



TECHNICAL ADVISORY

DIVISION OF MOTORIST SERVICES

<b>DATE: 06/08/2016</b>	<b>Technical Advisory DL16-013 and RS/TL16-013</b>
<b>SUBJECT: Legislative Changes For Motor Vehicle Registrations, Vessels, and Driver Licenses Effective July 1, 2016</b>	

**Overview:**

The 2016 Legislature passed various bills resulting in changes to motor vehicle, vessel, and driver license laws, which become effective on July 1, 2016. The department is programming systems and revising procedures to implement the changes.

**Registrations (HB 7061):**

**Section 320.02, F.S.,** requires the owner of any motor vehicle registered in Florida to notify the department in writing of any change of address within 30 days of the change. The current notification time is 20 days. This change brings the address change requirement in line with other departmental areas. This information will print on registration certificates beginning on July 1, 2016.

- This requires FRVIS programming and revising RS-01.

**SB 1046:**

**Section 316.003(94), F.S.,** defines the term “**covered farm vehicle.**” The designation provides for a waiver of certain federal requirements for the qualifying driver of a covered farm vehicle.

- This requires creating a department website for qualifying “covered farm vehicle” operators to print the necessary documentation for their vehicle and revising RS-44.

**SB 88:**

**Section 320.0894, F.S.,** extends the issuance of the **Gold Star** license plate to additional family members upon payment of the appropriate fees and providing an affidavit stating their relationship to the fallen servicemember.

- This requires revising RS-15.

## **Vessels (HB 427):**

**Creates Section 328.72(18), F.S.**, providing for a registration fee reduction for a *recreational vessel* (original or renewal) if the vessel is:

1. Equipped with an emergency position-indicating radio beacon (*EPIRB*), or
2. If the vessel owner has a personal locator beacon (*PLB*)

***The vessel fee reduction begins July 1, 2016 and ends June 30, 2017.*** The amount of the reduction depends on the length of the vessel.

The fee reduction applies to each vessel where the primary registrant provides documented proof of registering an EPIRB or a PLB with the ***National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)***.

If a primary registrant owns more than one vessel that is equipped with an EPIRB, the registrant will receive a fee reduction when registering each vessel.

The primary registrant of a vessel who owns a PLB is limited to ***ONLY*** one fee reduction regardless of how many vessels the registrant has.

- This requires FRVIS programming and creating a new procedure, VSRS-15.

## **Driver Licenses:**

### **HB 7061**

**Section 322.19(1), F.S.**, now includes an *identification card* to the requirement to obtain a replacement driver license to reflect ***a change to a legal name***. Additionally, it changes the timeframe from ***10 days to 30 days*** for making this change for a ***driver license and identification card***. The current statute did not include an identification card and required the individual to obtain a replacement driver license within 10 calendar days of legally changing his/her name.

**Section 322.19(2), F.S.**, now includes an *identification card* to the requirement to obtain a replacement driver license to reflect a ***change to a legal residence or mailing address***. Additionally, it changes the timeframe from ***10 calendar days to 30 calendar days*** for making this change for a ***driver license and identification card***. The current statute did not include an identification card and required the individual to obtain a replacement driver license within 10 calendar days of changing his/her legal residence or mailing address.

- These require FDLIS programming and updating the department's website with this information.

**Sections 322.051 and 322.19, F.S.** provide for a free identification card for individuals under the custody of, or in supervision with, the Department of Juvenile Justice. These ***no-fee ID credentials*** will be ***issued by the department's FLOW buses ONLY***.

- This requires FDLIS programming and updating the department's website with this information.

**SB 184:**

**Section 322.08, F.S.** provides a means for military veterans to designate if they would like to receive information about benefits for veterans.

- This requires updating the department's online renewal application with this information.

**Conclusion:**

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Field Support.