returned and must be
checked before reissuance of a registration or plate. The
department may adopt rules to implement this subsection.

**Section 2. Subsection (3) of section 320.084, Florida
Statutes, is amended to read:**

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

(3) The department shall, as it deems necessary, require
each person to whom a motor vehicle license plate has been

51 issued pursuant to subsection (1) to apply to the department for
52 reissuance of his or her registration license plate. Upon
53 receipt of the application and proof of the applicant's
54 continued eligibility, the department shall issue a new
55 permanent disabled veteran motor vehicle license plate which
56 shall be of the colors red, white, and blue similar to the
57 colors of the United States flag. A disabled veteran who has
58 been issued a permanent disabled veteran motor vehicle license
59 plate may retain the unique alphanumeric designation assigned to
60 the plate upon reissuance, renewal, or transfer of the plate to
61 another vehicle owned by the veteran. The operation of a motor
62 vehicle displaying a disabled veteran license plate from a
63 previous issue period or a noncurrent validation sticker after
64 the date specified by the department shall subject the owner if
65 he or she is present, otherwise the operator, to the penalty
66 provided in s. 318.18(2). Such permanent license plate shall be
67 removed upon sale of the vehicle, but may be transferred to
68 another vehicle owned by such veteran in the manner prescribed
69 by law. Upon request of any such veteran, the department is
70 authorized to issue a designation plate containing only the
71 letters "DV," to be displayed on the front of the vehicle.

72 **Section 3. Section 320.0843, Florida Statutes, is amended**
73 **to read:**

74 320.0843 License plates for persons with disabilities
75 eligible for permanent disabled parking permits.—

(1) Any owner or lessee of a motor vehicle who resides in this state and qualifies for a disabled parking permit under s. 320.0848(2), upon application to the department, or the tax collector as an authorized agent of the department, and payment of the license tax for a motor vehicle registered under s. 320.08(2), (3)(a), (b), (c), or (e), (4)(a) or (b), (6)(a), or (9)(c) or (d), shall be issued a license plate as provided by s. 320.06 which, in lieu of or in addition to the serial number prescribed by s. 320.06, shall, at the option of the applicant, be stamped with the international wheelchair user symbol or the letters "DV" indicating a disabled veteran after the serial number of the license plate. The license plate entitles the person to all privileges afforded by a parking permit issued under s. 320.0848. When more than one registrant is listed on the registration issued under this section, the eligible applicant shall be noted on the registration certificate.

(2) All applications for such license plates may ~~must~~ be made to the department or the tax collector, and such plates may be issued immediately on demand by the tax collector, subject to rules of the department.

Section 4. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 320.26, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

320.26 Counterfeiting license plates, validation stickers, mobile home stickers, cab cards, trip permits, or special temporary operational permits prohibited; obscuring or altering

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license plates prohibited; penalty.—

(1) (a) A ~~no~~ person may not:

1. ~~shall~~ Counterfeit registration license plates, validation stickers, or mobile home stickers, or have in his or her possession any such plates or stickers.

2. ~~; nor shall any person~~ Manufacture, sell, or dispose of registration license plates, validation stickers, or mobile home stickers in this ~~the~~ state without first having obtained the permission and authority of the department in writing.

3. Manufacture, sell, offer for sale, or affix to any registration license plate any cover, film, or overlay, whether transparent, translucent, tinted, or opaque, which obscures or alters the legibility, color, or design of the registration license plate.

Section 5. Subsection (10) is added to section 322.21, Florida Statutes, to read:

322.21 License fees; procedure for handling and collecting fees.—

(10) (a) Any renewal or replacement driver license or identification card ordered through the department's online license and registration portal shall be fulfilled by the tax collector of the county in which the applicant resides. The department shall ensure that all online orders are transmitted to the appropriate tax collector for fulfillment. The tax collector may mail the driver license or identification card to

126 the applicant or, at the option of the applicant, may allow the
127 applicant to pick up the driver license or identification card
128 at the tax collector's office.

129 (b) For purposes of s. 322.135(1)(c), fulfillment under
130 paragraph (a) constitutes services provided by the tax
131 collector. The department shall remit the service fee authorized
132 by s. 322.135(1)(c) to the appropriate tax collector for each
133 transaction fulfilled under paragraph (a).

134 **Section 6. Paragraph (e) of subsection (2) of section**
135 **320.0848, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

136 320.0848 Persons who have disabilities; issuance of
137 disabled parking permits; temporary permits; permits for certain
138 providers of transportation services to persons who have
139 disabilities.—

140 (2) DISABLED PARKING PERMIT; PERSONS WITH LONG-TERM
141 MOBILITY PROBLEMS.—

142 (e) A person who qualifies for a disabled parking permit
143 under this section may be issued an international wheelchair
144 user symbol or "DV" license plate under s. 320.0843 in lieu of
145 the disabled parking permit; or, if the person qualifies for a
146 disabled veteran license plate under s. 320.084, such a license
147 plate may be issued to him or her in lieu of a disabled parking
148 permit.

149 **Section 7.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.