

CHAPTER 2012-110

House Bill No. 763

An act relating to motor vehicle registration; amending s. 320.07, F.S.; specifying that a vehicle may not be operated after expiration of the renewal period or, for a natural person, after midnight on the owner's birthday unless the registration was renewed before then; amending s. 320.15, F.S.; authorizing a person who has renewed a vehicle registration during an early registration period to apply for a refund of specified license taxes upon surrendering the registration license plate before the end of the renewal period; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 320.07, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

320.07 Expiration of registration; renewal required; penalties.—

(1) The registration of a motor vehicle or mobile home expires at midnight on the last day of the registration or extended registration period. A vehicle ~~may~~ shall not be operated on the roads of this state after expiration of the renewal period, or, for a natural person, at midnight on the owner's birthday, unless the registration has been renewed according to law.

Section 2. Section 320.15, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

320.15 Refund of license tax.—

(1) Any resident owner of a motor vehicle or mobile home that has been destroyed or permanently removed from the state shall, upon application to the department and surrender of the license plate or mobile home sticker issued for such vehicle, be entitled to a credit to apply to registration of any other vehicle in the name of the owner, if the amount is \$3 or more, for the unexpired period of the license. However, if the license plate surrendered is a "for-hire" license plate, the amount of credit may not be more than one-half of the annual license tax amount. A credit will not be valid after the expiration date of the license plate which is current on the date of the credit, as provided in s. 320.07.

(2) A motor vehicle registrant who has renewed a motor vehicle registration during the advance renewal period pursuant to s. 320.071 and surrenders the license plate for the vehicle before the end of the renewal period may apply for a refund of the license taxes assessed in s. 320.08.

Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012.

Approved by the Governor April 13, 2012.

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