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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2       An act relating to motor vehicle registration renewal;  
3       amending s. 320.06, F.S.; requiring a renewal to be  
4       recorded electronically; removing provisions relating  
5       to validation stickers; amending ss. 320.08035,  
6       320.0807, 320.084, and 320.102, F.S.; conforming  
7       cross-references and provisions to changes made by the  
8       act; providing an effective date.

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

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12       **Section 1.   Section 320.06, Florida Statutes, is amended to**  
13 **read:**

14       320.06   Registration certificates and, license plates; ~~and~~  
15 validation stickers generally.—

16       (1)(a)   Upon the receipt of an initial application for  
17 registration and payment of the appropriate license tax and  
18 other fees required by law, the department shall assign to the  
19 motor vehicle a registration license number consisting of  
20 letters and numerals or numerals and issue to the owner or  
21 lessee a certificate of registration and one registration  
22 license plate, unless two plates are required for display by s.  
23 320.0706, for each vehicle so registered.

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

for a 10-year period. At the end of the 10-year period, upon renewal, the plate shall be replaced. The department shall extend the scheduled license plate replacement date from a 6-year period to a 10-year period. The fee for such replacement is \$28, \$2.80 of which shall be paid each year before the plate is replaced, to be credited toward the next \$28 replacement fee. The fees shall be deposited into the Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund. A credit or refund may not be given for any prior years' payments of the prorated replacement fee if the plate is replaced or surrendered before the end of the 10-year period, except that a credit may be given if a registrant is required by the department to replace a license plate under s.

~~320.08056(8)(a). With each license plate, a validation sticker shall be issued showing the owner's birth month, license plate number, and the year of expiration or the appropriate renewal period if the owner is not a natural person. The validation sticker shall be placed on the upper right corner of the license plate. The license plate and validation sticker shall be issued based on the applicant's appropriate renewal period. The~~  
registration period is 12 months, the extended registration period is 24 months, and all expirations occur based on the applicant's appropriate registration period. Rental vehicles taxed pursuant to s. 320.08(6)(a) and rental trucks taxed pursuant to s. 320.08(3)(a)-(c) and (4)(a)-(d) may elect a permanent registration period, provided payment of the

51 appropriate license taxes and fees occurs annually.

52 2. ~~Beginning July 1, 2024,~~ A vehicle registered in  
53 accordance with the International Registration Plan must be  
54 issued a license plate for a 3-year period. At the end of the 3-  
55 year period, upon renewal, the license plate must be replaced.  
56 ~~Each license plate must include a validation sticker showing the~~  
57 ~~month of expiration.~~ A cab card denoting the declared gross  
58 vehicle weight for each apportioned jurisdiction must be issued  
59 annually. The fee for an original or a renewal cab card is \$28,  
60 which must be deposited into the Highway Safety Operating Trust  
61 Fund. If the license plate is damaged or worn, it may be  
62 replaced at no charge by applying to the department and  
63 surrendering the current license plate.

64 3. In order to retain the efficient administration of the  
65 taxes and fees imposed by this chapter, the 80-cent fee increase  
66 in the replacement fee imposed by chapter 2009-71, Laws of  
67 Florida, is negated as provided in s. 320.0804.

68 (c) Registration license plates ~~equipped with validation~~  
69 ~~stickers~~ subject to the registration period are valid for not  
70 more than 12 months and expire at midnight on the last day of  
71 the registration period. A registration license plate ~~equipped~~  
72 ~~with a validation sticker~~ subject to the extended registration  
73 period is valid for not more than 24 months and expires at  
74 midnight on the last day of the extended registration period. A  
75 registration license plate ~~equipped with a validation sticker~~

76 subject to a permanent registration period is permanently valid  
77 but shall become void if appropriate license taxes and fees are  
78 not paid annually. For each registration period after the one in  
79 which the metal registration license plate is issued, and until  
80 the license plate is required to be replaced, the renewal shall  
81 be recorded electronically ~~a validation sticker showing the~~  
82 ~~month and year of expiration shall be issued~~ upon payment of the  
83 proper license tax amount and fees and is valid for not more  
84 than 12 months. For each extended registration period occurring  
85 after the one in which the metal registration license plate is  
86 issued and until the license plate is required to be replaced,  
87 the renewal shall be recorded electronically ~~a validation~~  
88 ~~sticker showing the year of expiration shall be issued~~ upon  
89 payment of the proper license tax amount and fees and is valid  
90 for not more than 24 months. For each permanent registration  
91 period occurring after the one in which the metal registration  
92 license plate is issued and until the license plate is required  
93 to be replaced, the renewal shall be recorded electronically ~~a~~  
94 ~~validation sticker showing a permanent registration period shall~~  
95 ~~be issued~~ upon payment of the proper license tax amount and fees  
96 and is permanently valid but shall become void if the proper  
97 license taxes and fees are not paid annually. When license  
98 plates ~~equipped with validation stickers~~ are issued in any month  
99 other than the owner's birth month or the designated  
100 registration period for any other motor vehicle, the effective

101 date shall reflect the birth month or month and the year of  
102 renewal. However, when a license plate ~~or validation sticker~~ is  
103 issued for a period of less than 12 months, the applicant shall  
104 pay the appropriate amount of license tax and the applicable fee  
105 under s. 320.14 in addition to all other fees. Validation  
106 stickers issued for vehicles taxed under s. 320.08(6)(a), for  
107 any company that owns 250 vehicles or more, or for semitrailers  
108 taxed under ~~the provisions of~~ s. 320.08(5)(a), for any company  
109 that owns 50 vehicles or more, may be placed on any vehicle in  
110 the fleet so long as the vehicle receiving the validation  
111 sticker has the same owner's name and address as the vehicle to  
112 which the validation sticker was originally assigned.

113 ~~(2) The department shall provide the several tax~~  
114 ~~collectors and license plate agents with the necessary number of~~  
115 ~~validation stickers.~~

116 (2) ~~(3)~~ (a) Registration license plates must be made of  
117 metal specially treated with a retroreflection material, as  
118 specified by the department. The registration license plate is  
119 designed to increase nighttime visibility and legibility and  
120 must be at least 6 inches wide and not less than 12 inches in  
121 length, unless a plate with reduced dimensions is deemed  
122 necessary by the department to accommodate motorcycles, mopeds,  
123 similar smaller vehicles, or trailers. ~~Validation stickers must~~  
124 ~~also be treated with a retroreflection material, must be of such~~  
125 ~~size as specified by the department, and must adhere to the~~

~~license plate.~~ The registration license plate must be imprinted with a combination of bold letters and numerals or numerals, not to exceed seven digits, to identify the registration license plate number. The license plate must be imprinted with the word "Florida" at the top and the name of the county in which it is sold, the state motto, or the words "Sunshine State" at the bottom. Apportioned license plates must have the word "Apportioned" at the bottom, and license plates issued for vehicles taxed under s. 320.08(3)(d), (4)(m) or (n), (5)(b) or (c), or (14) must have the word "Restricted" at the bottom. License plates issued for vehicles taxed under s. 320.08(12) must be imprinted with the word "Florida" at the top and the word "Dealer" at the bottom unless the license plate is a specialty license plate as authorized in s. 320.08056. Manufacturer license plates issued for vehicles taxed under s. 320.08(12) must be imprinted with the word "Florida" at the top and the word "Manufacturer" at the bottom. License plates issued for vehicles taxed under s. 320.08(5)(d) or (e) must be imprinted with the word "Wrecker" at the bottom. Any county may, upon majority vote of the county commission, elect to have the county name removed from the license plates sold in that county. The state motto or the words "Sunshine State" shall be printed in lieu thereof. A license plate issued for a vehicle taxed under s. 320.08(6) may not be assigned a registration license number, or be issued with any other distinctive character or

151 designation, that distinguishes the motor vehicle as a for-hire  
152 motor vehicle.

153 (b) An additional fee of 50 cents shall be collected on  
154 each motor vehicle registration or motor vehicle renewal  
155 registration issued in this state in order for all license  
156 plates ~~and validation stickers~~ to be fully treated with  
157 retroreflection material. The fee shall be deposited into the  
158 Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund.

159 (3) ~~(4)~~ The corporation organized under chapter 946 may  
160 manufacture license plates, ~~validation stickers~~, and decals, as  
161 well as temporary tags, disabled hang tags, vessel decals, and  
162 fuel use decals, for the Department of Highway Safety and Motor  
163 Vehicles as provided in this chapter and chapter 327. The  
164 Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles is not required  
165 to obtain competitive bids in order to contract with the  
166 corporation.

167 (4) ~~(5)~~ The department may conduct a pilot program to  
168 evaluate the designs, concepts, and technologies for alternative  
169 license plates. For purposes of the pilot program, the  
170 department shall investigate the feasibility and use of  
171 alternative license plate technologies and the long-term cost  
172 impact to the consumer. The pilot program shall be limited to  
173 license plates that are used on government-owned motor vehicles  
174 as described in s. 320.0655. Such license plates are exempt from  
175 the requirements in paragraph (2)(a) ~~(3)(a)~~.

176        ~~(5)-(6)~~ All license plates issued pursuant to this chapter  
177 are the property of this ~~the~~ state.

178        **Section 2. Section 320.08035, Florida Statutes, is amended**  
179 **to read:**

180        320.08035 Persons who have disabilities; reduced dimension  
181 license plate.—The owner or lessee of a motorcycle, moped, or  
182 motorized disability access vehicle who resides in this state  
183 and qualifies for a parking permit for a person who has a  
184 disability under s. 320.0848, upon application and payment of  
185 the appropriate license tax and fees under s. 320.08(1), must be  
186 issued a license plate that has reduced dimensions as provided  
187 under s. 320.06(2)(a) ~~s. 320.06(3)(a)~~. The plate must be stamped  
188 with the international symbol of accessibility after the numeric  
189 and alpha serial number of the license plate. The plate entitles  
190 the person to all privileges afforded by a disabled parking  
191 permit issued under s. 320.0848.

192        **Section 3. Subsection (4) of section 320.0807, Florida**  
193 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

194        320.0807 Special license plates for Governor and federal  
195 and state legislators.—

196        (4) License plates purchased under subsection (1),  
197 subsection (2), or subsection (3) shall be replaced by the  
198 department at no cost, other than the fees required under ss.  
199 320.04 and 320.06(2)(b) ~~320.06(3)(b)~~, when the person to whom  
200 the plates have been issued leaves the elective office with



respect to which the license plates were issued. Within 30 days after leaving office, the person to whom the license plates have been issued must apply to the department for a replacement license plate. The person may return the prestige license plates to the department or retain the plates as souvenirs. Upon receipt of the replacement license plate, the person may not display on any vehicle the prestige license plate or plates issued with respect to his or her former office.

**Section 4. Paragraph (b) of subsection (4) of section 320.084, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

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

(4)

(b) There shall be a service charge in accordance with ~~the provisions of s. 320.04~~ for each initial application or renewal of registration and an additional sum of 50 cents on each license plate ~~and validation sticker~~ as provided in s. 320.06(2)(b) ~~s. 320.06(3)(b)~~.

**Section 5. Section 320.102, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

320.102 Marine boat trailers owned by nonprofit organizations; exemptions.—The registration or renewal of a registration of any marine boat trailer owned and operated by a nonprofit organization that is exempt from federal income tax under s. 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and which is

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used exclusively in carrying out its customary nonprofit activities is exempt from paying the fees, taxes, surcharges, and charges in ss. 320.03(5), (6), and (9), 320.031(2), 320.04(1), 320.06(1)(b) and (2)(b) ~~(3)(b)~~, 320.0801, 320.0802, 320.0804, and 320.08046.

**Section 6.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.