
HOUSE BILL 2325

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1 AN ACT Relating to incentivizing the use of motorcycles to reduce
2 greenhouse gases and wear on state roadways; amending RCW 46.17.365;
3 and creating a new section.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that the impact of
6 mopeds, scooters, and motorcycles on roads and the environment is much
7 less than that of a passenger car, sport utility vehicle, or truck. To
8 achieve the greenhouse gas reduction goals of the state, there needs to
9 be a reduction in emissions from vehicles on our roads. It is the
10 intent of the legislature to incentivize the use of mopeds, scooters,
11 and motorcycles as a means to reduce emissions and the wear and tear on
12 the state's roadways by providing an incentive to use a friendly mode
13 of transportation that will have less impact on the roadways and the
14 environment.

15 **Sec. 2.** RCW 46.17.365 and 2010 c 161 s 533 are each amended to
16 read as follows:

17 (1) A person applying for a motor vehicle registration and paying
18 the vehicle license fee required in RCW 46.17.350(1) (a), (d), (e),

1 ((~~h~~)) (j), (n), and (o) shall pay a motor vehicle weight fee in
2 addition to all other fees and taxes required by law. The motor
3 vehicle weight fee:

4 (a) Must be based on the motor vehicle scale weight;

5 (b) Is the difference determined by subtracting the vehicle license
6 fee required in RCW 46.17.350 from the license fee in Schedule B of RCW
7 46.17.355, plus two dollars; and

8 (c) Must be distributed under RCW 46.68.415.

9 (2) A person applying for a motor home vehicle registration shall,
10 in lieu of the motor vehicle weight fee required in subsection (1) of
11 this section, pay a motor home vehicle weight fee of seventy-five
12 dollars in addition to all other fees and taxes required by law. The
13 motor home vehicle weight fee must be distributed under RCW 46.68.415.

14 (3) The department shall:

15 (a) Rely on motor vehicle empty scale weights provided by vehicle
16 manufacturers, or other sources defined by the department, to determine
17 the weight of each motor vehicle; and

18 (b) Adopt rules for determining weight for vehicles without
19 manufacturer empty scale weights.

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