



TECHNICAL ADVISORY

DIVISION OF MOTORIST SERVICES

DATE: 06/23/2015	Technical Advisory DL15-012 and RS/TL15-012
SUBJECT: Legislative Changes For Driver Licenses, Motor Vehicles, and Records Effective July 1, 2015	

Overview:

The 2015 Legislature passed various bills resulting in changes to driver license and motor vehicle laws, which become effective July 1, 2015.

Driver Licenses:

Sections 322.21(1)(e) and (f)3., F.S., passed during the **2009 Legislative Session**. Currently, the \$25.00 Replacement Driver License fee distributes \$7.00 to the Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund (HSOTF) and the remaining \$18.00, to the General Revenue Fund (GR). The \$25.00 Replacement Identification Card fee distributes \$9.00 to the Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund (HSOTF) and the remaining \$16.00 to the General Revenue Fund (GR).

Beginning July 1, 2015, fully transitioned Tax Collector counties will retain \$7.00 of the \$25.00 Replacement Driver License fee and \$9.00 of the \$25.00 Replacement ID Card fee. The new distribution applies to replacement issuances made by every office within a fully transitioned county. The distribution of the remaining funds will be deposited into the General Revenue Fund.

Sections 322.051(8)(b), 322.14(1)(c) 322.051(1)(1), 322.08(2)(a), (HB 27), amending the veteran designation on a Florida driver license or an identification card. Currently, the letter “V” is displayed on the driver license/identification card. Although it becomes law on July 1, 2015, the change will be implemented as part of the next driver license contract, when new designs for the credentials are developed. Under the new contract, “**Veteran**” will be displayed after payment and presentation of a DD Form 214. In addition to the credential updates, the following will be accomplished in conjunction with the update:

- A Technical Advisory regarding this update will be sent statewide
- The Driver License Operations Manual, LR24-US Veterans section, and the Florida Driver’s Handbook will be updated when the credentials have been redesigned.

This bill also provides for acceptance of the military identification card as proof of the social security number for customers applying for a Florida driver license or identification card. Individuals presenting a military ID without a social security number will need to self-certify their SSN. The following is a list of affected areas:

- Updated FDLIS to the list of documents that is acceptable for proof of the social security number.
- Updated the Driver License Operations Manual, LR22-Social Security Requirements, and the Florida Driver's Handbook

Registrations:

Section 316.1964(8), F.S., (HB 471), adding language that exempts any vehicle displaying a “DV” license plate issued under s. 320.084, Florida Statutes, from any parking fees charged in a facility or lot that provides timed parking spaces.

- Added this statute to RS-17 and the Department's Internet site at <http://www.flhsmv.gov/Military.htm>

Section 320.0807, F.S., (SB 396), amending language redirecting a portion of the proceeds from the special license plate fee for former federal or state legislators to the Florida Historic Capitol Museum's direct-support organization.

- Added this information to and revised RS-13

Sections 320.0848(1)(d) and (2)(d), F.S., (SB 132), adding language authorizing a veteran previously evaluated and certified by the United States Armed Forces as permanently and totally disabled from a service-connected disability to renew or replace a disabled parking permit by providing a form letter 27-333, or its equivalent, issued (within the last 12 months) by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs instead of a certificate of disability form HSMV 83039.

When renewing or replacing a Disabled Parking Permit for a disabled veteran who meets the requirements, the clerk will enter DVA in the CERT AUTH NUM field. The CERT AUTH field will pre-populate with the Department of Veterans Affairs instead of the physician's name. The clerk will process the transaction as usual.

- Added this information to RS-38 and the Department's Internet site at <http://www.flhsmv.gov/Military.htm>

Sections 320.089, 320.089(1)(a), (1)(c), (2), (2)(a), and (2)(b), F.S., (HB 329), adding language authorizing the issuance of and providing the qualifications and requirements for six (6) special military license plates as follows: **Woman Veteran, World War II Veteran, Navy Submariner, Combat Action Ribbon, Air Force Combat Action Medal**, and **Distinguished Flying Cross**, and other minor language changes.

- Revised and added this information to RS-15. These six new plates will not be available until a later date.
- Form HSMV 83034 will be revised as the new special military plates become available.

Records:

Section 119.071(4)(d)2.n., F.S. (SB 144), providing current or former impaired practitioner consultants who are retained by the agency, current or former employees of an impaired practitioner whose duties result in determining a person's skill and safety to practice a licensed profession, the names, home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, places of employment of their spouses and children, and names and locations of their schools and daycare facilities be exempt from public records requirements under specified circumstances.

Driver license examiners and tax collector employees may provide **form HSMV 96020** to the customer. The customer must complete the form **HSMV 96020** and provide it and a letter on agency letterhead or other documentation indicating their eligibility for this exemption to the Bureau of Records (BOR). This proof (**a letter from a law enforcement agency, a copy of a Military ID, DD214, etc.**), along with **form HSMV 96020** must be sent to BOR at the address provided on the form.

- Updated form HSMV 96020 to include this information

Sections 119.071(5)(k)1-4, F.S. (HB 185), adding definitions for “**identification and location information**” (home address, telephone number, date of birth, and place of employment) and “**Servicemembers**” (a current or former member of the armed forces, who served after September 11, 2001), providing an exemption from public records requirements for servicemembers, their spouses, and dependents, and providing for applicability and future legislative review/repeal of the exemption.

- Added this information to RS-08, which includes a statement of public necessity

Section 119.0712, F.S. (SB 7040), providing that e-mail addresses collected and held by the Department for the purpose of conducting motor vehicle record and driver license transactions be exempt from public records law. The public availability of personal e-mail addresses puts department customers at increased risk for identity theft, consumer scams, unwanted solicitations, or other invasive contacts. Such risk may be significantly limited by permitting the department to keep customer e-mail addresses exempt. The Legislature finds that the risks to consumers outweigh the state's public policy favoring open government.

House bill 7055, with an effective date of October 1, 2015, was approved by the Governor as well. This bill includes many additional driver license and motor vehicle law changes, which we will include in the technical advisory for October 1, 2015 legislation.

Conclusion:

If you have questions and need additional help, please contact Field Support.