

1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to persons who are deaf; amending ss.  
3           322.051 and 322.14, F.S.; authorizing the  
4           international symbol for the deaf and hard of hearing  
5           to be exhibited on the driver license or  
6           identification card of a person who is deaf or hard of  
7           hearing; providing applicability; providing an  
8           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. Paragraph (c) is added to subsection (8) of  
13           section 322.051, Florida Statutes, to read:

14           322.051 Identification cards.—

15           (8)

16           (c) The international symbol for the deaf and hard of  
17           hearing shall be exhibited on the identification card of a  
18           person who is deaf or hard of hearing upon the payment of an  
19           additional \$1 fee for the identification card and the  
20           presentation of sufficient proof that the person is deaf or hard  
21           of hearing as determined by the department. Until a person's  
22           identification card is next renewed, the person may have the  
23           symbol added to his or her identification card upon surrender of  
24           his or her current identification card, payment of a \$2 fee to  
25           be deposited into the Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund, and  
26           presentation of sufficient proof that the person is deaf or hard  
27           of hearing as determined by the department. If the applicant is

28 not conducting any other transaction affecting the  
 29 identification card, a replacement identification card may be  
 30 issued with the symbol without payment of the fee required in s.  
 31 322.21(1)(f)3. For purposes of this paragraph, the international  
 32 symbol for the deaf and hard of hearing is substantially as  
 33 follows:



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 35 Section 2. Paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of section  
 36 322.14, Florida Statutes, is redesignated as paragraph (d), and  
 37 a new paragraph (c) is added to that subsection to read:

38 322.14 Licenses issued to drivers.—

39 (1)

40 (c) The international symbol for the deaf and hard of  
 41 hearing provided in s. 322.051(8)(c) shall be exhibited on the  
 42 driver license of a person who is deaf or hard of hearing upon  
 43 the payment of an additional \$1 fee for the license and the  
 44 presentation of sufficient proof that the person is deaf or hard  
 45 of hearing as determined by the department. Until a person's  
 46 license is next renewed, the person may have the symbol added to  
 47 his or her license upon the surrender of his or her current  
 48 license, payment of a \$2 fee to be deposited into the Highway  
 49 Safety Operating Trust Fund, and presentation of sufficient

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50 proof that the person is deaf or hard of hearing as determined  
51 by the department. If the applicant is not conducting any other  
52 transaction affecting the driver license, a replacement license  
53 may be issued with the symbol without payment of the fee  
54 required in s. 322.21(1)(e).

55 Section 3. The amendments made by this act to ss. 322.051  
56 and 322.14, Florida Statutes, shall apply upon implementation of  
57 new designs for the driver license and identification card by  
58 the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles.

59 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016.