A bill to be entitled

An act relating to motor vehicle and vessel registration data; amending s. 320.03, F.S.; requiring tax collectors or third parties contracted with tax collectors to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles and make certain determinations regarding registration applicants; requiring the department to ensure that certain technology used by tax collectors protects customer privacy and data; authorizing the department to provide certain technology to tax collectors upon request in order to provide data access and uniform interface functionalities for registration renewal transactions; providing requirements; authorizing use of such data and functionality for certain purposes; requiring development of data access and uniform interface functionalities by a certain date; defining the term "registration renewal transactions"; amending s. 328.73, F.S.; authorizing the department to provide certain technology to tax collectors upon request in order to provide data access and uniform interface functionalities for registration renewal transactions; providing requirements; authorizing use of such data and functionality for certain purposes; requiring

development of data access and uniform interface functionalities by a certain date; defining the term "registration renewal transactions"; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (4) and subsection (5) of section 320.03, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

320.03 Registration; duties of tax collectors; International Registration Plan.—

(4)(a) Each tax collector, ~~or~~ third party contracted with a tax collector, or license tag agent, who has online computer access to the department's systems or ~~department~~ data ~~center or other reasonable access thereto~~ shall enter into a memorandum of understanding with the department and shall, except when the department has issued a registration renewal notice, upon receipt of an application for the registration of any motor vehicle, determine from the driver file of the applicant whether the applicant's driver license has been canceled, suspended, or revoked and, if so, whether the applicant has surrendered his or her license to the department as required by s. 322.251. If the applicant has not surrendered his or her license in accordance with ~~the provisions of~~ that section, the tax collector shall refuse to register the vehicle until such time as the applicant

surrenders his or her driver license to the department.

(5)(a) In addition to the fees required under s. 320.08, a fee of 50 cents shall be charged on every license registration sold to cover the costs of the Florida Real Time Vehicle Information System. The fees collected shall be deposited into the Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund to be used exclusively to fund the system. The fee may only be used to fund the system equipment, software, personnel associated with the maintenance and programming of the system, and networks used in the offices of the county tax collectors as agents of the department and the ancillary technology necessary to integrate the system with other tax collection systems. The department shall administer this program upon consultation with the Florida Tax Collectors, Inc., to ensure that each county tax collector's office is technologically equipped and functional for the operation of the Florida Real Time Vehicle Information System and to ensure that all ancillary technology and other tax collection systems used by tax collectors protect customer privacy and data. Any designated revenue collected to support functions of the county tax collectors and not used in a given year must remain exclusively in the trust fund as a carryover to the following year.

(b) Upon a tax collector's request, the department is authorized to provide ancillary technology to integrate other tax collection systems used by tax collectors in order to

provide tax collectors with data access and uniform interface functionalities for registration renewal transactions performed at a tax collector's office or online via a tax collector's website. The department shall prescribe the best manner of delivering the data access and uniform interface functionalities to tax collectors for the purpose of processing registration renewal transactions and shall provide the ability to record and process registration renewal transactions in the state system in real time and bulk data reporting for vehicle registrations, including each applicant's electronic mail address collected pursuant to s. 320.95. Such data and functionality may be used only for purposes of fulfilling the tax collector's statutory duties pursuant to this chapter, chapter 319, chapter 322, or chapter 328 and may not be resold or used for any other purpose. Such data access and uniform interface functionalities shall be developed no later than July 1, 2023. For the purposes of this paragraph, the term "registration renewal transactions" means issuance of motor vehicle, mobile home, and trailer registration certificates, registration license plates, and validation stickers.

Section 2. Subsection (1) of section 328.73, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

328.73 Registration; duties of tax collectors.—

(1)(a) The tax collectors in the counties of the state, as authorized agents of the department, shall issue registration

certificates and vessel numbers and decals to applicants, subject to the requirements of law and in accordance with rules of the department.

(b) Upon a tax collector's request, the department is authorized to provide ancillary technology to integrate other tax collection systems used by tax collectors in order to provide tax collectors with data access and uniform interface functionalities for registration renewal transactions performed at a tax collector's office or online via a tax collector's website. The department shall prescribe the best manner of delivering the data access and uniform interface functionalities to tax collectors for the purpose of processing registration renewal transactions and shall provide the ability to record and process registration renewal transactions in the state system in real time and bulk data reporting for vessel registrations, including each applicant's electronic mail address collected pursuant to s. 320.95. Such data and functionality may be used only for purposes of fulfilling the tax collector's statutory duties pursuant to this chapter, chapter 319, chapter 320, or chapter 322 and may not be resold or used for any other purpose. Such data access and uniform interface functionalities shall be developed no later than July 1, 2023. For the purposes of this paragraph, the term "registration renewal transactions" means vessel registration certificates, vessel numbers, and decals.

Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021.