

## **INFORMATION NOTICE**

### **DIVISION OF MOTORIST SERVICES**

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Information Notice (INFO)
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**SUBJECT: Motor Vehicle and Driver License Legislative Changes** 

Effective July 1, 2025

#### **Overview:**

The 2025 Legislature passed various bills resulting in changes to motor vehicle and driver license laws, effective July 1, 2025.

#### **Details:**

Below are the 2025 legislative changes and their impact effective July 1, 2025.

#### Senate Bill 268 – Public Records/Congressional Members and Public Officers

This bill creates exemptions from Florida's public record requirements for certain congressional members, public officers, and their families. Specifically, it:

• Exempts from public record requirements except for city and zip code for the qualifying officials, their spouses and their children.

**User System Impact: None** 

**Procedural Impact:** MP03, IR01, New Form Congressional Members and Public Officers Request to Withhold Personal Information

#### House Bill 351 – Dangerous Excessive Speeding

The bill updates the definitions and penalties relating to excessive speeding.

 A person who drives a motor vehicle 50 mph or more above the speed limit or drives a motor vehicle 100 mph or more in a manner that threatens the safety of other persons, property, or interferes with the operation of any vehicle, commits an offense of dangerous excessive speeding.

Upon a second or subsequent conviction that occurs within 5-years after the date of the
previous conviction, the driving privilege will be revoked for a minimum of 180-days but
no more than one-year.

**User System Impact:** Programming for ORION – Driver License Issuance (DLI) and Motorist Maintenance for new Revocation Code.

• The following procedure will be updated when the system updates are implemented.

Procedural Impact: CI06D

#### <u>Senate Bill 462 – Expectant Mother Parking Permits</u>

This bill authorizes the department to issue a parking permit to expecting mothers and shall be valid for one year after the date of issuance.

**User System Impact:** Programming for FRVIS and ORION – Motor Vehicle Issuance (MVI) to update the Original Parking Permit transaction to allow a temporary parking permit to be issued to an expectant mother for up to one year.

• The following procedures will be updated when the system updates are implemented.

**Procedural Impact:** RS-38, New Form Application for Expectant Mother Parking Permit, Temporary Parking Permit to be issued to expectant mothers.

#### <u>House Bill 961 – Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles</u>

Revises the provisions relating to the duties of tax collectors, as agents of FLHSMV, issuing registrations, licenses, and enforcing the revocation of driving privileges, effective July 1, 2026.

- A person may not sell, or offer to sell, a service appointment with a department office, or tax collector office, unless authorized in writing by the department or tax collector.
- Tax collectors may deliver original certificates of title, duplicate certificates of title and corrected certificates of title by mail or make such certificates available to applicants at tax collector offices.

- Tax collectors at the request of the applicant, may deliver registration certificates, renewal registrations, duplicate registrations, license plates, mobile home decals, and validation decals to the applicant by courier or by United Sates mail service.
- A lifetime disabled parking permit may be issued to a person who has been certified as permanently disabled due to permanent dismemberment or amputation.
- The department shall renew the disabled permanent parking permit for a subsequent 4year period without requiring an additional certificate of disability.
- A person who has been granted a restricted driving privilege (hardship license) who
  violates the conditions of the restricted driving privilege, will be revoked and not be
  eligible for any driving privilege for the duration of their 5-year revocation period. The
  revocation of restricted driving privileges will be handled by the Bureau of
  Administrative Reviews.

**User System Impact:** Programming in ORION - MVI, Webservices for the mailing of certificate of titles and duplicate registrations.

• The following procedures will be updated when the system updates are implemented.

Procedural Impact: TL-05, TL-10, RS-38, CI06

#### Senate Bill 1388 – Vessels

The bill authorizes that during a vessel registration or renewal a person can obtain a Florida Freedom Boater decal.

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission in coordination with FLHSMV will create a
 "Florida Freedom Boater" safety inspection decal. The decal can be issued at the time of
 registration or renewal of a vessel if the customer submits an attestation signifying that
 the vessel is deemed to have met the safety equipment carriage and use requirements.
 Issuing offices will be supplied with the Florida Freedom Boater decals by the Inventory
 Control Unit.

**User System Impact:** None, the issuance of a Florida Freedom Boater decal will be handled procedurally.

Procedural Impact: RS-01, New form Vessel Safety Equipment Attestation

# <u>Senate Bill 1662 – Transportation (HOV Decals and Transactions) (Embossed DV Military and Specialty License Plates)</u>

This bill repeals Section 316.0741, Florida Statue, for the issuance of an HOV decal. Beginning July 1, 2025, customers should no longer be issued HOV decals. The bill also allows veterans to obtain a Military or Specialty license plate embossed with the letters 'DV' in the corner allowing for the usage of their benefits.

**User System Impact:** Programming in FRVIS and ORION - MVI to remove the issuance of Original, Renewal, and Replacement HOV decals and to allow the issuance of Military and Specialty license plates embossed with the letters DV.

• The following procedures will be updated when the system updates are implemented.

**Procedural Impact:** RS-17, RS-51

#### **Conclusion:**

If you need additional information, please contact your next level of management or the Field Support Center.