

# Transportation & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee

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**Meeting Packet** 



# The Florida House of Representatives

# **Appropriations Committee**

# Transportation & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee

Richard Corcoran Speaker Clay Ingram Chair

## AGENDA

Wednesday, October 25, 2017 102 HOB (Reed Hall) 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM

- I. Call to Order/Roll Call
- II. Opening Remarks by Chair Ingram
- III. Consideration of the following bill(s):

HB 85 Voter Registration List Maintenance by Spano

HB 107 Veteran Identification by Combee, Williamson

HB 109 Transportation Facility Designations by Drake

HB 127 Transportation Facility Designations by McGhee

HB 171 Transportation Facility Designations by Williamson

- IV. Closing Remarks
- V. Adjournment

#### HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STAFF ANALYSIS

BILL #: HB 85 Voter Registration List Maintenance

SPONSOR(S): Spano & others

TIED BILLS: HB 87 IDEN./SIM. BILLS: SB 276

REFERENCE	ACTION	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR or BUDGET/POLICY CHIEF
Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee	12 Y, 0 N	Toliver	Harrington
Transportation & Tourism Appropriations     Subcommittee		Cobb R	Davis Onco
3) Public Integrity & Ethics Committee			

#### SUMMARY ANALYSIS

The Department of State (Department) is headed by the Secretary of State (Secretary), who serves as Florida's chief election officer. Current law charges the Secretary with a variety of responsibilities in his or her capacity as Florida's chief election officer, including obtaining and maintaining uniformity in the interpretation and implementation of the election laws and creating and administering a statewide voter registration system. The voter registration system is the official list of registered voters in the state and contains the name and registration information of every legally registered voter in Florida. Voter registration officials, such as supervisors of elections (supervisors), are provided secure access to the system and may update the voter registration information contained in the system. Current law requires supervisors to conduct voter registration list maintenance at least every odd-numbered year to protect the integrity of the electoral process.

The bill allows the Department to enter into interstate agreements or become a member of a nongovernmental entity whose membership is composed solely of state government election officials for the purpose of sharing and exchanging information with other states to maintain the statewide voter registration system. The bill also provides that the Department may only enter into such an agreement or membership if the agreement or entity is controlled or operated by participant states. The Department must retain the ability to withdraw from any interstate agreement or membership at any time. The Department may only share confidential and exempt information pursuant to an interstate agreement or after becoming a member in a nongovernmental entity if each state or member agrees to maintain the confidentiality of the information. Additionally, if the department becomes a member of a nongovernmental entity, its bylaws must provide that each member and the entity itself maintain the confidentiality of any information as required by the laws of the state supplying the information.

The bill requires the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to submit certain information to the Department for the purpose of sharing the information pursuant to an interstate agreement or with a nongovernmental entity.

If the Department enters into an interstate agreement or becomes a member of a nongovernmental entity, it must submit a report to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by December 1 of each year.

The bill may have an insignificant fiscal impact on state expenditures should the Department enter into an agreement to share information. The Department states that the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) grant funds within the Federal Grants Trust Fund may be used to fund such an agreement. There may also be an indeterminate fiscal impact on local government expenditures. See Fiscal Comments.

The bill has an effective date of January 1, 2019.

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#### **FULL ANALYSIS**

#### I. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS

#### A. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

#### Background

#### Department of State

The Department of State (Department)<sup>1</sup> is headed by the Secretary of State (Secretary) who serves as Florida's chief election officer. The Secretary is charged with a variety of responsibilities in his or her capacity as Florida's chief election officer, including obtaining and maintaining uniformity in the interpretation and implementation of the election laws; providing uniform standards for the proper and equitable implementation of the registration laws; providing technical assistance to the supervisors of elections (supervisors) on voter education, election personnel training services, and voting systems; and creating and administering a statewide voter registration system as required by the Help America Vote Act of 2002.<sup>2</sup>

#### Voter Registration System

The Secretary implements, operates, and maintains the statewide voter registration system (system).<sup>3</sup> The system is the official list of registered voters in the state and is required to contain the name and registration information of every legally registered voter in Florida.<sup>4</sup> Voter registration officials, such as supervisors, are provided secure access to the system and may update the voter registration information contained in the system.<sup>5</sup> The Department is prohibited from contracting with any other entity for the operation of the system.<sup>6</sup>

#### Voter Registration List Maintenance

Florida law requires the supervisors to conduct voter registration list maintenance at least every oddnumbered year to protect the integrity of the electoral process. The program must be uniform, nondiscriminatory, and in compliance with federal election law. Each supervisor must incorporate one of the following methods in his or her list maintenance program:

- Use of change of address information given by the United States Postal Service through its licensees to identify registered voters whose addresses might have changed;
- Use of change of address information that is known from returned nonforwardable return-ifundeliverable mail sent to all registered voters in the county; or
- Use of change of address information that is known from returned nonforwardable return-ifundeliverable address confirmation requests mailed to every registered voter who has not voted in the last two years and who did not make any written request to update his or her registration record during that two-year period.<sup>10</sup>

The program must be completed at least 90 days before any federal election, and all actions must be entered, tracked, and maintained in the system.<sup>11</sup>

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Section 20.10(1), F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Section 97.012, F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Section 98.035(1), F.S.

<sup>4</sup> Section 98.035(2), F.S.

<sup>5</sup> Id.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Section 98.035(3), F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Section 98.065(3), F.S.

<sup>8</sup> The term "nondiscriminatory" applies to and includes persons with disabilities. Section 98.065(1), F.S.

<sup>9</sup> Section 98.065(1), F.S.

<sup>10</sup> Section 98.065(2), F.S.

<sup>11</sup> Section 98.065(3), F.S. STORAGE NAME: h0085c.TTA.DOCX

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If a supervisor receives change of address information from one of the methods listed above, jury notices, the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, or from other sources which reveal that a registered voter's legal address might have changed, the supervisor must change the registration records to reflect the new address. <sup>12</sup> The supervisor must then send the registered voter an address change notice. <sup>13</sup> If the supervisor receives information that a registered voter has moved his or her legal residence outside the state, the supervisor must send an address confirmation final notice to the registered voter at his or her new address. <sup>14</sup> Voters who are sent an address confirmation final notice who do not return the prepaid, preaddressed return form within 30 days or for whom the notice is returned as undeliverable are designated as inactive. <sup>15</sup>

Voter Registration Ineligibility Determinations

Currently, the Department identifies deceased persons, persons adjudicated of mental incapacity, persons convicted of a felony, and other ineligible voters contained in the system. <sup>16</sup> The supervisor<sup>17</sup> is then notified of this finding and, after notifying the voter and giving him or her a chance to respond, <sup>18</sup> makes a final determination regarding the voter's eligibility. <sup>19</sup> A person determined to be ineligible by a supervisor may appeal the determination in circuit court. <sup>20</sup>

#### Effect of the Bill

The bill allows the Department to enter into interstate agreements or become a member of a nongovernmental entity whose membership is composed solely of state government election officials for the purpose of sharing and exchanging information with other states to maintain the statewide voter registration system.<sup>21</sup> If the Department becomes a member of a nongovernmental entity, the entity must place the Secretary, or his or her designee, on its board of directors with full voting rights. The bill also provides that the Department may only enter into an interstate agreement or membership if the agreement or entity is controlled or operated by participant states. The interstate agreement or nongovernmental entity may not be operated or controlled by the Federal Government or any entity acting on behalf of the Federal Government. The Department must retain the ability to withdraw from any interstate agreement or membership in a nongovernmental entity at any time.

The Department may only share confidential and exempt information pursuant to an interstate agreement or after becoming a member in a nongovernmental entity if each state or member agrees to maintain the confidentiality of the information. Additionally, if the department becomes a member of a nongovernmental entity its bylaws must provide that each member and the entity itself maintain the confidentiality of any information as required by the laws of the state supplying the information.

The bill requires the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to submit certain information to the Department for the purpose of sharing the information pursuant to an interstate agreement or with a nongovernmental entity.

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<sup>12</sup> Section 98.065(4)(a), F.S.

<sup>13</sup> Id.

<sup>14</sup> Section 98.065(4)(b), F.S.

<sup>15</sup> Section 98.065(4)(c), F.S.

<sup>16</sup> Section 98.075, F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> Supervisors are also able to remove the name of a voter based on evidence without the Department having notified them in some circumstances, Section 98.075, F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> No notification is given to those determined to be deceased. Section 98.075(3), F.S.

<sup>19</sup> Section 98.075(7), F.S.

<sup>20</sup> Section 98.0755, F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> An example of such a nongovernmental entity is the Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC). ERIC is "a non-profit organization with the sole mission of assisting states to improve the accuracy of America's voter rolls and increase access to voter registration for all eligible citizens . . . ERIC is governed and managed by states who choose to join, and was formed in 2012 with assistance from The Pew Charitable Trusts." ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION INFORMATION CENTER, http://www.ericstates.org/ (last visited Sept. 29, 2017).

If the Department enters into an interstate agreement or becomes a member of a nongovernmental entity, it must submit a report to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by December 1 of each year. The report must describe the agreement or membership and provide information on the total number of voters removed from the voter registration system as a result of the agreement and the reasons for their removal.

#### B. SECTION DIRECTORY:

Section 1 amends s. 98.075, F.S., relating to voter registration list maintenance.

Section 2 provides an effective date of January 1, 2019.

#### II. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

#### A. FISCAL IMPACT ON STATE GOVERNMENT:

1. Revenues:

None.

#### 2. Expenditures:

The bill may have an insignificant fiscal impact on state expenditures. The Department states that the bill may result in the agency incurring expenses of approximately \$75,000 in the first year and \$50,000 in annual membership fees in subsequent years should it choose to enter into an agreement to share information with other states. Help America Vote Act (HAVA) grant funds within the Federal Grants Trust Fund may be used to fund such an agreement.<sup>22</sup>

#### B. FISCAL IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:

Revenues:

None.

#### 2. Expenditures:

According to the Department's analysis of HB 707 (2017), which is substantively identical, the bill may have an indeterminate, though likely insignificant fiscal impact on local government expenditures. Supervisors are charged with certain responsibilities associated with removing names from the voter registration system. If the Department enters into an agreement or membership with a nongovernmental entity to share information, the arrangement may lead to an increase in determinations of voter ineligibility and, therefore, might increase the workload of supervisors and their staff.<sup>23</sup>

#### C. DIRECT ECONOMIC IMPACT ON PRIVATE SECTOR:

None.

D. FISCAL COMMENTS:

None.

<sup>22</sup> Email dated October 23, 2017 on file with the Transportation and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> Department of State, 2017 Agency Legislative Bill Analysis of HB 707, at pg. 4 (March 13, 2017), on file with the Oversight,

## III. COMMENTS

# A. CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES:

1. Applicability of Municipality/County Mandates Provision:

The bill appears to be exempt from the requirements of Art. VII, s. 18 of the State Constitution because it is an election law.

2. Other:

None.

B. RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY:

None.

C. DRAFTING ISSUES OR OTHER COMMENTS:

None.

IV. AMENDMENTS/ COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES

None.

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to voter registration list maintenance; amending s. 98.075, F.S.; authorizing the Department of State to enter into certain interstate agreements or to become a member of a nongovernmental entity to verify voter registration information; establishing requirements for participation in such agreements or memberships; requiring the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to provide specified information to the Department of State; establishing reporting requirements; providing an effective date.

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

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Section 1. Subsection (2) of section 98.075, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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98.075 Registration records maintenance activities; ineligibility determinations.—

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(2) DUPLICATE REGISTRATION.-

20 21 (a) The department shall identify those voters who are registered more than once within the state or those applicants whose registration applications within the state would result in duplicate registrations. The most recent application shall be deemed an update to the voter registration record.

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(b)1. The department may enter into interstate agreements

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or become a member of a nongovernmental entity whose membership is composed solely of state government election officials if the sole purpose of the agreement or membership is to share and exchange information in order to verify voter registration information. If the department intends to become a member of such a nongovernmental entity, the agreement to join the entity must require that the Secretary of State, or his or her designee, serve as a full member with voting rights on the nongovernmental entity's board of directors within 12 months after joining the entity.

- 2. The department may share confidential and exempt information pursuant to an interstate agreement or after becoming a member of a nongovernmental entity as provided in subparagraph 1. if:
- a. Each state that is a participant in the interstate

  agreement or each member of the nongovernmental entity agrees to

  maintain the confidentiality of such information; or
- b. The bylaws of the nongovernmental entity require member states and the entity to maintain the confidentiality of information as required by the laws of the state providing the information.
- 3. The department may only enter into an interstate agreement or become a member of a nongovernmental entity as provided in subparagraph 1. if the agreement or entity is controlled and operated by the participating states. The

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interstate agreement or entity may not be operated or controlled by the Federal Government or any other entity acting on behalf of the Federal Government. The department must be able to withdraw at any time from such interstate agreement or membership entered into.

- 4. If the department enters into an interstate agreement or becomes a member of a nongovernmental entity as provided in subparagraph 1., the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles must, pursuant to a written agreement with the department, provide driver license or identification information to the department for the purpose of sharing and exchanging voter registration information pursuant to an interstate agreement or with the nongovernmental entity.
- 5. If the department enters into an interstate agreement or becomes a member of a nongovernmental entity as provided in subparagraph 1., the department must submit a report to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by December 1 of each year. The report must describe the interstate agreement or nongovernmental entity membership and provide information on the total number of voters removed from the voter registration system as a result of the agreement or membership and the reasons for their removal.

Section 2. This act shall take effect January 1, 2019.

#### HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STAFF ANALYSIS

BILL #: HB 107 Veteran Identification
SPONSOR(S): Combee, Williamson and others
TIED BILLS: IDEN./SIM. BILLS: SB 328

REFERENCE	ACTION	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR or BUDGET/POLICY CHIEF
1) Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee	14 Y, 0 N	Renner	Miller
Transportation & Tourism Appropriations     Subcommittee		COBB R	Davis
3) Government Accountability Committee			

#### SUMMARY ANALYSIS

For the roughly 1.5 million veterans living in Florida, there is no uniform veteran identification card that can be used as proof of military service for the purpose of obtaining discounts or waivers from various license and registration fees. Rather, veterans rely on cards issued by the Department of Defense or United States Department of Veterans Affairs as proof. In Florida, a driver license or identification card with the "V" designation issued by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV) or a Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs (FDVA) card for veterans with certain disabilities may be used as proof of veteran status.

Currently, the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and the Department of Financial Services will waive various license and registration fees for certain businesses and professions if a veteran provides a copy of the DD Form 214 or another acceptable form of identification as specified by FDVA.

The bill directs DHSMV, in cooperation with FDVA, to create a veteran identification card to be used as proof of veteran status for the purpose of obtaining discounts. The card must be issued by mail to any honorably discharged veteran of any branch of the U.S. Armed Forces who provides a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214; a copy of a valid, unexpired driver license or identification card or another form of photographic identification; and payment of \$10, which must be deposited into the Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund. Additionally, the bill adds the identification card as proof of veteran status in order for a veteran to obtain a waiver for license and registration fees for certain businesses and professions. The bill also provides the veteran identification card may be used as proof of veteran status for the expedited processing of an application for a license to carry concealed weapons or firearms.

The bill will have an indeterminate, though likely insignificant negative fiscal impact to state expenditures, and an indeterminate, positive impact to state and local government revenues. See Fiscal Comments.

The bill has an effective date of January 1, 2019.

#### **FULL ANALYSIS**

#### I. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS

#### A. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

#### **Current Situation**

#### Veteran Identification Cards

Currently, United States military veterans<sup>1</sup> do not have a uniform veteran identification card available to them that proves military service.

On July 20, 2015, Congress enacted the "Veterans Identification Card Act 2015." The Act directs the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to issue a veteran's identification card to an honorably discharged veteran who is neither entitled to military retired pay nor enrolled in the VA system for patient enrollment. The card is required to display the veteran's name and photograph and serve as proof that the veteran has a DD Form 214<sup>3</sup> or other official document in his or her military personnel file that describes the veteran's military service. The identification card cannot be used as proof of eligibility for any federal benefits and does not grant access to military installations. It is expected that the cards will be issued free of charge upon request in November, 2017.

Currently, certain veterans may be eligible for other methods of identification that may prove veteran status including, but not limited to, the following:

- Veteran Health Identification Card<sup>6</sup> This card is issued to veterans enrolled in the VA health care system and is used for identification and check-in at VA appointments.
- DD Form 2 (Retired) U.S. Uniformed Services ID<sup>7</sup> This card is issued to retired Uniform Service<sup>8</sup> members entitled to pay, members on the temporary disability retired list, and members on the permanent disability retired list.
- DD Form 1173 U.S. Uniformed Services ID and Privilege Card<sup>9</sup> This card is issued to Medal of Honor recipients, former members in receipt of retired pay, 100 percent disabled veterans, and other benefits-eligible categories as described in the Department of Defense (DoD) policy.
- DD Form 2765 Department of Defense/Uniformed Services ID and Privilege Card<sup>10</sup> This
  card is issued to Medal of Honor recipients, 100 percent disabled veterans, former members in
  receipt of retired pay, other benefits-eligible categories as described in the DoD policy.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Section 1.01(14), F.S., defines the term "veteran" as a person who served in the active military, naval, or air service who was discharged or released under honorable conditions only or who later received an upgraded discharge under honorable conditions, notwithstanding any action by the VA on individuals discharged or released with other than honorable discharge.

Veterans Identification Card Act 2015, Pub. L. No. 114-31, H.R. 91, 114th Cong. (July 20, 2015).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Each veteran is issued a Department of Defense DD Form 214. This form contains information normally needed to verify military service of benefits, retirement, employment, membership in veterans' organizations, and the veteran's condition of discharge. See http://www.dd214.us/ (last visited September 22, 2017).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Congress.gov, H.R. 91-Veterans Identification Card Act 2015, available at: https://www.congress.gov/bill/114th-congress/house-bill/91 (last viewed September 22, 2017).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs website on *Inquiry Routing & Information System*, available at https://iris.custhelp.com/app/answers/detail/a\_id/911 (last viewed October 11, 2017).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs website on *Veteran Identification Cards*, available at: https://iris.custhelp.com/app/answers/detail/a id/911 (last viewed September 25, 2017).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Department of Defense Common Access Card website on *Uniformed Services ID Card*, available at: www.cac.mil/uniformed-services-id-card/ (last viewed September 25, 2017).

<sup>8 10</sup> U.S.C. §101(a)(5) defines "uniformed services" as consisting of the Army, Marines, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, Public Health Service, and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.
9 Id.

<sup>10</sup> Id.

# State-Issued Veteran Identification Cards

#### Florida

Florida does not have a uniform veteran identification card. Rather, veterans can show proof of status by having a "V" designation on either their Florida identification card<sup>11</sup> or their Florida driver license<sup>12</sup> for an additional \$1 fee plus the renewal fee, or a \$2 fee if the veteran wants to purchase a replacement credential for the sole purpose of adding the "V" designation. The designation may be obtained when a veteran submits a copy of his or her DD Form 214 or another acceptable form specified by the Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs (FDVA) to the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV). <sup>13</sup>

Additionally, FDVA may issue an identification card to any veteran who is a permanent resident of Florida and who has been determined by the VA to have a 100 percent service-connected permanent and total disability rating, or who has been determined to have a service-connected total and permanent disability rating of 100 percent and is receiving disability retirement pay from any branch of the U.S. Armed Forces.<sup>14</sup>

#### Virginia

Virginia offers a veteran identification card<sup>15</sup> that is issued by the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) and provides proof of veteran status in order for a veteran to receive discounts from retailers and restaurants. The design of the card shows the veteran's photo, name, branch of service, and signature. To be eligible, the veteran must:

- Be a Virginia resident;
- Hold an unexpired Virginia commercial driver's license, driver's license, learner's permit or DMV-issued ID card;
- Have served either in the active U.S. Armed Forces or for more than 180 days in the Virginia National Guard or U.S. Reserves;
- Have received an honorable discharge;
- Present a photocopy of a veteran service proof document that provides the branch of service, discharge date and discharge status (e.g. DD Form 214);
- Consent that the information on the application will be shared with the Virginia Department of Veteran Services; and
- Pay \$10.

#### Delaware

Delaware-issued veteran identification cards are available free of charge to any Delaware veteran that served in the U.S. military, was honorably discharged, has a valid Delaware driver license or identification card, and provides accepted proof of military service.<sup>16</sup>

<sup>11</sup> Section 322.051, F.S.

<sup>12</sup> Section 322.14(1)(d), F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> A "veteran" designation will replace the "V" designation when the new driver license and identification card design comes out at the end of 2017.

<sup>14</sup> Section 295.17, F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles website on *Veteran Identification Cards*, available at https://www.dmv.virginia.gov/drivers/#id/vet\_id.asp (last visited September 25, 2017).

<sup>16</sup> State of Delaware-Division of Motor Vehicles, Veteran Identification Cards, available at

https://www.dmv.de.gov/services/driver\_services/drivers\_license/dr\_lic\_vet\_idcard.shtml (last visited September 25, 2017). STORAGE NAME: h0107b.TTA.DOCX

# Registration and License Fee Waivers

# Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (DACS)

Chapter 2016-166, Laws of Florida, among other matters, implemented various registration and license fee waivers for veterans, their spouses, and their businesses for several professions regulated by DACS.

The first-time application fee for a specified veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces, his or her spouse, or a business entity in which he or she has a majority ownership is waived for the following classes of licenses: land surveyor and mapper;<sup>17</sup> health studio;<sup>18</sup> commercial telephone seller and entities providing substance abuse marketing services;<sup>19</sup> telemarketing salesperson;<sup>20</sup> movers and moving broker;<sup>21</sup> liquefied petroleum gas related license;<sup>22</sup> pawnbroker;<sup>23</sup> motor vehicle repair shop; and<sup>24</sup> sellers of travel.<sup>26</sup> To qualify for the fee waiver, the veteran, his or her spouse, or his or her business must submit an application within 60 months after the date of the veteran's discharge from the U.S. Armed Forces and provide a copy of his or her DD Form 214, or another form of identification as specified by the FDVA; a valid marriage license when applicable; and proof of ownership interest, where applicable.

The initial application fee for licensure for veterans who apply within 24 months of their honorable discharge from the armed forces is waived for the following licenses:

- Private investigator, private investigator intern, private investigative/security agency manager, or private investigative agency manager;
- Security officer instructor or security manager;
- Recovery agent, recovery agent intern, recovery agent manager, or recovery agent instructor;
   and
- Firearms instructor. 26

The veteran must submit a copy of his or her DD Form 214 or another form of identification as specified by the FDVA in order to receive the waiver.

The initial fee for licensure for veterans who apply within 24 months of their honorable discharge from the armed forces is waived for the following licenses:

- Private investigative/security agency manager or a firearms instructor;<sup>27</sup>
- Private investigator, private investigator intern, or private investigative agency manager;<sup>28</sup>
- Security officer, security officer instructor, or a security manager;<sup>29</sup> and
- Recovery agent, recovery agent intern, recovery agent manager, or recovery agent instructor.<sup>30</sup>

The veteran must submit a copy of his or her DD Form 214 or another form of identification as specified by the FDVA in order to receive the waiver.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> Section 472.015(3), F.S.

<sup>18</sup> Section 501.015(2), F.S.

<sup>19</sup> Section 501.605(5)(b), F.S.

<sup>20</sup> Section 501.607(2)(b), F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> Section 507.03(3)(b), F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> Section 527.02(3)(b), F.S. <sup>23</sup> Section 539.001(3)(c), F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> Section 539.001(3)(c), F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> Section 559.904(3)(b), F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup> Section 559.928(2)(c), F.S.

<sup>26</sup> Section 493.6105(1)(c), F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>27</sup> Section 493.6107(6), F.S.

<sup>28</sup> Section 493.6202(4), F.S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>29</sup> Section 493.6302(4), F.S.

<sup>30</sup> Section 493.6402(4), F.S.

Lastly, in order to receive an expedited processing of an application for a license to carry concealed weapons or firearms, a veteran must submit a copy of the DD Form 214 or another acceptable form of identification as specified by FDVA.<sup>31</sup>

# Department of Financial Services (DFS)

Veterans who have retired within 24 months are exempt from the application filing fee for licensure as an insurance agent, customer representative, adjuster, service representative, managing general agent, or reinsurance intermediary. The applicant must submit a military service record, military personnel file, veteran record, discharge paper, or separation document, or a separation document that indicates the veteran was honorably discharged.<sup>32</sup>

# **Effect of Proposed Changes**

The bill requires DHSMV, in cooperation with FDVA, to create a veteran identification card to be used as proof of veteran status in order to obtain discounts or waivers offered to veterans for the exchange of goods and services. The card would be separate from a DHSMV-issued driver license or personal identification card. The bill provides criteria for the design of the card which must include a full-face photograph of the veteran, the veteran's full name, branch of service, date of discharge, and the words "Proof of veteran status only."

DHSMV must issue the card by mail to any honorably discharged veteran of any branch of the U.S. Armed Forces who provides the following:

- A copy of the veteran's DD Form 214 as issued by the DoD;
- A copy of the veteran's valid, unexpired Florida driver license or identification card or another form of photographic identification that is acceptable to DHSMV; and
- Payment of a \$10 fee, which must be deposited into the Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund.

The bill prohibits the use of the veteran identification card as an identification card for a veteran with a 100 percent, service-connected, permanent and total disability rating for compensation, or who has a service-connected total and permanent disability rating of 100 percent and receives disability retirement pay pursuant to s. 295.17, F.S., or as an identification card pursuant to s. 322.051, F.S. The bill requires a veteran identification card to be terminated upon the death of the veteran.

The bill provides for repeal of the authorizing statute for veteran identification cards on August 31, 2023.

In addition to showing a DD Form 214 or another acceptable form of identification specified by DVA as proof of veteran status, the bill adds the veteran identification card as proof of veteran status for waivers of registration or license fees for the following DACS and DFS businesses and occupations: land surveying and mapping; private investigation, security, and repossession services; health studios; telephone salespersons and entities providing substance abuse marketing services; movers and moving brokers; the sale of liquefied petroleum gas; pawnbrokers; motor vehicle repair shops; sellers of travel; and insurance representatives. Lastly, the veteran identification card may be used as proof of veteran status for the expedited processing of an application for a license to carry concealed weapons or firearms.

#### B. SECTION DIRECTORY:

Section 1 Creates s. 322.0511, F.S., relating to veteran identification cards.

Section 2 Amends s. 472.015, F.S., relating to DACS licensure for land surveying and mapping.

Section 3 Amends s. 493.6105, F.S., relating to DACS initial application for licensure for private investigation, security, and repossession services.

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<sup>51</sup> Section 790.06(5)(f), F.S.

<sup>32</sup> Section 626.171(6), F.S.

- Section 4 Amends s. 493.6107, F.S., relating to DACS initial license fees for private investigation, security, and repossession services.
- Amends s. 493.6202, F.S., relating to DACS fees for private investigation, security, and Section 5 repossession services.
- Section 6 Amends s. 493.6302, F.S., relating to DACS fees for private investigation, security, and repossession services.
- Section 7 Amends s. 493.6402, F.S., relating to DACS fees for private investigation, security, and repossession services.
- Section 8 Amends s. 501.015, F.S., relating to DACS health studios registration requirements.
- Section 9 Amends s. 501.605, F.S., relating to DACS licensure of commercial telephone sellers and entities providing substance abuse marketing services.
- Section 10 Amends s. 501,607, F.S., relating to DACS licensure of salespersons.
- Section 11 Amends s. 507.03, F.S., relating to DACS registration for movers and moving brokers.
- Amends s. 527.02, F.S., relating to DACS and the regulation of the sale of liquefied Section 12 petroleum gas.
- Section 13 Amends s. 539.001, F.S., relating to DACS pawnbroker licenses.
- Section 14 Amends s. 559.904, F.S., relating to DACS registration for motor vehicle repair shops.
- Section 15 Amends s. 559.928, F.S., relating to DACS registration for sellers of travel.
- Section 16 Amends s. 626.171, F.S., relating to DFS insurance representative applications for licensure.
- Section 17 Amends s. 790.06, F.S., relating to DACS licenses to carry concealed weapons or firearms.
- Section 18 Provides an effective date of January 1, 2019.

#### II. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

# A. FISCAL IMPACT ON STATE GOVERNMENT:

#### 1. Revenues:

The DHSMV has not provided a fiscal analysis for the bill. However, a similar bill was filed last year and the DHSMV estimated approximately 65,000 individuals will purchase the new identification card in the first year. At a rate of \$10 per transaction, the bill would have a positive fiscal impact to the Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund totaling \$650,000.33

#### Expenditures:

The DHSMV has not provided a fiscal analysis for the bill. However, a similar bill was filed last year and the DHSMV provided an initial estimate stating that approximately 4,560 programming hours, or \$313,440 in FTE and contracted resources, will be required to implement the bill. Additionally, the department will need to purchase two additional card printers at \$7,650 per printer, totaling \$15,300. It is expected that this cost can be absorbed within existing resources.34

#### B. FISCAL IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:

#### 1. Revenues:

The DHSMV has not provided a fiscal analysis for the bill. However, a similar bill was filed last year and the DHSMV estimated approximately 65,000 individuals will purchase the new identification card in the first year. Tax collectors are permitted to collect a \$6.25 service charge on license and identification card transactions; therefore, there will likely be a positive impact to local government revenues. However, it is unknown how many of the estimated 65,000 individuals will purchase a

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>33</sup>Email from DHSMV to staff on March 30, 2017 pertaining to fiscal impacts related to HB 179 (2017 session). On file with the Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee. 34 Id.

veteran identification card at a tax collector's office as opposed to state driver license offices thus the revenue impact is indeterminate.<sup>35</sup>

# 2. Expenditures:

None.

# C. DIRECT ECONOMIC IMPACT ON PRIVATE SECTOR:

Veterans who choose to obtain the veteran identification card could receive license and registration fee waivers, resulting in a positive fiscal impact for those veterans.

#### D. FISCAL COMMENTS:

None.

#### III. COMMENTS

# A. CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES:

1. Applicability of Municipality/County Mandates Provision:

Not Applicable. This bill does not appear to require counties or municipalities to spend funds or take action requiring the expenditures of funds; reduce the authority that counties or municipalities have to raise revenues in the aggregate; or reduce the percentage of state tax shared with counties or municipalities.

2. Other:

None.

## B. RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY:

The bill neither authorizes nor requires administrative rulemaking by executive branch agencies.

#### C. DRAFTING ISSUES OR OTHER COMMENTS:

None.

#### IV. AMENDMENTS/ COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES

None.

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A bill to be entitled An act relating to veteran identification; creating s. 322.0511, F.S.; requiring the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to create a veteran identification card for certain purposes; providing for the design of the card; providing veteran eligibility requirements; providing for fee disposition; prohibiting use of the card for certain purposes; providing for termination of the card; providing for future repeal; amending ss. 472.015, 493.6105, 493.6107, 493.6202, 493.6302, 493.6402, 501.015, 501.605, 501.607, 507.03, 527.02, 539.001, 559.904, 559.928, and 626.171, F.S.; authorizing use of the card as proof of veteran status for obtaining waivers of license or registration fees relating to land surveying and mapping, private investigation, security, and repossession services, health studios, telephone salespersons and substance abuse marketing services providers, movers and moving brokers, the sale of liquefied petroleum gas, pawnbrokers, motor vehicle repair shops, sellers of travel, and insurance representatives; amending s. 790.06, F.S.; authorizing use of the card as proof of veteran status for expedited processing of an application for a license to carry a concealed weapon or firearm; providing an

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Section 1. Section 322.0511, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

322.0511 Veteran identification cards.-

- (1) The department, in cooperation with the Department of Veterans' Affairs, shall create a veteran identification card to be used as proof of veteran status for the purpose of obtaining discounts or waivers offered to veterans for the exchange of goods and services and for other purposes authorized by law, except as provided in subsection (3). The veteran identification card must bear the colors and design approved by the department, including, but not limited to, a full-face photograph of the veteran and his or her full name, branch of service, and date of discharge. The words "Proof of veteran status" must appear at the bottom of the card.
- (2) The department shall issue a veteran identification card by mail to a veteran of any branch of the United States

  Armed Forces who has been honorably discharged and who provides to the department:
- (a) A copy of the veteran's DD Form 214 as issued by the United States Department of Defense.
  - (b) A copy of the veteran's valid, unexpired driver

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license or identification card as issued under this chapter or another form of photographic identification acceptable to the department.

- (c) Payment of a \$10 fee, which shall be deposited into the Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund.
- (3) A veteran identification card issued pursuant to this section is not considered an identification card for the purposes of s. 295.17 or s. 322.051 and may not be used for the determination of any federal benefit.
- (4) A veteran identification card issued pursuant to this section shall be terminated upon the death of the veteran.
  - (5) This section is repealed August 31, 2023.
- Section 2. Paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section 472.015, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
  - 472.015 Licensure.-
- (3)

- (b) The department shall waive the initial license fee for an honorably discharged veteran of the United States Armed Forces, the spouse of such a veteran, or a business entity that has a majority ownership held by such a veteran or spouse if the department receives an application, in a format prescribed by the department, within 60 months after the date of the veteran's discharge from any branch of the United States Armed Forces. To qualify for the waiver:
  - 1. A veteran must provide to the department a copy of his

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or her DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of Defense, his or her veteran identification card issued pursuant to s. 322.0511, or another acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs;

- 2. The spouse of a veteran must provide to the department a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of Defense, the veteran's veteran identification card issued pursuant to s. 322.0511, or another acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, and a copy of a valid marriage license or certificate verifying that he or she was lawfully married to the veteran at the time of discharge; or
- 3. A business entity must provide to the department proof that a veteran or the spouse of a veteran holds a majority ownership in the business, a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of Defense, the veteran's veteran identification card issued pursuant to s.

  322.0511, or another acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, and, if applicable, a copy of a valid marriage license or certificate verifying that the spouse of the veteran was lawfully married to the veteran at the time of discharge.

Section 3. Paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of section 493.6105, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

493.6105 Initial application for license.-

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(1) Each individual, partner, or principal officer in a corporation, shall file with the department a complete application accompanied by an application fee not to exceed \$60, except that the applicant for a Class "D" or Class "G" license is not required to submit an application fee. The application fee is not refundable.

- (c) The initial application fee for a veteran, as defined in s. 1.01, shall be waived if he or she applies for a Class "C," Class "CC," Class "DI," Class "E," Class "EE," Class "K," Class "M," Class "MA," Class "MB," Class "MR," or Class "RI" license within 24 months after being discharged from a branch of the United States Armed Forces. An eligible veteran must include a copy of his or her DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of Defense, his or her veteran identification card issued pursuant to s. 322.0511, or another acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs with his or her application in order to obtain a waiver.
- Section 4. Subsection (6) of section 493.6107, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

493.6107 Fees.-

(6) The initial license fee for a veteran, as defined in s. 1.01, shall be waived if he or she applies for a Class "M" or Class "K" license within 24 months after being discharged from any branch of the United States Armed Forces. An eligible veteran must include a copy of his or her DD Form 214, as issued

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by the United States Department of Defense, <u>his or her veteran</u> identification card issued pursuant to s. 322.0511, or another acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs with his or her application in order to obtain a waiver.

Section 5. Subsection (4) of section 493.6202, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

493.6202 Fees.-

(4) The initial license fee for a veteran, as defined in s. 1.01, shall be waived if he or she applies for a Class "C," Class "CC," or Class "MA" license within 24 months after being discharged from any branch of the United States Armed Forces. An eligible veteran must include a copy of his or her DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of Defense, his or her veteran identification card issued pursuant to s. 322.0511, or another acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs with his or her application in order to obtain a waiver.

Section 6. Subsection (4) of section 493.6302, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

493.6302 Fees.-

(4) The initial license fee for a veteran, as defined in s. 1.01, shall be waived if he or she applies for a Class "D," Class "DI," or Class "MB" license within 24 months after being discharged from any branch of the United States Armed Forces. An

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eligible veteran must include a copy of his or her DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of Defense, his or her veteran identification card issued pursuant to s. 322.0511, or another acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs with his or her application in order to obtain a waiver.

Section 7. Subsection (4) of section 493.6402, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

493.6402 Fees .-

(4) The initial license fee for a veteran, as defined in s. 1.01, shall be waived if he or she applies for a Class "E," Class "EE," Class "MR," or Class "RI" license within 24 months after being discharged from any branch of the United States Armed Forces. An eligible veteran must include a copy of his or her DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of Defense, his or her veteran identification card issued pursuant to s. 322.0511, or another acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs with his or her application in order to obtain a waiver.

Section 8. Subsection (2) of section 501.015, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

501.015 Health studios; registration requirements and fees.—Each health studio shall:

(2) Remit an annual registration fee of \$300 to the department at the time of registration for each of the health

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studio's business locations. The department shall waive the initial registration fee for an honorably discharged veteran of the United States Armed Forces, the spouse of such a veteran, or a business entity that has a majority ownership held by such a veteran or spouse if the department receives an application, in a format prescribed by the department, within 60 months after the date of the veteran's discharge from any branch of the United States Armed Forces. To qualify for the waiver:

- (a) A veteran must provide to the department a copy of his or her DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of Defense, his or her veteran identification card issued pursuant to s. 322.0511, or another acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs;
- (b) The spouse of a veteran must provide to the department a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of Defense, the veteran's veteran identification card issued pursuant to s. 322.0511, or another acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, and a copy of a valid marriage license or certificate verifying that he or she was lawfully married to the veteran at the time of discharge; or
- (c) A business entity must provide to the department proof that a veteran or the spouse of a veteran holds a majority ownership in the business, a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of Defense, the

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veteran's veteran identification card issued pursuant to s.

322.0511, or another acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, and, if applicable, a copy of a valid marriage license or certificate verifying that the spouse of the veteran was lawfully married to the veteran at the time of discharge.

Section 9. Paragraph (b) of subsection (5) of section 501.605, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

501.605 Licensure of commercial telephone sellers and entities providing substance abuse marketing services.—

- (5) An application filed pursuant to this part must be verified and accompanied by:
- (b) A fee for licensing in the amount of \$1,500. The fee shall be deposited into the General Inspection Trust Fund. The department shall waive the initial license fee for an honorably discharged veteran of the United States Armed Forces, the spouse of such a veteran, or a business entity that has a majority ownership held by such a veteran or spouse if the department receives an application, in a format prescribed by the department, within 60 months after the date of the veteran's discharge from any branch of the United States Armed Forces. To qualify for the waiver:
- 1. A veteran must provide to the department a copy of his or her DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of Defense, his or her veteran identification card issued pursuant

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to s. 322.0511, or another acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs;

- 2. The spouse of a veteran must provide to the department a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of Defense, the veteran's veteran identification card issued pursuant to s. 322.0511, or another acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, and a copy of a valid marriage license or certificate verifying that he or she was lawfully married to the veteran at the time of discharge; or
- 3. A business entity must provide to the department proof that a veteran or the spouse of a veteran holds a majority ownership in the business, a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of Defense, the veteran's veteran identification card issued pursuant to s.

  322.0511, or another acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, and, if applicable, a copy of a valid marriage license or certificate verifying that the spouse of the veteran was lawfully married to the veteran at the time of discharge.

Section 10. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section 501.607, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

501.607 Licensure of salespersons.-

(2) An application filed pursuant to this section must be verified and be accompanied by:

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salesperson. The fee shall be deposited into the General Inspection Trust Fund. The fee for licensing may be paid after the application is filed, but must be paid within 14 days after the applicant begins work as a salesperson. The department shall waive the initial license fee for an honorably discharged veteran of the United States Armed Forces, the spouse of such a veteran, or a business entity that has a majority ownership held by such a veteran or spouse if the department receives an application, in a format prescribed by the department, within 60 months after the date of the veteran's discharge from any branch of the United States Armed Forces. To qualify for the waiver:

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- 1. A veteran must provide to the department a copy of his or her DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of Defense, his or her veteran identification card issued pursuant to s. 322.0511, or another acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs;
- 2. The spouse of a veteran must provide to the department a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of Defense, the veteran's veteran identification card issued pursuant to s. 322.0511, or another acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, and a copy of a valid marriage license or certificate verifying that he or she was lawfully married to the veteran at the time of discharge; or

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3. A business entity must provide to the department proof that a veteran or the spouse of a veteran holds a majority ownership in the business, a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of Defense, the veteran's veteran identification card issued pursuant to s.

322.0511, or another acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, and, if applicable, a copy of a valid marriage license or certificate verifying that the spouse of the veteran was lawfully married to the veteran at the time of discharge.

Section 11. Paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section 507.03, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

507.03 Registration.-

(3)

- (b) The department shall waive the initial registration fee for an honorably discharged veteran of the United States Armed Forces, the spouse of such a veteran, or a business entity that has a majority ownership held by such a veteran or spouse if the department receives an application, in a format prescribed by the department, within 60 months after the date of the veteran's discharge from any branch of the United States Armed Forces. To qualify for the waiver:
- 1. A veteran must provide to the department a copy of his or her DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of Defense, his or her veteran identification card issued pursuant

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to s. 322.0511, or another acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs;

- 2. The spouse of a veteran must provide to the department a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of Defense, the veteran's veteran identification card issued pursuant to s. 322.0511, or another acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, and a copy of a valid marriage license or certificate verifying that he or she was lawfully married to the veteran at the time of discharge; or
- 3. A business entity must provide to the department proof that a veteran or the spouse of a veteran holds a majority ownership in the business, a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of Defense, the veteran's veteran identification card issued pursuant to s.

  322.0511, or another acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, and, if applicable, a copy of a valid marriage license or certificate verifying that the spouse of the veteran was lawfully married to the veteran at the time of discharge.

Section 12. Paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section 527.02, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

527.02 License; penalty; fees.-

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(b) The department shall waive the initial license fee for

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an honorably discharged veteran of the United States Armed Forces, the spouse of such a veteran, or a business entity that has a majority ownership held by such a veteran or spouse if the department receives an application, in a format prescribed by the department, within 60 months after the date of the veteran's discharge from any branch of the United States Armed Forces. To qualify for the waiver:

- 1. A veteran must provide to the department a copy of his or her DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of Defense, his or her veteran identification card issued pursuant to s. 322.0511, or another acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs;
- 2. The spouse of a veteran must provide to the department a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of Defense, the veteran's veteran identification card issued pursuant to s. 322.0511, or another acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, and a copy of a valid marriage license or certificate verifying that he or she was lawfully married to the veteran at the time of discharge; or
- 3. A business entity must provide to the department proof that a veteran or the spouse of a veteran holds a majority ownership in the business, a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of Defense, the veteran's veteran identification card issued pursuant to s.

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322.0511, or another acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, and, if applicable, a copy of a valid marriage license or certificate verifying that the spouse of the veteran was lawfully married to the veteran at the time of discharge.

Section 13. Paragraph (c) of subsection (3) of section 539.001, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

539.001 The Florida Pawnbroking Act.-

(3) LICENSE REQUIRED .-

- (c) Each license is valid for a period of 1 year unless it is earlier relinquished, suspended, or revoked. Each license shall be renewed annually, and each licensee shall, initially and annually thereafter, pay to the agency a license fee of \$300 for each license held. The agency shall waive the initial license fee for an honorably discharged veteran of the United States Armed Forces, the spouse of such a veteran, or a business entity that has a majority ownership held by such a veteran or spouse if the agency receives an application, in a format prescribed by the agency, within 60 months after the date of the veteran's discharge from any branch of the United States Armed Forces. To qualify for the waiver:
- 1. A veteran must provide to the agency a copy of his or her DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of Defense, his or her veteran identification card issued pursuant to s. 322.0511, or another acceptable form of identification as

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specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs;

2. The spouse of a veteran must provide to the agency a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of Defense, the veteran's veteran identification card issued pursuant to s. 322.0511, or another acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, and a copy of a valid marriage license or certificate verifying that he or she was lawfully married to the veteran at the time of discharge; or

3. A business entity must provide to the agency proof that a veteran or the spouse of a veteran holds a majority ownership in the business, a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of Defense, the veteran's veteran identification card issued pursuant to s. 322.0511, or another acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, and, if applicable, a copy of a valid marriage license or certificate verifying that the spouse of the veteran was lawfully married to the veteran at the time of discharge.

Section 14. Paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section 559.904, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

559.904 Motor vehicle repair shop registration; application; exemption.—

(3)

(b) The department shall waive the initial registration

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fee for an honorably discharged veteran of the United States

Armed Forces, the spouse of such a veteran, or a business entity
that has a majority ownership held by such a veteran or spouse
if the department receives an application, in a format
prescribed by the department, within 60 months after the date of
the veteran's discharge from any branch of the United States

Armed Forces. To qualify for the waiver:

- 1. A veteran must provide to the department a copy of his or her DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of Defense, his or her veteran identification card issued pursuant to s. 322.0511, or another acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs;
- 2. The spouse of a veteran must provide to the department a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of Defense, the veteran's veteran identification card issued pursuant to s. 322.0511, or another acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, and a copy of a valid marriage license or certificate verifying that he or she was lawfully married to the veteran at the time of discharge; or
- 3. A business entity must provide to the department proof that a veteran or the spouse of a veteran holds a majority ownership in the business, a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of Defense, the veteran's veteran identification card issued pursuant to s.

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322.0511, or another acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, and, if applicable, a copy of a valid marriage license or certificate verifying that the spouse of the veteran was lawfully married to the veteran at the time of discharge.

Section 15. Paragraph (c) of subsection (2) of section 559.928, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

559.928 Registration.-

(2)

- (c) The department shall waive the initial registration fee for an honorably discharged veteran of the United States Armed Forces, the spouse of such a veteran, or a business entity that has a majority ownership held by such a veteran or spouse if the department receives an application, in a format prescribed by the department, within 60 months after the date of the veteran's discharge from any branch of the United States Armed Forces. To qualify for the waiver:
- 1. A veteran must provide to the department a copy of his or her DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of Defense, his or her veteran identification card issued pursuant to s. 322.0511, or another acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs;
- 2. The spouse of a veteran must provide to the department a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of Defense, the veteran's veteran

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identification card issued pursuant to s. 322.0511, or another acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, and a copy of a valid marriage license or certificate verifying that he or she was lawfully married to the veteran at the time of discharge; or

3. A business entity must provide to the department proof that a veteran or the spouse of a veteran holds a majority ownership in the business, a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of Defense, the veteran's veteran identification card issued pursuant to s.

322.0511, or another acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, and, if applicable, a copy of a valid marriage license or certificate verifying that the spouse of the veteran was lawfully married to the veteran at the time of discharge.

Section 16. Subsection (6) of section 626.171, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

- 626.171 Application for license as an agent, customer representative, adjuster, service representative, managing general agent, or reinsurance intermediary.—
- (6) Members of the United States Armed Forces and their spouses, and veterans of the United States Armed Forces who have retired within 24 months before application for licensure, are exempt from the application filing fee prescribed in s. 624.501. Qualified individuals must provide a copy of a military

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identification card, military dependent identification card, military service record, military personnel file, veteran identification card, veteran record, discharge paper, or separation document, or a separation document that indicates such members of the United States Armed Forces are currently in good standing or were honorably discharged.

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Section 17. Paragraph (f) of subsection (5) of section 790.06, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

790.06 License to carry concealed weapon or firearm.-

- (5) The applicant shall submit to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services or an approved tax collector pursuant to s. 790.0625:
  - (f) For expedited processing of an application:
- A servicemember shall submit a copy of the Common Access Card, United States Uniformed Services Identification Card, or current deployment orders.
- 2. A veteran shall submit a copy of the DD Form 214, issued by the United States Department of Defense, the veteran identification card issued pursuant to s. 322.0511, or another acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs.

Section 18. This act shall take effect January 1, 2019.

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### HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STAFF ANALYSIS

BILL #:

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Transportation Facility Designations

SPONSOR(S): Drake

TIED BILLS:

IDEN./SIM. BILLS: SB 330

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#### SUMMARY ANALYSIS

State law authorizes legislative designations of transportation facilities for honorary or memorial purposes or to distinguish a particular facility. The legislative designations do not officially change the current names of the facilities, nor does the law require local governments and private entities to change street signs, mailing addresses, or 911 emergency telephone system listings.

The bill creates the Lieutenant Ewart T. Sconiers Highway in Walton County and directs the Department of Transportation (DOT) to erect suitable markers for the designation.

DOT estimates a \$1,000 negative fiscal impact to the State Transportation Trust Fund associated with erecting suitable markers for the above designation. The cost can be absorbed within existing DOT resources.

#### **FULL ANALYSIS**

### I. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS

#### A. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

#### **Current Situation**

Section 334.071, F.S., authorizes legislative designations of transportation facilities for honorary or memorial purposes or to distinguish a particular facility. The legislative designations do not officially change the current names of the facilities nor does the statute require local governments and private entities to change street signs, mailing addresses, or 911 emergency telephone-number system listings.

The Department of Transportation (DOT) must place a marker at each termini or intersection of an identified road or bridge and erect other markers it deems appropriate for the transportation facility. The appropriate city or county commission must pass a resolution in support of a particular designation before road markers are erected. Additionally, if the designated road segment extends through multiple cities or counties, a resolution must be passed by each affected local government.

# **Proposed Changes**

The bill designates that portion of U.S. 90/S.R. 10 between S.R. 285 and N. 9th Street/S.R. 83 N. in Walton County as "Lieutenant Ewart T. Sconiers Highway."

Lieutenant Sconiers was born and raised in DeFuniak Springs, and attended the University of Florida. He was shot down and captured by the Germans on October 21, 1942. He was imprisoned in German-occupied Poland and passed away there on January 24, 1944. In April of 2017, his remains were found and positively identified. Lieutenant Sconiers will be buried in DeFuniak Springs with full military honors on January 27, 2018.<sup>1</sup>

The bill directs DOT to erect suitable makers for the above designation.

#### B. SECTION DIRECTORY:

Section 1 designates Lieutenant Ewart T. Sconiers Highway and directs DOT to erect suitable markers.

Section 2 provides an effective date of July 1, 2018.

#### II. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

### A. FISCAL IMPACT ON STATE GOVERNMENT:

Revenues:

None.

#### Expenditures:

DOT estimates a cost of \$1,000 per designation for the appropriate markers, which provides for two signs per designation at \$500 per sign.<sup>2</sup> Therefore, the bill has an estimated negative fiscal impact of \$1,000 to the State Transportation Trust Fund. This cost can be absorbed within existing DOT resources.

#### B. FISCAL IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:

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<sup>1</sup> http://www.bringsconiershome.com/home (Last visited August 29, 2017).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Email for Florida Department of Transportation, August 28, 2017.

	None.
	2. Expenditures:
	None.
С	DIRECT ECONOMIC IMPACT ON PRIVATE SECTOR:
	None.
D	FISCAL COMMENTS:
	None.
	III. COMMENTS
A	CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES:
	1. Applicability of Municipality/County Mandates Provision:
	Not applicable. This bill does not appear to affect county or municipal government.
	2. Other:
	None.
В	RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY:
	None.
C	DRAFTING ISSUES OR OTHER COMMENTS:
	None.
	IV. AMENDMENTS/ COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES
N	one.

STORAGE NAME: h0109b.TTA.DOCX DATE: 10/24/2017

1. Revenues:

HB 109 2018

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to transportation facility
designations; providing honorary designation of a
certain transportation facility in a specified county;
directing the Department of Transportation to erect
suitable markers; providing an effective date.

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

- Section 1. <u>Lieutenant Ewart T. Sconiers Highway</u>
  designated; Department of Transportation to erect suitable
  markers.—
- (1) That portion of U.S. 90/S.R. 10 between S.R. 285 and N. 9th Street/S.R. 83 N. in Walton County is designated as "Lieutenant Ewart T. Sconiers Highway."
- (2) The Department of Transportation is directed to erect suitable markers designating Lieutenant Ewart T. Sconiers
  Highway as described in subsection (1).
  - Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018.

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### HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STAFF ANALYSIS

BILL #: HB 127 Transportation Facility Designations

SPONSOR(S): McGhee

TIED BILLS: IDEN./SIM. BILLS:

REFERENCE	ACTION	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR or BUDGET/POLICY CHIEF
1) Transportation & Infrastructure Subcommittee	12 Y, 0 N	Johnson /	Vickers
Transportation & Tourism Appropriations     Subcommittee		Davis 6	Davis

### **SUMMARY ANALYSIS**

State law authorizes legislative designations of transportation facilities for honorary or memorial purposes or to distinguish a particular facility. The legislative designations do not officially change the current names of the facilities, nor does the law require local governments and private entities to change street signs, mailing addresses, or 911 emergency telephone system listings.

The bill creates the Steve Mainster Memorial Drive in Miami-Dade County and directs the Department of Transportation (DOT) to erect suitable markers for the designation.

DOT estimates a \$1,000 negative fiscal impact to the State Transportation Trust Fund associated with erecting suitable markers for the above designation. The cost can be absorbed within existing DOT resources.

This document does not reflect the intent or official position of the bill sponsor or House of Representatives. STORAGE NAME: h0127b.TTA.DOCX

DATE: 10/24/2017

### **FULL ANALYSIS**

#### I. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS

# A. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

#### **Current Situation**

Section 334.071, F.S., authorizes legislative designations of transportation facilities for honorary or memorial purposes or to distinguish a particular facility. The legislative designations do not officially change the current names of the facilities nor does the statute require local governments and private entities to change street signs, mailing addresses, or 911 emergency telephone-number system listings.

The Department of Transportation (DOT) must place a marker at each termini or intersection of an identified road or bridge and erect other markers it deems appropriate for the transportation facility. The appropriate city or county commission must pass a resolution in support of a particular designation before road markers are erected. Additionally, if the designated road segment extends through multiple cities or counties, a resolution must be passed by each affected local government.

# **Proposed Changes**

The bill designates that portion of S.R. 9336/S.W. 344<sup>th</sup> Street/W. Palm Drive between S.W. 192<sup>nd</sup> Avenue/Tower Road and S.W. 177<sup>th</sup> Avenue/S. Krome Avenue in Miami-Dade County as "Steve Mainster Memorial Drive.

Steve Mainster was the Executive Director of Centro Campesino-Farmworker Center, Inc., since its founding in 1973. Centro Campesino is a nationally recognized community development organization serving farmworkers and other low-income families in Florida. Mr. Mainster previously served as a Peace Corps volunteer in Peru. Mr. Mainster passed away on July 10, 2017.

The bill directs DOT to erect suitable makers for the above designation.

#### B. SECTION DIRECTORY:

Section 1 designates Steve Mainster Memorial Drive and directs DOT to erect suitable markers.

Section 2 provides an effective date of July 1, 2018.

# II. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

# A. FISCAL IMPACT ON STATE GOVERNMENT:

Revenues:

None.

# Expenditures:

DOT estimates a cost of \$1,000 per designation for the appropriate markers, which provides for two signs per designation at \$500 per sign. Therefore, the bill has an estimated negative fiscal impact of \$1,000 to the State Transportation Trust Fund. This cost can be absorbed within existing DOT resources.

# B. FISCAL IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:

1. Revenues:

None.

<sup>1</sup> Email for Florida Department of Transportation, August 28, 2017. STORAGE NAME: h0127b.TTA.DOCX DATE: 10/24/2017

C.	DIRECT ECONOMIC IMPACT ON PRIVATE SECTOR:
	None.
D.	FISCAL COMMENTS:
	None.
	III. COMMENTS
A.	CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES:
	1. Applicability of Municipality/County Mandates Provision:
	Not applicable. This bill does not appear to affect county or municipal government.
	2. Other:
	None.
B.	RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY:

IV. AMENDMENTS/ COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES

None.

None.

None.

C. DRAFTING ISSUES OR OTHER COMMENTS:

2. Expenditures:

None.

HB 127 2018

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to transportation facility
designations; providing honorary designation of a
certain transportation facility in a specified county;
directing the Department of Transportation to erect
suitable markers; providing an effective date.

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

- Section 1. <u>Steve Mainster Memorial Drive designated;</u>
  Department of Transportation to erect suitable markers.—
- (1) That portion of S.R. 9336/S.W. 344th Street/W. Palm Drive between S.W. 192nd Avenue/Tower Road and S.W. 177th

  Avenue/S. Krome Avenue in Miami-Dade County is designated as

  "Steve Mainster Memorial Drive."
- (2) The Department of Transportation is directed to erect suitable markers designating Steve Mainster Memorial Drive as described in subsection (1).
  - Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018.

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### HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STAFF ANALYSIS

BILL #: HB 171 Transportation Facility Designations

SPONSOR(S): Williamson and others

TIED BILLS: IDEN./SIM. BILLS: SB 358

REFERENCE	ACTION	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR or BUDGET/POLICY CHIEF
1) Transportation & Infrastructure Subcommittee	12 Y, 0 N	Johnson	Vickers
Transportation & Tourism Appropriations     Subcommittee		Davis 6	Davis

### SUMMARY ANALYSIS

State law authorizes legislative designations of transportation facilities for honorary or memorial purposes or to distinguish a particular facility. The legislative designations do not officially change the current names of the facilities, nor does the law require local governments and private entities to change street signs, mailing addresses, or 911 emergency telephone system listings.

The bill creates the Senator Greg Evers Memorial Highway in Santa Rosa and Okaloosa Counties and directs the Department of Transportation (DOT) to erect suitable markers for the designation.

DOT estimates a \$1,000 negative fiscal impact to the State Transportation Trust Fund associated with erecting suitable markers for the above designation. The cost can be absorbed within existing DOT resources.

#### **FULL ANALYSIS**

#### I. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS

### A. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

#### **Current Situation**

Section 334.071, F.S., authorizes legislative designations of transportation facilities for honorary or memorial purposes or to distinguish a particular facility. The legislative designations do not officially change the current names of the facilities nor does the statute require local governments and private entities to change street signs, mailing addresses, or 911 emergency telephone-number system listings.

The Department of Transportation (DOT) must place a marker at each termini or intersection of an identified road or bridge and erect other markers it deems appropriate for the transportation facility. The appropriate city or county commission must pass a resolution in support of a particular designation before road markers are erected. Additionally, if the designated road segment extends through multiple cities or counties, a resolution must be passed by each affected local government.

# **Proposed Changes**

The bill designates that portion of S.R. 4 between Munson Highway and S.R. 189 in Santa Rosa and Okaloosa Counties as Senator Greg Evers Memorial Highway.

Senator Greg Evers was a fifth-generation northwest Floridian whose primary career was in agriculture. He served in the Florida House of Representatives from 2001 to 2010 and in the Florida Senate from 2010 to 2016. Throughout his legislative career, Senator Evers was recognized as a champion for law enforcement, first responders and veterans. Senator Evers passed away on August 22, 2017.

The bill directs DOT to erect suitable makers for the above designation.

#### B. SECTION DIRECTORY:

Section 1 designates Senator Greg Evers Memorial Highway and directs DOT to erect suitable markers.

Section 2 provides an effective date of July 1, 2018.

#### II. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

### A. FISCAL IMPACT ON STATE GOVERNMENT:

Revenues:

None.

# Expenditures:

DOT estimates a cost of \$1,000 per designation for the appropriate markers, which provides for two signs per designation at \$500 per sign. Therefore, the bill has an estimated negative fiscal impact of \$1,000 to the State Transportation Trust Fund. This cost can be absorbed within existing DOT resources.

# B. FISCAL IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:

	2. Expenditures:
	None.
C.	DIRECT ECONOMIC IMPACT ON PRIVATE SECTOR:
	None.
D.	FISCAL COMMENTS:
	None.
	III. COMMENTS
A.	CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES:
	1. Applicability of Municipality/County Mandates Provision:
	Not applicable. This bill does not appear to affect county or municipal government.
	2. Other:
	None.
B.	RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY:
	None.
C.	DRAFTING ISSUES OR OTHER COMMENTS:
	None.
	IV. AMENDMENTS/ COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES
No	ne.

Revenues:
 None.

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to transportation facility
designations; providing honorary designation of a
certain transportation facility in specified counties;
directing the Department of Transportation to erect
suitable markers; providing an effective date.

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

- Section 1. Senator Greg Evers Memorial Highway designated;
  Department of Transportation to erect suitable markers.—
- (1) That portion of S.R. 4 between Munson Highway and S.R. 189 in Santa Rosa and Okaloosa Counties is designated as "Senator Greg Evers Memorial Highway."
- (2) The Department of Transportation is directed to erect suitable markers designating Senator Greg Evers Memorial Highway as described in subsection (1).
  - Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018.

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