
SENATE BILL 6107

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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) Before accepting an application for an annual vehicle
33 registration renewal for an electric motorcycle that uses propulsion
34 units powered solely by electricity, the department, county auditor
35 or other agent, or subagent appointed by the director must require
36 the applicant to pay a thirty dollar fee in addition to any other
37 fees and taxes required by law. The thirty dollar fee is due only at
38 the time of annual registration renewal.

1 (b) This section applies to annual vehicle registration renewals
2 until the effective date of enacted legislation that imposes a
3 vehicle miles traveled fee or tax.

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

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The department of licensing must provide
8 written notice of the expiration date of section 1 of this act to
9 affected parties, the chief clerk of the house of representatives,
10 the secretary of the senate, the office of the code reviser, and
11 others as deemed appropriate by the department.

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