

## CHAPTER 2022-206

### Senate Bill No. 144

An act relating to identification cards; amending s. 322.051, F.S.; requiring the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to issue or renew identification cards at no charge to persons presenting a valid voter's registration card and attesting to financial hardship; prohibiting the department from requiring such persons to present certain evidence; requiring the department to issue identification cards at no charge to certain other persons; conforming cross-references; amending ss. 322.18 and 322.21, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Paragraphs (b), (c), and (d) of subsection (8) and subsection (9) of section 322.051, Florida Statutes, are amended, and subsection (10) is added to that section, to read:

322.051 Identification cards.—

(8)

(b)1. The word "Veteran" must be exhibited on the identification card of a veteran upon the presentation of a copy of the person's:

- a. DD Form 214, issued by the United States Department of Defense;
- b. Veteran health identification card, issued by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs;
- c. Veteran identification card, issued by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs pursuant to the Veterans Identification Card Act of 2015, Pub. L. No. 114-31; or
- d. Other acceptable form specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs.

2. 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 and presentation of any of the forms of identification specified in subparagraph 1. If the applicant is not conducting any other transaction affecting the identification card, a replacement identification card must be issued with the word "Veteran" without payment of the fee required in s. 322.21(1)(f)3.c. ~~s. 322.21(1)(f)3.~~

(c) The international symbol for the deaf and hard of hearing shall be exhibited on the identification card of a person who is deaf or hard of hearing upon the payment of an additional \$1 fee for the identification card and the

presentation of sufficient proof that the person is deaf or hard of hearing as determined by the department. Until a person's identification card is next renewed, the person may have the symbol 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 sufficient proof that the person is deaf or hard of hearing as determined by the department. If the applicant is not conducting any other transaction affecting the identification card, a replacement identification card may be issued with the symbol without payment of the fee required in s. 322.21(1)(f)3.c. ~~s. 322.21(1)(f)3.~~ For purposes of this paragraph, the international symbol for the deaf and hard of hearing is substantially as follows:



(d) 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.c. ~~s. 322.21(1)(f)3.~~

(9)(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section or s. 322.21 to the contrary, the department shall issue or renew a card at no charge to:

1. A person who presents a valid Florida voter’s registration card to the department and attests that he or she is experiencing a financial hardship. The department may not require such person to present evidence of a financial hardship.

2. A person who presents evidence satisfactory to the department that he or she is homeless as defined in s. 414.0252(7), ~~to~~

3. A juvenile offender who is in the custody or under the supervision of the Department of Juvenile Justice and receiving services pursuant to s. 985.461, ~~to~~

4. An inmate receiving a card issued pursuant to s. 944.605(7), or, if necessary, to an inmate receiving a replacement card if the department determines that he or she has a valid state identification card. If the replacement state identification card is scheduled to expire within 6 months, the department may also issue a temporary permit valid for at least 6 months after the release date.

(b) The department’s mobile issuing units shall process the identification cards for juvenile offenders and inmates at no charge, as provided by s. 944.605(7)(a) and (b).

(10) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section or s. 322.21 to the contrary, the department shall issue an identification card at no charge to a person who is 80 years of age or older and whose driving privilege is denied due to failure to pass a vision test administered pursuant to s. 322.18(5).

Section 2. Paragraph (c) is added to subsection (5) of section 322.18, Florida Statutes, to read:

322.18 Original applications, licenses, and renewals; expiration of licenses; delinquent licenses.—

(5) All renewal driver licenses may be issued after the applicant licensee has been determined to be eligible by the department.

(c) The department shall issue an identification card under s. 322.051 at no charge to a licensee who is at least 80 years of age and whose driving privilege is denied due to failure to pass a vision test pursuant to this subsection.

Section 3. Paragraph (f) of subsection (1) of section 322.21, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

322.21 License fees; procedure for handling and collecting fees.—

(1) Except as otherwise provided herein, the fee for:

(f) An original, renewal, or replacement identification card issued pursuant to s. 322.051 is \$25.

1. ~~;~~ except that An applicant who meets any of the following criteria is exempt from the fee under this paragraph for an original, renewal, or replacement identification card:

a. The applicant presents a valid Florida voter's registration card to the department and attests that he or she is experiencing a financial hardship.

b. The applicant presents evidence satisfactory to the department that he or she is homeless as defined in s. 414.0252(7);

c. The applicant presents evidence satisfactory to the department that his or her annual income is at or below 100 percent of the federal poverty level; ~~or~~

d. The applicant ~~he or she~~ is a juvenile offender who is in the custody or under the supervision of the Department of Juvenile Justice, who is receiving services pursuant to s. 985.461, and whose identification card is issued by the department's mobile issuing units ~~is exempt from such fee.~~

2. Pursuant to s. 322.051(10), an applicant who is 80 years of age or older and whose driving privilege is denied due to failure to pass a vision test administered pursuant to s. 322.18(5) is exempt from the fee under this paragraph for an original identification card.

3. Funds collected from fees for original, renewal, or replacement identification cards shall be distributed as follows:

~~a.1.~~ For an original identification card issued pursuant to s. 322.051, the fee shall be deposited into the General Revenue Fund.

~~b.2.~~ For a renewal identification card issued pursuant to s. 322.051, \$6 shall be deposited into the Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund, and \$19 shall be deposited into the General Revenue Fund.

~~c.3.~~ For a replacement identification card issued pursuant to s. 322.051, \$9 shall be deposited into the Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund, and \$16 shall be deposited into the General Revenue Fund. Beginning July 1, 2015, or upon completion of the transition of the driver license issuance services, if the replacement identification card is issued by the tax collector, the tax collector shall retain the \$9 that would otherwise be deposited into the Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund and the remaining revenues shall be deposited into the General Revenue Fund.

Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.

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