

CHAPTER 2011-94

House Bill No. 1165

An act relating to driver's licenses and identification cards; amending ss. 322.14 and 322.051, F.S.; providing for a person's status as a veteran to be indicated on his or her driver's license or identification card upon payment of an additional fee and presentation of the person's Form DD 214; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 322.14, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

322.14 Licenses issued to drivers.—

(1)(a) The department shall, upon successful completion of all required examinations and payment of the required fee, issue to every applicant qualifying therefor, a driver's license as applied for, which license shall bear thereon a color photograph or digital image of the licensee; the name of the state; a distinguishing number assigned to the licensee; and the licensee's full name, date of birth, and residence address; a brief description of the licensee, including, but not limited to, the licensee's gender and height; and the dates of issuance and expiration of the license. A space shall be provided upon which the licensee shall affix his or her usual signature. No license shall be valid until it has been so signed by the licensee except that the signature of said licensee shall not be required if it appears thereon in facsimile or if the licensee is not present within the state at the time of issuance. Applicants qualifying to receive a Class A, Class B, or Class C driver's license must appear in person within the state for issuance of a color photographic or digital imaged driver's license pursuant to s. 322.142.

(b) In addition to the requirements of paragraph (a), each license must exhibit the class of vehicle which the licensee is authorized to operate and any applicable endorsements or restrictions. If the license is a commercial driver's license, such fact must be exhibited thereon.

(c) A capital "V" shall be exhibited on the driver's license of a veteran upon the payment of an additional \$1 fee for the license and the presentation of a copy of the person's DD Form 214, issued by the United States Department of Defense.

(2) The department may require other pertinent information to be exhibited on a driver's license.

Section 2. Subsection (8) of section 322.051, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

322.051 Identification cards.—

(8)(a) The department shall, upon receipt of the required fee, issue to each qualified applicant for an identification card a color photographic or digital image identification card bearing a fullface photograph or digital image of the identification cardholder. Notwithstanding chapter 761 or s. 761.05, the requirement for a fullface photograph or digital image of the identification cardholder may not be waived. A space shall be provided upon which the identification cardholder shall affix his or her usual signature, as required in s. 322.14, in the presence of an authorized agent of the department so as to ensure that such signature becomes a part of the identification card.

(b) A capital “V” shall be exhibited on the identification card of a veteran upon the payment of an additional \$1 fee for the license and the presentation of a copy of the person’s DD Form 214, issued by the United States Department of Defense.

Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011.

Approved by the Governor May 31, 2011.

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