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**Transportation Committee**

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**HB 1452**

**Brief Description:** Prescribing license fees for small trailers.

**Sponsors:** Representatives Rockefeller, Nixon, Haigh, Morris, Jarrett, Campbell and McDermott.

**Brief Summary of Bill**

- Lowers vehicle registration fees for trailers under 1,500 pounds.

**Hearing Date:** 2/10/03

**Staff:** Melissa Beard (786-7347).

**Background:**

Prior to 2002, trailers under 2,000 pounds were exempted from paying vehicle registration fees. They paid \$4.50 for an original registration and \$3.25 for a renewal registration.

In the 2002 session, the legislature repealed the statute that exempted small trailers from paying vehicle registration fees. Because of this, small trailers became subject to the \$30 registration fee and, in certain counties, became subject to the local licensing fees.

**Summary of Bill:**

This bill will exempt small trailers under 1,500 pounds from paying the \$30 vehicle registration fee and local licensing fees. It will require owners to pay a registration fee based on the weight of the trailer. The fee schedule is as follows:

Under 200 pounds	no fee
200-499 pounds	\$5.00
500-999 pounds	\$10.00
1000-1499 pounds	\$20.00

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Available.

**Effective Date:** The bill takes effect on September 1, 2003.