

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to veteran identification; creating s.
 3 322.0511, F.S.; requiring the Department of Highway
 4 Safety and Motor Vehicles to create a veteran
 5 identification card for certain purposes; providing
 6 for the design of the card; providing veteran
 7 eligibility requirements; prohibiting use of the card
 8 for certain purposes; amending ss. 472.015, 493.6105,
 9 493.6107, 493.6202, 493.6302, 493.6402, 501.015,
 10 501.605, 501.607, 507.03, 527.02, 539.001, 559.904,
 11 559.928, 626.171, and 790.06, F.S.; authorizing use of
 12 the card as proof of veteran status for obtaining
 13 waivers of license or registration fees relating to
 14 land surveying and mapping, private investigation,
 15 security, and repossession services, health studios,
 16 telephone salespersons, movers and moving brokers, the
 17 sale of liquefied petroleum gas, pawnbrokers, motor
 18 vehicle repair shops, sellers of travel, insurance
 19 representatives, and the carrying of concealed weapons
 20 or firearms; providing an effective date.

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

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 24 Section 1. Section 322.0511, Florida Statutes, is created
 25 to read:

26 322.0511 Veteran identification cards.—

27 (1) The department shall create a veteran identification
28 card to be used as proof of veteran status for the purpose of
29 obtaining discounts or waivers offered to veterans for the
30 exchange of goods and services and for other purposes authorized
31 by law, except as provided in subsection (3). The veteran
32 identification card must bear the colors and design approved by
33 the department, including, but not limited to:

34 (a) In the foreground, a full-face photograph of the
35 veteran and his or her full name, branch of service, date of
36 discharge, United States Department of Defense identification
37 number, and signature. The words "U.S. Armed Forces Veteran –
38 Honorably Discharged" must appear at the top of the card, and
39 the words "Proof of veteran status only. Not for official
40 government use or identification" must appear at the bottom of
41 the card.

42 (b) In the background, an image of a military
43 identification "dog" tag.

44 (2) The department shall issue a veteran identification
45 card to a veteran of any branch of the United States Armed
46 Forces who has been honorably discharged and who provides to the
47 department:

48 (a) A copy of the veteran's DD Form 214 as issued by the
49 United States Department of Defense.

50 (b) A copy of the veteran's valid, unexpired driver

51 license or identification card as issued under this chapter or
52 another form of photographic identification acceptable to the
53 department.

54 (c) Payment of a \$10 fee.

55 (3) A veteran identification card issued pursuant to this
56 section is not considered an identification card for the
57 purposes of s. 295.17 or s. 322.051 and may not be used for the
58 determination of any federal benefit.

59 Section 2. Paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section
60 472.015, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

61 472.015 Licensure.—

62 (3)

63 (b) The department shall waive the initial license fee for
64 an honorably discharged veteran of the United States Armed
65 Forces, the spouse of such a veteran, or a business entity that
66 has a majority ownership held by such a veteran or spouse if the
67 department receives an application, in a format prescribed by
68 the department, within 60 months after the date of the veteran's
69 discharge from any branch of the United States Armed Forces. To
70 qualify for the waiver:7

71 1. A veteran must provide to the department a copy of his
72 or her DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of
73 Defense, his or her veteran identification card issued pursuant
74 to s. 322.0511, or another acceptable form of identification as
75 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs;

76 2. The spouse of a veteran must provide to the department
77 a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214, as issued by the United
78 States Department of Defense, the veteran's veteran
79 identification card issued pursuant to s. 322.0511, or another
80 acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department
81 of Veterans' Affairs, and a copy of a valid marriage license or
82 certificate verifying that he or she was lawfully married to the
83 veteran at the time of discharge; or

84 3. A business entity must provide to the department proof
85 that a veteran or the spouse of a veteran holds a majority
86 ownership in the business, a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214,
87 as issued by the United States Department of Defense, the
88 veteran's veteran identification card issued pursuant to s.
89 322.0511, or another acceptable form of identification as
90 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, and, if
91 applicable, a copy of a valid marriage license or certificate
92 verifying that the spouse of the veteran was lawfully married to
93 the veteran at the time of discharge.

94 Section 3. Paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of section
95 493.6105, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

96 493.6105 Initial application for license.—

97 (1) Each individual, partner, or principal officer in a
98 corporation, shall file with the department a complete
99 application accompanied by an application fee not to exceed \$60,
100 except that the applicant for a Class "D" or Class "G" license

101 is not required to submit an application fee. The application
102 fee is not refundable.

103 (c) The initial application fee for a veteran, as defined
104 in s. 1.01, shall be waived if he or she applies for a Class
105 "C," Class "CC," Class "DI," Class "E," Class "EE," Class "K,"
106 Class "M," Class "MA," Class "MB," Class "MR," or Class "RI"
107 license within 24 months after being discharged from a branch of
108 the United States Armed Forces. An eligible veteran must include
109 a copy of his or her DD Form 214, as issued by the United States
110 Department of Defense, his or her veteran identification card
111 issued pursuant to s. 322.0511, or another acceptable form of
112 identification as specified by the Department of Veterans'
113 Affairs with his or her application in order to obtain a waiver.

114 Section 4. Subsection (6) of section 493.6107, Florida
115 Statutes, is amended to read:

116 493.6107 Fees.—

117 (6) The initial license fee for a veteran, as defined in
118 s. 1.01, shall be waived if he or she applies for a Class "M" or
119 Class "K" license within 24 months after being discharged from
120 any branch of the United States Armed Forces. An eligible
121 veteran must include a copy of his or her DD Form 214, as issued
122 by the United States Department of Defense, his or her veteran
123 identification card issued pursuant to s. 322.0511, or another
124 acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department
125 of Veterans' Affairs with his or her application in order to

126 obtain a waiver.

127 Section 5. Subsection (4) of section 493.6202, Florida
 128 Statutes, is amended to read:

129 493.6202 Fees.—

130 (4) The initial license fee for a veteran, as defined in
 131 s. 1.01, shall be waived if he or she applies for a Class "C,"
 132 Class "CC," or Class "MA" license within 24 months after being
 133 discharged from any branch of the United States Armed Forces. An
 134 eligible veteran must include a copy of his or her DD Form 214,
 135 as issued by the United States Department of Defense, his or her
 136 veteran identification card issued pursuant to s. 322.0511, or
 137 another acceptable form of identification as specified by the
 138 Department of Veterans' Affairs with his or her application in
 139 order to obtain a waiver.

140 Section 6. Subsection (4) of section 493.6302, Florida
 141 Statutes, is amended to read:

142 493.6302 Fees.—

143 (4) The initial license fee for a veteran, as defined in
 144 s. 1.01, shall be waived if he or she applies for a Class "D,"
 145 Class "DI," or Class "MB" license within 24 months after being
 146 discharged from any branch of the United States Armed Forces. An
 147 eligible veteran must include a copy of his or her DD Form 214,
 148 as issued by the United States Department of Defense, his or her
 149 veteran identification card issued pursuant to s. 322.0511, or
 150 another acceptable form of identification as specified by the

151 Department of Veterans' Affairs with his or her application in
152 order to obtain a waiver.

153 Section 7. Subsection (4) of section 493.6402, Florida
154 Statutes, is amended to read:

155 493.6402 Fees.—

156 (4) The initial license fee for a veteran, as defined in
157 s. 1.01, shall be waived if he or she applies for a Class "E,"
158 Class "EE," Class "MR," or Class "RI" license within 24 months
159 after being discharged from any branch of the United States
160 Armed Forces. An eligible veteran must include a copy of his or
161 her DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of
162 Defense, his or her veteran identification card issued pursuant
163 to s. 322.0511, or another acceptable form of identification as
164 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs with his or her
165 application in order to obtain a waiver.

166 Section 8. Subsection (2) of section 501.015, Florida
167 Statutes, is amended to read:

168 501.015 Health studios; registration requirements and
169 fees.—Each health studio shall:

170 (2) Remit an annual registration fee of \$300 to the
171 department at the time of registration for each of the health
172 studio's business locations. The department shall waive the
173 initial registration fee for an honorably discharged veteran of
174 the United States Armed Forces, the spouse of such a veteran, or
175 a business entity that has a majority ownership held by such a

176 | veteran or spouse if the department receives an application, in
177 | a format prescribed by the department, within 60 months after
178 | the date of the veteran's discharge from any branch of the
179 | United States Armed Forces. To qualify for the waiver:~~7~~

180 | (a) A veteran must provide to the department a copy of his
181 | or her DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of
182 | Defense, his or her veteran identification card issued pursuant
183 | to s. 322.0511, or another acceptable form of identification as
184 | specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs;

185 | (b) The spouse of a veteran must provide to the department
186 | a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214, as issued by the United
187 | States Department of Defense, the veteran's veteran
188 | identification card issued pursuant to s. 322.0511, or another
189 | acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department
190 | of Veterans' Affairs, and a copy of a valid marriage license or
191 | certificate verifying that he or she was lawfully married to the
192 | veteran at the time of discharge; or

193 | (c) A business entity must provide to the department proof
194 | that a veteran or the spouse of a veteran holds a majority
195 | ownership in the business, a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214,
196 | as issued by the United States Department of Defense, the
197 | veteran's veteran identification card issued pursuant to s.
198 | 322.0511, or another acceptable form of identification as
199 | specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, and, if
200 | applicable, a copy of a valid marriage license or certificate

201 verifying that the spouse of the veteran was lawfully married to
 202 the veteran at the time of discharge.

203 Section 9. Paragraph (b) of subsection (5) of section
 204 501.605, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

205 501.605 Licensure of commercial telephone sellers.—

206 (5) An application filed pursuant to this part must be
 207 verified and accompanied by:

208 (b) A fee for licensing in the amount of \$1,500. The fee
 209 shall be deposited into the General Inspection Trust Fund. The
 210 department shall waive the initial license fee for an honorably
 211 discharged veteran of the United States Armed Forces, the spouse
 212 of such a veteran, or a business entity that has a majority
 213 ownership held by such a veteran or spouse if the department
 214 receives an application, in a format prescribed by the
 215 department, within 60 months after the date of the veteran's
 216 discharge from any branch of the United States Armed Forces. To
 217 qualify for the waiver:7

218 1. A veteran must provide to the department a copy of his
 219 or her DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of
 220 Defense, his or her veteran identification card issued pursuant
 221 to s. 322.0511, or another acceptable form of identification as
 222 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs;

223 2. The spouse of a veteran must provide to the department
 224 a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214, as issued by the United
 225 States Department of Defense, the veteran's veteran

226 identification card issued pursuant to s. 322.0511, or another
227 acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department
228 of Veterans' Affairs, and a copy of a valid marriage license or
229 certificate verifying that he or she was lawfully married to the
230 veteran at the time of discharge; or

231 3. A business entity must provide to the department proof
232 that a veteran or the spouse of a veteran holds a majority
233 ownership in the business, a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214,
234 as issued by the United States Department of Defense, the
235 veteran's veteran identification card issued pursuant to s.
236 322.0511, or another acceptable form of identification as
237 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, and, if
238 applicable, a copy of a valid marriage license or certificate
239 verifying that the spouse of the veteran was lawfully married to
240 the veteran at the time of discharge.

241 Section 10. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section
242 501.607, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

243 501.607 Licensure of salespersons.—

244 (2) An application filed pursuant to this section must be
245 verified and be accompanied by:

246 (b) A fee for licensing in the amount of \$50 per
247 salesperson. The fee shall be deposited into the General
248 Inspection Trust Fund. The fee for licensing may be paid after
249 the application is filed, but must be paid within 14 days after
250 the applicant begins work as a salesperson. The department shall

251 waive the initial license fee for an honorably discharged
252 veteran of the United States Armed Forces, the spouse of such a
253 veteran, or a business entity that has a majority ownership held
254 by such a veteran or spouse if the department receives an
255 application, in a format prescribed by the department, within 60
256 months after the date of the veteran's discharge from any branch
257 of the United States Armed Forces. To qualify for the waiver:~~7~~

258 1. A veteran must provide to the department a copy of his
259 or her DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of
260 Defense, his or her veteran identification card issued pursuant
261 to s. 322.0511, or another acceptable form of identification as
262 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs;

263 2. The spouse of a veteran must provide to the department
264 a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214, as issued by the United
265 States Department of Defense, the veteran's veteran
266 identification card issued pursuant to s. 322.0511, or another
267 acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department
268 of Veterans' Affairs, and a copy of a valid marriage license or
269 certificate verifying that he or she was lawfully married to the
270 veteran at the time of discharge; or

271 3. A business entity must provide to the department proof
272 that a veteran or the spouse of a veteran holds a majority
273 ownership in the business, a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214,
274 as issued by the United States Department of Defense, the
275 veteran's veteran identification card issued pursuant to s.

276 322.0511, or another acceptable form of identification as
277 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, and, if
278 applicable, a copy of a valid marriage license or certificate
279 verifying that the spouse of the veteran was lawfully married to
280 the veteran at the time of discharge.

281 Section 11. Paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section
282 507.03, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

283 507.03 Registration.—

284 (3)

285 (b) The department shall waive the initial registration
286 fee for an honorably discharged veteran of the United States
287 Armed Forces, the spouse of such a veteran, or a business entity
288 that has a majority ownership held by such a veteran or spouse
289 if the department receives an application, in a format
290 prescribed by the department, within 60 months after the date of
291 the veteran's discharge from any branch of the United States
292 Armed Forces. To qualify for the waiver:7

293 1. A veteran must provide to the department a copy of his
294 or her DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of
295 Defense, his or her veteran identification card issued pursuant
296 to s. 322.0511, or another acceptable form of identification as
297 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs;

298 2. The spouse of a veteran must provide to the department
299 a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214, as issued by the United
300 States Department of Defense, the veteran's veteran

301 identification card issued pursuant to s. 322.0511, or another
302 acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department
303 of Veterans' Affairs, and a copy of a valid marriage license or
304 certificate verifying that he or she was lawfully married to the
305 veteran at the time of discharge; or

306 3. A business entity must provide to the department proof
307 that a veteran or the spouse of a veteran holds a majority
308 ownership in the business, a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214,
309 as issued by the United States Department of Defense, the
310 veteran's veteran identification card issued pursuant to s.
311 322.0511, or another acceptable form of identification as
312 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, and, if
313 applicable, a copy of a valid marriage license or certificate
314 verifying that the spouse of the veteran was lawfully married to
315 the veteran at the time of discharge.

316 Section 12. Paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section
317 527.02, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

318 527.02 License; penalty; fees.—

319 (3)

320 (b) The department shall waive the initial license fee for
321 an honorably discharged veteran of the United States Armed
322 Forces, the spouse of such a veteran, or a business entity that
323 has a majority ownership held by such a veteran or spouse if the
324 department receives an application, in a format prescribed by
325 the department, within 60 months after the date of the veteran's

326 discharge from any branch of the United States Armed Forces. To
327 qualify for the waiver:~~7~~

328 1. A veteran must provide to the department a copy of his
329 or her DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of
330 Defense, his or her veteran identification card issued pursuant
331 to s. 322.0511, or another acceptable form of identification as
332 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs;

333 2. The spouse of a veteran must provide to the department
334 a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214, as issued by the United
335 States Department of Defense, the veteran's veteran
336 identification card issued pursuant to s. 322.0511, or another
337 acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department
338 of Veterans' Affairs, and a copy of a valid marriage license or
339 certificate verifying that he or she was lawfully married to the
340 veteran at the time of discharge; or

341 3. A business entity must provide to the department proof
342 that a veteran or the spouse of a veteran holds a majority
343 ownership in the business, a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214,
344 as issued by the United States Department of Defense, the
345 veteran's veteran identification card issued pursuant to s.
346 322.0511, or another acceptable form of identification as
347 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, and, if
348 applicable, a copy of a valid marriage license or certificate
349 verifying that the spouse of the veteran was lawfully married to
350 the veteran at the time of discharge.

351 Section 13. Paragraph (c) of subsection (3) of section
352 539.001, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

353 539.001 The Florida Pawnbroking Act.—

354 (3) LICENSE REQUIRED.—

355 (c) Each license is valid for a period of 1 year unless it
356 is earlier relinquished, suspended, or revoked. Each license
357 shall be renewed annually, and each licensee shall, initially
358 and annually thereafter, pay to the agency a license fee of \$300
359 for each license held. The agency shall waive the initial
360 license fee for an honorably discharged veteran of the United
361 States Armed Forces, the spouse of such a veteran, or a business
362 entity that has a majority ownership held by such a veteran or
363 spouse if the agency receives an application, in a format
364 prescribed by the agency, within 60 months after the date of the
365 veteran's discharge from any branch of the United States Armed
366 Forces. To qualify for the waiver:—

367 1. A veteran must provide to the agency a copy of his or
368 her DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of
369 Defense, his or her veteran identification card issued pursuant
370 to s. 322.0511, or another acceptable form of identification as
371 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs;

372 2. The spouse of a veteran must provide to the agency a
373 copy of the veteran's DD Form 214, as issued by the United
374 States Department of Defense, the veteran's veteran
375 identification card issued pursuant to s. 322.0511, or another

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376 acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department
377 of Veterans' Affairs, and a copy of a valid marriage license or
378 certificate verifying that he or she was lawfully married to the
379 veteran at the time of discharge; or

380 3. A business entity must provide to the agency proof that
381 a veteran or the spouse of a veteran holds a majority ownership
382 in the business, a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214, as issued
383 by the United States Department of Defense, the veteran's
384 veteran identification card issued pursuant to s. 322.0511, or
385 another acceptable form of identification as specified by the
386 Department of Veterans' Affairs, and, if applicable, a copy of a
387 valid marriage license or certificate verifying that the spouse
388 of the veteran was lawfully married to the veteran at the time
389 of discharge.

390 Section 14. Paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section
391 559.904, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

392 559.904 Motor vehicle repair shop registration;
393 application; exemption.—

394 (3)

395 (b) The department shall waive the initial registration
396 fee for an honorably discharged veteran of the United States
397 Armed Forces, the spouse of such a veteran, or a business entity
398 that has a majority ownership held by such a veteran or spouse
399 if the department receives an application, in a format
400 prescribed by the department, within 60 months after the date of

401 the veteran's discharge from any branch of the United States
402 Armed Forces. To qualify for the waiver:~~7~~

403 1. A veteran must provide to the department a copy of his
404 or her DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of
405 Defense, his or her veteran identification card issued pursuant
406 to s. 322.0511, or another acceptable form of identification as
407 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs;

408 2. The spouse of a veteran must provide to the department
409 a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214, as issued by the United
410 States Department of Defense, the veteran's veteran
411 identification card issued pursuant to s. 322.0511, or another
412 acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department
413 of Veterans' Affairs, and a copy of a valid marriage license or
414 certificate verifying that he or she was lawfully married to the
415 veteran at the time of discharge; or

416 3. A business entity must provide to the department proof
417 that a veteran or the spouse of a veteran holds a majority
418 ownership in the business, a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214,
419 as issued by the United States Department of Defense, the
420 veteran's veteran identification card issued pursuant to s.
421 322.0511, or another acceptable form of identification as
422 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, and, if
423 applicable, a copy of a valid marriage license or certificate
424 verifying that the spouse of the veteran was lawfully married to
425 the veteran at the time of discharge.

426 Section 15. Paragraph (c) of subsection (2) of section
427 559.928, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

428 559.928 Registration.—

429 (2)

430 (c) The department shall waive the initial registration
431 fee for an honorably discharged veteran of the United States
432 Armed Forces, the spouse of such a veteran, or a business entity
433 that has a majority ownership held by such a veteran or spouse
434 if the department receives an application, in a format
435 prescribed by the department, within 60 months after the date of
436 the veteran's discharge from any branch of the United States
437 Armed Forces. To qualify for the waiver: ~~7~~

438 1. A veteran must provide to the department a copy of his
439 or her DD Form 214, as issued by the United States Department of
440 Defense, his or her veteran identification card issued pursuant
441 to s. 322.0511, or another acceptable form of identification as
442 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs;

443 2. The spouse of a veteran must provide to the department
444 a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214, as issued by the United
445 States Department of Defense, the veteran's veteran
446 identification card issued pursuant to s. 322.0511, or another
447 acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department
448 of Veterans' Affairs, and a copy of a valid marriage license or
449 certificate verifying that he or she was lawfully married to the
450 veteran at the time of discharge; or

451 3. A business entity must provide to the department proof
452 that a veteran or the spouse of a veteran holds a majority
453 ownership in the business, a copy of the veteran's DD Form 214,
454 as issued by the United States Department of Defense, the
455 veteran's veteran identification card issued pursuant to s.
456 322.0511, or another acceptable form of identification as
457 specified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, and, if
458 applicable, a copy of a valid marriage license or certificate
459 verifying that the spouse of the veteran was lawfully married to
460 the veteran at the time of discharge.

461 Section 16. Subsection (6) of section 626.171, Florida
462 Statutes, is amended to read:

463 626.171 Application for license as an agent, customer
464 representative, adjuster, service representative, managing
465 general agent, or reinsurance intermediary.—

466 (6) Members of the United States Armed Forces and their
467 spouses, and veterans of the United States Armed Forces who have
468 retired within 24 months before application for licensure, are
469 exempt from the application filing fee prescribed in s. 624.501.
470 Qualified individuals must provide a copy of a military
471 identification card, military dependent identification card,
472 military service record, military personnel file, veteran
473 identification card, veteran record, discharge paper, or
474 separation document, or a separation document that indicates
475 such members of the United States Armed Forces are currently in

476 | good standing or were honorably discharged.

477 | Section 17. Paragraph (f) of subsection (5) of section
478 | 790.06, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

479 | 790.06 License to carry concealed weapon or firearm.—

480 | (5) The applicant shall submit to the Department of
481 | Agriculture and Consumer Services or an approved tax collector
482 | pursuant to s. 790.0625:

483 | (f) For expedited processing of an application:

484 | 1. A servicemember shall submit a copy of the Common
485 | Access Card, United States Uniformed Services Identification
486 | Card, or current deployment orders.

487 | 2. A veteran shall submit a copy of the DD Form 214,
488 | issued by the United States Department of Defense, the veteran
489 | identification card issued pursuant to s. 322.0511, or another
490 | acceptable form of identification as specified by the Department
491 | of Veterans' Affairs.

492 | Section 18. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017.