

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to exemptions from toll payment;
 3 amending s. 338.155, F.S.; exempting a law enforcement
 4 officer from paying a toll on a toll facility when
 5 operating an official vehicle while on official
 6 business; providing an effective date.

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

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 10 Section 1. Subsections (1) and (3) of section 338.155,
 11 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

12 338.155 Payment of toll on toll facilities required;
 13 exemptions.—

14 (1) (a) A person may not use a ~~any~~ toll facility without
 15 payment of tolls, except:

16 1. An employee ~~Employees~~ of the agency operating the toll
 17 project when using the toll facility on official state
 18 business. ~~7~~

19 2. State military personnel while on official military
 20 business. ~~7~~

21 3. A person with a disability ~~Handicapped persons~~ as
 22 provided in subsection (3). ~~this section,~~

23 4. A person ~~Persons~~ exempt from toll payment by the
 24 authorizing resolution for bonds issued to finance the
 25 facility. ~~7~~ ~~and~~

26 | 5. A person ~~Persons~~ exempt on a temporary basis where use
 27 | of such toll facility is required as a detour route.

28 | 6. A ~~Any~~ law enforcement officer operating an ~~a marked~~
 29 | official vehicle while ~~is exempt from toll payment when~~ on
 30 | official law enforcement business.

31 | 7. A ~~Any~~ person operating a fire vehicle while ~~when~~ on
 32 | official business or a rescue vehicle while ~~when~~ on official
 33 | business ~~is exempt from toll payment~~.

34 | 8. A ~~Any~~ person participating in the funeral procession of
 35 | a law enforcement officer or firefighter killed in the line of
 36 | duty ~~is exempt from toll payment~~.

37 | (b) The secretary or the secretary's designee may suspend
 38 | the payment of tolls on a toll facility when necessary to assist
 39 | in emergency evacuation.

40 | (c) The failure to pay a prescribed toll constitutes a
 41 | noncriminal traffic infraction, punishable as a moving violation
 42 | as provided in s. 318.18. The department may adopt rules
 43 | relating to the payment, collection, and enforcement of tolls,
 44 | as authorized in this chapter and chapters 316, 318, 320, and
 45 | 322, including, but not limited to, rules for the implementation
 46 | of video or other image billing and variable pricing.

47 | (d) With respect to toll facilities managed by the
 48 | department, ~~the~~ revenues of which are not pledged to repayment
 49 | of bonds, the department may by rule allow the use of such
 50 | facilities by public transit vehicles or by vehicles

51 participating in a funeral procession for an active-duty
52 military service member without the payment of tolls.

53 (3) A ~~Any handicapped~~ person with a disability who has a
54 valid driver license, who operates a vehicle specially equipped
55 for use by persons with disabilities ~~the handicapped~~, and who is
56 certified by a physician licensed under chapter 458 or chapter
57 459 or by comparable licensing in another state or by the
58 Adjudication Office of the United States Department of Veterans
59 Affairs or its predecessor as being severely physically disabled
60 and having permanent upper limb mobility or dexterity
61 impairments which substantially impair the person's ability to
62 deposit coins in toll baskets, shall be allowed to pass free
63 through all tollgates and over all toll bridges and ferries in
64 this state. Such ~~A person who meets the requirements of this~~
65 ~~subsection~~ shall, upon application, be issued a vehicle window
66 sticker by the Department of Transportation.

67 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018.