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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6107**

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**State of Washington**

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**By** Senate Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators Rolfes and Mullet)

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1 AN ACT Relating to reducing the electric motorcycle registration  
2 renewal fee; amending RCW 46.17.323; creating a new section; and  
3 providing a contingent expiration date.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.17.323 and 2015 3rd sp.s. c 44 s 203 are each  
6 amended to read as follows:

7 (1) Before accepting an application for an annual vehicle  
8 registration renewal for a vehicle that both (a) uses at least one  
9 method of propulsion that is capable of being reenergized by an  
10 external source of electricity and (b) is capable of traveling at  
11 least thirty miles using only battery power, except for electric  
12 motorcycles, the department, county auditor or other agent, or  
13 subagent appointed by the director must require the applicant to pay  
14 a one hundred dollar fee in addition to any other fees and taxes  
15 required by law. The one hundred dollar fee is due only at the time  
16 of annual registration renewal.

17 (2) This section only applies to a vehicle that is designed to  
18 have the capability to drive at a speed of more than thirty-five  
19 miles per hour.

20 (3)(a) The fee under this section is imposed to provide funds to  
21 mitigate the impact of vehicles on state roads and highways and for

1 the purpose of evaluating the feasibility of transitioning from a  
2 revenue collection system based on fuel taxes to a road user  
3 assessment system, and is separate and distinct from other vehicle  
4 license fees. Proceeds from the fee must be used for highway  
5 purposes, and must be deposited in the motor vehicle fund created in  
6 RCW 46.68.070, subject to (b) of this subsection.

7 (b) If in any year the amount of proceeds from the fee collected  
8 under this section exceeds one million dollars, the excess amount  
9 over one million dollars must be deposited as follows:

10 (i) Seventy percent to the motor vehicle fund created in RCW  
11 46.68.070;

12 (ii) Fifteen percent to the transportation improvement account  
13 created in RCW 47.26.084; and

14 (iii) Fifteen percent to the rural arterial trust account created  
15 in RCW 36.79.020.

16 (4)(a) In addition to the fee established in subsection (1) of  
17 this section, before accepting an application for an annual vehicle  
18 registration renewal for a vehicle that both (i) uses at least one  
19 method of propulsion that is capable of being reenergized by an  
20 external source of electricity and (ii) is capable of traveling at  
21 least thirty miles using only battery power, except for electric  
22 motorcycles, the department, county auditor or other agent, or  
23 subagent appointed by the director must require the applicant to pay  
24 a fifty dollar fee.

25 (b) The fee required under (a) of this subsection must be  
26 distributed as follows:

27 (i) The first one million dollars raised by the fee must be  
28 deposited into the multimodal transportation account created in RCW  
29 47.66.070; and

30 (ii) Any remaining amounts must be deposited into the motor  
31 vehicle fund created in RCW 46.68.070.

32 (5) Between the effective date of this section and March 31,  
33 2019, before accepting an application for an annual vehicle  
34 registration renewal for an electric motorcycle that uses propulsion  
35 units powered solely by electricity, the department, county auditor  
36 or other agent, or subagent appointed by the director must require  
37 the applicant to pay a one hundred fifty dollar fee in addition to  
38 any other fees and taxes required by law. The one hundred fifty  
39 dollar fee is due only at the time of annual registration renewal.  
40 However, between the effective date of this section and March 31,

1 2019, an applicant is exempt from one hundred twenty dollars of the  
2 fee, and in order to accommodate the department's transition to an  
3 updated business modernization system, the department must on a  
4 monthly basis remit the exempted amounts to qualifying persons who  
5 submitted applications during the previous month.

6 (6) Beginning April 1, 2019, before accepting an application for  
7 an annual vehicle registration renewal for an electric motorcycle  
8 that uses propulsion units powered solely by electricity, the  
9 department, county auditor or other agent, or subagent appointed by  
10 the director must require the applicant to pay a thirty dollar fee in  
11 addition to any other fees and taxes required by law. The thirty  
12 dollar fee is due only at the time of annual registration renewal.

13 (7) The fees collected pursuant to subsections (5) and (6) of  
14 this section shall be deposited into the motor vehicle fund created  
15 in RCW 46.68.070.

16 (8) This section applies to annual vehicle registration renewals  
17 until the effective date of enacted legislation that imposes a  
18 vehicle miles traveled fee or tax.

19 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. Section 1 of this act expires on the  
20 effective date of legislation enacted by the legislature that imposes  
21 a vehicle miles traveled fee or tax.

22 NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. The department of licensing must provide  
23 written notice of the expiration date of section 1 of this act to  
24 affected parties, the chief clerk of the house of representatives,  
25 the secretary of the senate, the office of the code reviser, and  
26 others as deemed appropriate by the department.

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