

# GOVERNOR RICK SCOTT'S 2017-2018 BUDGET

## *Fighting for Florida's Future*



### **Fighting to Cut Fees**

Governor Scott has been fighting to eliminate fees and unnecessary regulations since his first day in office. This session, he has proposed to cut fees for Florida's seniors, veterans, teachers, and businesses so all Floridians can continue to prosper in the Sunshine State. Representative Brad Drake and Senator Doug Broxson share Governor Scott's mission to continue fighting to cut fees for Floridians and have sponsored bills in their respective legislative chambers.

We need your help letting the Florida Senate and Florida House of Representatives know how important these fee cuts are to you. Please call, email, and write to your Senator and your Representative to let them know why you support Senate Bill 1442 and House Bill 1123. You may find the contact information for your local state legislator by clicking [here](#) for the Senate and clicking [here](#) for the Florida House.

It is very important you reach out to your legislators as soon as possible since this year's Legislative Session is almost halfway through and these bills have not been heard in either chamber.

### **Some of the fee cuts include:**

#### **Free Original, Replacement and Renewal ID Cards for Citizens 80 and Over**

The Fee Cut Bill proposes to exempt seniors from paying the \$25 fee on original, renewal or replacement ID cards.

#### **Waives \$70.00 Fee for Transferring Vehicle Title for Surviving Spouses**

Spouses who lose their loved one should not be required to pay the fee to retitle a vehicle. The Fee Cut Bill proposes waiving the \$70.00 retitling fee due to a spouse's death.

#### **Free Veterans Designation on New Identification, Licenses and Renewals**

Florida is the most military friendly state in the nation, and having a veteran's designation on an ID or driver license makes accessing some of these advantages easier. The Fee Cut Bill recommends eliminating the \$1 or \$2 fee required to get this designation on ID or driver license when either renewing or replacing a license.

#### **Free Original Commercial Driver's Licenses for Veterans**

The Fee Cut Bill will continue making Florida the most military and veteran friendly state in the nation by eliminating the \$75 fee for veterans who obtain an original commercial driver's license.

#### **Reduces All Fees Associated with Commercial Driving Schools by 50%**

The Fee Cut Bill will reduce the new application fee from \$50 to \$25, the new issuance fee from \$200 to \$100, and the annual renewal fee from \$100 to \$50.

#### **Reduces Delinquency Fees**

Individuals who are late renewing their business license with the Department of Business and Professional Regulation must currently pay a separate "delinquency fee" in addition to their renewal fee ranging from \$25 to \$260. The Fee Cut Bill would reduce delinquency fees to a flat rate of \$25.

#### **Reduces Building Permit Surcharge**

Currently, to help fund the enforcement of the Florida Building Code, local builders are required to pay a 1.5% surcharge on building permits. The current surcharge amount creates increased construction costs for consumers. The Fee Cut Bill will reduce the surcharge amount from 1.5% to 1%.

#### **Eliminates Sales and Use Tax Registration Fees Using Paper Applications**

Many businesses are required to pay sales and use taxes each year. Currently businesses are not required to pay any fee if filed online, however, if filed using paper application they are charged a \$5 fee. The Fee Cut Bill eliminates this \$5 fee.