

## Florida Law Changes – 2016 Legislative Session

Reference	Effective Date	Bill Name	Excerpt
<p><b>Ch. 2016-4</b> 322.051, 322.14, 327.395, 379.354</p>	<p>7/1/2016</p>	<p><b>SB 158 – Identification Cards and Driver Licenses</b></p>	<p>Allows individuals who hold and present a lifetime freshwater fishing license, a lifetime saltwater fishing license, a lifetime hunting license, a lifetime sportsman’s license, or a lifetime boater safety identification card to have a symbol displaying that lifetime status voluntarily added to his or her driver license or identification card.</p> <p>When the driver license or identification card is being issued, renewed, or replaced for a purpose other than solely including the recreational symbol on the card (i.e., an address or name change), adding the symbol requires the payment of a \$1 fee, in addition to the applicable issuance, renewal or replacement fee. An individual who surrenders and replaces his or her driver license or identification card for the sole purpose of including his or her status as a lifetime fishing, hunting, or sportsman’s licensee holder or a lifetime boater safety cardholder is only required to pay a \$2 fee.</p> <p>Changes made will apply upon implementation of new designs for the driver license and identification card. Allows the state-issued identification card or driver license displaying the lifetime designation to be used as proof of possession of that lifetime license or card.</p>
<p><b>Ch. Law 2016-23</b> 97.021, 97.053, 97.057, 98.015</p>	<p>7/1/2016</p>	<p><b>HB 541 – Addresses of Legal Residence</b></p>	<p>Defines "address of legal residence." Requires a voter registration application to include applicant's address of legal residence and certain additional distinguishing information and specifies that an applicant's failure to include such distinguishing information on a voter registration application does not affect his or her qualifications to register or vote or cast a ballot. Provides a list of valid addresses maintained by a supervisor of elections shall include certain additional distinguishing information.</p>
<p><b>Ch. Law 2016-39</b> 316.1964</p>	<p>7/1/2016</p>	<p><b>SB 222 – Parking for Disabled Veterans</b></p>	<p>Requires the governing body of each publicly owned or publicly operated airport to grant free parking to any vehicle displaying specified license plates for disabled veterans and clarifies that such license plates, rather than “DV” license plates, are exempt from certain parking fees charged by a county, municipality, or an agency thereof.</p>

<p><b>Ch. Law 2016-126</b></p> <p>328.72, 328.76, 328.66</p>	<p>7/1/2016</p>	<p><b>HB 427 – Recreational Vessel Registration</b></p>	<p>Reduces state vessel registration fees for recreational vessels equipped with an Emergency Position-Indicating Radio Beacon, or for recreational vessels where the owner owns a Personal Locator Beacon. The beacon must be registered with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) in order for the owner to qualify for the reduced registration fee. A person who owns a personal locator beacon and more than one recreational vessel qualifies to pay the reduced fee for only one of their vessels. The reduced registration certificate fees provided in the bill apply to applicable vessels registered in Fiscal Year 2016-2017, between July 1, 2016, and June 30, 2017 only.</p> <p>An Emergency Position-Indicating Radio Beacon means a device installed on the vessel being registered that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transmits distress signals at a frequency between 406.0 and 406.1 MHz;</li> <li>• Is manufactured by a company approved to manufacture beacons by the International Cospas-Sarsat Programme; and is registered with NOAA.</li> </ul> <p>A Personal Locator Beacon means a device designed to be carried by an individual that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transmits distress signals at a frequency between 406.0 and 406.1 MHz;</li> </ul> <p>Is manufactured by a company approved to manufacture beacons by the International Cospas-Sarsat Programmer; and is registered with NOAA.</p>
<p><b>Ch. Law 2016-242</b></p> <p>83.683, 265.003, 322.08, 489.1131, 489.5, 489.1131, 489.5161, 493.61035</p>	<p>7/1/2016</p>	<p><b>SB 184 – Military and Veterans Affairs</b></p>	<p>Provides a means on the application form for an original, renewal, or replacement driver license or identification card to allow veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces to request written or electronic information on federal, state, and local benefits and services. The veteran may elect to receive the information through the U.S. mail or by e-mail.</p> <p>Directs DHSMV and Department of Military Affairs (DMA) to conduct a commercial driver license testing pilot program for members of the Florida National Guard. By June 30, 2017, DHSMV and the DMA must jointly submit a report on the results of the pilot program to the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives.</p>