Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 158

An act relating to identification cards and driver licenses; amending ss. 322.051 and 322.14, F.S.; providing for a person’s status as a lifetime freshwater fishing, saltwater fishing, hunting, or sportsman licensee, or boater safety identification cardholder, to be indicated on his or her identification card or driver license upon payment of an additional fee and presentation of the person’s lifetime freshwater fishing, saltwater fishing, hunting, or sportsman’s license, or boater safety identification card; providing a waiver of the replacement fee in certain circumstances; amending s. 327.395, F.S.; prohibiting a person born on or after a certain date from operating a certain vessel unless such person has in his or her possession aboard the vessel photographic identification and a boater safety identification card or a state-issued identification card or driver license which meets certain requirements; amending s. 379.354, F.S.; requiring each state-issued identification card or driver license indicating possession of certain recreational licenses to be in the personal possession of the person to whom such license is issued while the person is taking, attempting to take, or possessing game, freshwater or saltwater fish, or fur-bearing animals; providing applicability; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subsection (8) of section 322.051, Florida Statutes, is amended, and paragraph (c) is added to that subsection, to read:

322.051 Identification cards.—

(8)

(b) The word “Veteran” shall be exhibited on the identification card of a veteran upon the payment of an additional $1 fee for the identification card and the presentation of a copy of the person’s DD Form 214, issued by the United States Department of Defense, or another acceptable form specified by the Department of Veterans’ Affairs. Until a veteran’s identification card is next renewed, the veteran may have the word “Veteran” added to his or her identification card upon surrender of his or her current identification card, payment of a $2 fee to be deposited into the Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund, and presentation of a copy of his or her DD Form 214 or another acceptable form specified by the Department of Veterans’ Affairs. If the applicant is not conducting any other transaction affecting the identification card, a replacement identification card shall may be issued with the word “Veteran” without payment of the fee required in s. 322.21(1)(f)3.

(c) The department shall include symbols representing the following on an identification card upon the payment of an additional $1 fee by an
applicant who meets the requirements of subsection (1) and presents his or her:

1. Lifetime freshwater fishing license;
2. Lifetime saltwater fishing license;
3. Lifetime hunting license;
4. Lifetime sportsman’s license; or
5. Lifetime boater safety identification card.

A person may replace his or her identification card before its expiration date with a card that includes his or her status as a lifetime licensee or boater safety cardholder upon surrender of his or her current identification card, payment of a $2 fee to be deposited into the Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund, and presentation of the person’s lifetime license or card. If the sole purpose of the replacement identification card is the inclusion of the applicant’s status as a lifetime licensee or cardholder, the replacement identification card must be issued without payment of the fee required in s. 322.21(1)(f)3.

Section 2. Paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of section 322.14, Florida Statutes, is amended, and paragraph (d) is added to that subsection, to read:

322.14 Licenses issued to drivers.—

(1)

(c) The word “Veteran” shall be exhibited on the driver 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, or another acceptable form specified by the Department of Veterans’ Affairs. Until a veteran’s license is next renewed, the veteran may have the word “Veteran” added to his or her license upon surrender of his or her current license, payment of a $2 fee to be deposited into the Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund, and presentation of a copy of his or her DD Form 214 or another acceptable form specified by the Department of Veterans’ Affairs. If the applicant is not conducting any other transaction affecting the driver license, a replacement license shall may be issued with the word “Veteran” without payment of the fee required in s. 322.21(1)(e).

(d) The department shall include symbols representing the following on a driver license upon the payment of an additional $1 fee by an applicant who meets the requirements of s. 322.08 and presents his or her:

1. Lifetime freshwater fishing license;
2. Lifetime saltwater fishing license;
3. Lifetime hunting license;
4. Lifetime sportsman’s license; or
5. Lifetime boater safety identification card.

A person may replace his or her driver license before its expiration date with a license that includes his or her status as a lifetime licensee or boater safety cardholder upon surrender of his or her current driver license, payment of a $2 fee to be deposited into the Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund, and presentation of the person’s lifetime license or identification card. If the sole purpose of the replacement driver license is the inclusion of the applicant’s status as a lifetime licensee or cardholder, the replacement driver license must be issued without payment of the fee required in s. 322.21(1)(e).

Section 3. Subsection (1) of section 327.395, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

327.395 Boating safety identification cards.—

(1) A person born on or after January 1, 1988, may not operate a vessel powered by a motor of 10 horsepower or greater unless such person has in his or her possession aboard the vessel photographic identification and a boater safety identification card issued by the commission, or a state-issued identification card or driver license indicating possession of the boater safety identification card, which shows that he or she has:

(a) Completed a commission-approved boater education course that meets the minimum 8-hour instruction requirement established by the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators;

(b) Passed a course equivalency examination approved by the commission; or

(c) Passed a temporary certificate examination developed or approved by the commission.

Section 4. Subsection (3) of section 379.354, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

379.354 Recreational licenses, permits, and authorization numbers; fees established.—

(3) PERSONAL POSSESSION REQUIRED.—Each recreational license, state-issued identification card or driver license indicating possession of a recreational license, permit, or authorization number must be in the personal possession of the person to whom it is issued while the such person is taking, attempting to take, or possessing game, freshwater or saltwater fish, or fur-bearing animals. Any person taking, attempting to take, or possessing game, freshwater or saltwater fish, or fur-bearing animals who fails to produce a recreational license, state-issued
identification card or driver license indicating possession of a recreational license, permit, or authorization number at the request of a commission law enforcement officer commits a violation of the law.

Section 5. The amendments made by this act to s. 322.051 and s. 322.14, Florida Statutes, shall apply upon implementation of new designs for the driver license and identification card by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles.

Section 6. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016.

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