

1 **Motor Vehicle Registration Services Amendments**

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STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Chris H. Wilson

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3 **LONG TITLE**

4 **General Description:**

5 This bill addresses Motor Vehicle Division services in counties of the third through sixth
6 class.

7 **Highlighted Provisions:**

8 This bill:

9 ▶ provides funding for counties that provide Motor Vehicle Division services on behalf of
10 the division;

11 ▶ modifies vehicle registration fees; and

12 ▶ creates the Vehicle Registration Services Expendable Special Revenue Fund.

13 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

14 None

15 **Other Special Clauses:**

16 This bill provides a special effective date.

17 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

18 AMENDS:

19 **41-1a-1201**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 483

20 **41-1a-1206**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 483

21 ENACTS:

22 **41-1a-124**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

24 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

25 Section 1. Section **41-1a-124** is enacted to read:

26 **41-1a-124 . Vehicle Registration Services Expendable Special Revenue Fund.**

27 (1) There is created an expendable special revenue fund, known as the "Vehicle

28 Registration Services Expendable Special Revenue Fund."

29 (2) The fund shall consist of deposits into the account from the fee described in Subsection

30 41-1a-1201(10).

- 31 (3) The commission shall use the fund to provide:
- 32 (a) \$500,000 in one-time funding to establish division services in a county that, in 2024:
- 33 (i) provided motor vehicle registration services in the county on behalf of the
- 34 division; and
- 35 (ii) registered the highest number of vehicles among counties that provided motor
- 36 vehicle registration services on behalf of the division;
- 37 (b) ongoing division services in the county described in Subsection (3)(a); and
- 38 (c) funding to counties of the third through sixth class that provides vehicle registration
- 39 services on behalf of the division.
- 40 (4) A county described in Subsection (3)(c) is eligible each fiscal year for up to:
- 41 (a) \$3 per vehicle registered in the previous calendar year for a county of the third class;
- 42 (b) \$3.50 per vehicle registered in the previous calendar year for a county of the fourth
- 43 class;
- 44 (c) \$4 per vehicle registered in the previous calendar year for a county of the fifth class;
- 45 or
- 46 (d) \$5 per vehicle registered in the previous calendar year for a county of the sixth class.
- 47 (5) The distribution described in Subsection (3)(a) will not begin until:
- 48 (a) the fiscal year 2027;
- 49 (b) the fund has accrued at least \$500,000; and
- 50 (c) the commission has identified and secured office space.
- 51 (6) The distribution described in Subsection (3)(c) shall begin in fiscal year 2027.
- 52 (7) The commission shall provide funding in the order listed in Subsection (3).
- 53 (8) If there are insufficient funds for each county described in Subsection (3)(c) to receive
- 54 the amount described in Subsection (4), the commission shall reduce each county's
- 55 funding proportionally.
- 56 Section 2. Section **41-1a-1201** is amended to read:
- 57 **41-1a-1201 . Disposition of fees.**
- 58 (1) All fees received and collected under this part shall be transmitted daily to the state
- 59 treasurer.
- 60 (2) Except as provided in Subsections (3), (5), (6), (7), (8), ~~and~~ (9), and (10), and Sections
- 61 41-1a-1205, 41-1a-1220, 41-1a-1221, 41-1a-1222, 41-1a-1223, and 41-1a-1603, all fees
- 62 collected under this part shall be deposited into the Transportation Fund.
- 63 (3) Funds generated under Subsections 41-1a-1211(1)(b)(ii), (6)(b)(ii), (7), and (9), and
- 64 Section 41-1a-1212 shall be deposited into the License Plate Restricted Account created

65 in Section 41-1a-122.

66 (4)(a) Except as provided in Subsections (3) and (4)(b) and Section 41-1a-1205, the
67 expenses of the commission in enforcing and administering this part shall be
68 provided for by legislative appropriation from the revenues of the Transportation
69 Fund.

70 (b) Three dollars of the registration fees imposed under Subsections 41-1a-1206(2)(a)
71 and (b) for each vehicle registered for a six-month registration period under Section
72 41-1a-215.5 may be used by the commission to cover the costs incurred in enforcing
73 and administering this part.

74 (c) Fifty cents of the registration fee imposed under Subsection 41-1a-1206(1)(i) for
75 each vintage vehicle that has a model year of 1983 or newer may be used by the
76 commission to cover the costs incurred in enforcing and administering this part.

77 (5)(a) The following portions of the registration fees imposed under Section 41-1a-1206
78 for each vehicle shall be deposited into the Transportation Investment Fund of 2005
79 created in Section 72-2-124:

80 (i) \$30 of the registration fees imposed under Subsections 41-1a-1206(1)(a), (1)(b),
81 (1)(f), (4), and (7);

82 (ii) \$21 of the registration fees imposed under Subsections 41-1a-1206(1)(c)(i) and
83 (1)(c)(ii);

84 (iii) \$2.50 of the registration fee imposed under Subsection 41-1a-1206(1)(e)(ii);

85 (iv) \$23 of the registration fee imposed under Subsection 41-1a-1206(1)(d)(i);

86 (v) \$24.50 of the registration fee imposed under Subsection 41-1a-1206(1)(e)(i);

87 (vi) \$1 of the registration fee imposed under Subsection 41-1a-1206(1)(d)(ii); and

88 (vii) \$17 of the registration fee imposed under Subsection 41-1a-1206(1)(j).

89 (b) The following portions of the registration fees collected for each vehicle registered
90 for a six-month registration period under Section 41-1a-215.5 shall be deposited into
91 the Transportation Investment Fund of 2005 created in Section 72-2-124:

92 (i) \$23.25 of each registration fee collected under Subsection 41-1a-1206(2)(a)(i); and

93 (ii) \$23 of each registration fee collected under Subsection 41-1a-1206(2)(a)(ii).

94 (6)(a) Ninety-four cents of each registration fee imposed under Subsections 41-1a-1206
95 (1)(a) and (b) for each vehicle shall be deposited into the Public Safety Restricted
96 Account created in Section 53-3-106.

97 (b) Seventy-one cents of each registration fee imposed under Subsections 41-1a-1206
98 (2)(a) and (b) for each vehicle registered for a six-month registration period under

99 Section 41-1a-215.5 shall be deposited into the Public Safety Restricted Account
100 created in Section 53-3-106.

101 (7)(a) One dollar of each registration fee imposed under Subsections 41-1a-1206(1)(a)
102 and (b) for each vehicle shall be deposited into the Motor Vehicle Safety Impact
103 Restricted Account created in Section 53-8-214.

104 (b) One dollar of each registration fee imposed under Subsections 41-1a-1206(2)(a) and
105 (b) for each vehicle registered for a six-month registration period under Section
106 41-1a-215.5 shall be deposited into the Motor Vehicle Safety Impact Restricted
107 Account created in Section 53-8-214.

108 (8) Fifty cents of each registration fee imposed under Subsection 41-1a-1206(1)(a) for each
109 motorcycle shall be deposited into the Brain and Spinal Cord Injury Fund created in
110 Section 26B-1-318.

111 (9)(a) Beginning on January 1, 2024, subject to Subsection (9)(b), \$2 of each registration
112 fee imposed under Section 41-1a-1206 shall be deposited into the Rural
113 Transportation Infrastructure Fund created in Section 72-2-133.

114 (b) Beginning on January 1, 2025, and each January 1 thereafter, the amount described
115 in Subsection (9)(a) shall be annually adjusted by taking the amount deposited the
116 previous year and adding an amount equal to the greater of:

117 (i) an amount calculated by multiplying the amount deposited by the previous year by
118 the actual percentage change during the previous fiscal year in the Consumer Price
119 Index; and

120 (ii) 0.

121 (c) The amounts calculated as described in Subsection (9)(b) shall be rounded up to the
122 nearest 1 cent.

123 (10) The registration fee imposed under Subsections 41-1a-1206(3)(a)(i)(B) and
124 41-1a-1206(3)(a)(ii)(B) shall be deposited into the Vehicle Registration Services
125 Expendable Special Revenue Fund created in Section 41-1a-124.

126 Section 3. Section **41-1a-1206** is amended to read:

127 **41-1a-1206 . Registration fees -- Fees by gross laden weight.**

128 (1) Except as provided in Subsections (2) and (3), at the time application is made for
129 registration or renewal of registration of a vehicle or combination of vehicles under this
130 chapter, a registration fee shall be paid to the division as follows:

131 (a) \$46.00 for each motorcycle;

132 (b) \$44 for each motor vehicle of 12,000 pounds or less gross laden weight, excluding

- 133 motorcycles;
- 134 (c) unless the semitrailer or trailer is exempt from registration under Section 41-1a-202
135 or is registered under Section 41-1a-301:
- 136 (i) \$31 for each trailer or semitrailer over 750 pounds gross unladen weight; or
137 (ii) \$28.50 for each commercial trailer or commercial semitrailer of 750 pounds or
138 less gross unladen weight;
- 139 (d)(i) \$53 for each farm truck over 12,000 pounds, but not exceeding 14,000 pounds
140 gross laden weight; plus
141 (ii) \$9 for each 2,000 pounds over 14,000 pounds gross laden weight;
- 142 (e)(i) \$69.50 for each motor vehicle or combination of motor vehicles, excluding
143 farm trucks, over 12,000 pounds, but not exceeding 14,000 pounds gross laden
144 weight; plus
145 (ii) \$19 for each 2,000 pounds over 14,000 pounds gross laden weight;
- 146 (f)(i) \$69.50 for each park model recreational vehicle over 12,000 pounds, but not
147 exceeding 14,000 pounds gross laden weight; plus
148 (ii) \$19 for each 2,000 pounds over 14,000 pounds gross laden weight;
- 149 (g) \$45 for each vintage vehicle that has a model year of 1983 or newer;
- 150 (h) in addition to the fee described in Subsection (1)(b):
- 151 (i) an amount equal to the road usage charge cap described in Section 72-1-213.1 for:
152 (A) each electric motor vehicle; and
153 (B) Each motor vehicle not described in this Subsection (1)(h) that is fueled
154 exclusively by a source other than motor fuel, diesel fuel, natural gas, or
155 propane;
- 156 (ii) \$21.75 for each hybrid electric motor vehicle; and
157 (iii) \$56.50 for each plug-in hybrid electric motor vehicle;
- 158 (i) in addition to the fee described in Subsection (1)(g), for a vintage vehicle that has a
159 model year of 1983 or newer, 50 cents; and
- 160 (j) \$28.50 for each roadable aircraft.
- 161 (2)(a) At the time application is made for registration or renewal of registration of a
162 vehicle under this chapter for a six-month registration period under Section
163 41-1a-215.5, a registration fee shall be paid to the division as follows:
- 164 (i) \$34.50 for each motorcycle; and
165 (ii) \$33.50 for each motor vehicle of 12,000 pounds or less gross laden weight,
166 excluding motorcycles.

167 (b) In addition to the fee described in Subsection (2)(a)(ii), for registration or renewal of
 168 registration of a vehicle under this chapter for a six-month registration period under
 169 Section 41-1a-215.5 a registration fee shall be paid to the division as follows:

170 (i) an amount equal to the road usage charge cap described in Section 72-1-213.1 for:

171 (A) each electric motor vehicle; and

172 (B) each motor vehicle not described in this Subsection (2)(b) that is fueled
 173 exclusively by a source other than motor fuel, diesel fuel, natural gas, or
 174 propane;

175 (ii) \$16.50 for each hybrid electric motor vehicle; and

176 (iii) \$43.50 for each plug-in hybrid electric motor vehicle.

177 (3)(a) ~~Beginning on January 1, 2024, at~~ At the time of registration:

178 (i) in addition to the amounts described in Subsections (1)(a), (1)(b), (1)(c)(i),
 179 (1)(c)(ii), (1)(d)(i), (1)(e)(i), (1)(f)(i), (1)(g), (1)(h), (4)(a), and (7), the individual
 180 shall also pay an additional:

181 (A) [-]\$7 as part of the registration fee; and

182 (B) \$1.25 as part of the registration fee; and

183 (ii) in addition to the amounts described in Subsection (2)(a), the individual shall also
 184 pay an additional[-] :

185 (A) \$5 as part of the registration fee[-] ; and

186 (B) \$1 as part of the registration fee.

187 (b)~~(i) Beginning on January 1, 2019, the~~ The commission shall, on January 1,

188 annually adjust the registration fees described in Subsections (1)(a), (1)(b),

189 (1)(c)(i), (1)(c)(ii), (1)(d)(i), (1)(e)(i), (1)(f)(i), (1)(g), ~~(1)(h)(ii), (1)(h)(iii),~~ (1)(j),

190 ~~(2)(a), (2)(b)(ii), (2)(b)(iii),~~ (3)(a), (4)(a), and (7), by taking the registration fee

191 rate for the previous year and adding an amount equal to the greater of:

192 ~~[(A)]~~ (i) an amount calculated by multiplying the registration fee of the previous year
 193 by the actual percentage change during the previous fiscal year in the Consumer
 194 Price Index; and

195 ~~[(B)]~~ (ii) 0.

196 ~~[(ii) Beginning on January 1, 2024, the commission shall, on January 1, annually~~

197 ~~adjust the registration fees described in Subsections (1)(h)(ii) and (iii) and~~

198 ~~(2)(b)(ii) and (iii) by taking the registration fee rate for the previous year and~~

199 ~~adding an amount equal to the greater of:]~~

200 ~~[(A) an amount calculated by multiplying the registration fee of the previous year~~

- 201 by the actual percentage change during the previous fiscal year in the
202 Consumer Price Index; and]
- 203 [~~(B)~~ θ .]
- 204 (c) The amounts calculated as described in Subsection (3)(b) shall be rounded up to the
205 nearest 25 cents.
- 206 (4)(a) The initial registration fee for a vintage vehicle that has a model year of 1982 or
207 older is \$40.
- 208 (b) A vintage vehicle that has a model year of 1982 or older is exempt from the renewal
209 of registration fees under Subsection (1).
- 210 (c) A vehicle with a Purple Heart special group license plate issued on or before
211 December 31, 2023, or issued in accordance with Part 16, Sponsored Special Group
212 License Plates, is exempt from the registration fees under Subsection (1).
- 213 (d) A camper is exempt from the registration fees under Subsection (1).
- 214 (5) If a motor vehicle is operated in combination with a semitrailer or trailer, each motor
215 vehicle shall register for the total gross laden weight of all units of the combination if the
216 total gross laden weight of the combination exceeds 12,000 pounds.
- 217 (6)(a) Registration fee categories under this section are based on the gross laden weight
218 declared in the licensee's application for registration.
- 219 (b) Gross laden weight shall be computed in units of 2,000 pounds. A fractional part of
220 2,000 pounds is a full unit.
- 221 (7) The owner of a commercial trailer or commercial semitrailer may, as an alternative to
222 registering under Subsection (1)(c), apply for and obtain a special registration and
223 license plate for a fee of \$130.
- 224 (8) Except as provided in Section 41-6a-1642, a truck may not be registered as a farm truck
225 unless:
- 226 (a) the truck meets the definition of a farm truck under Section 41-1a-102; and
- 227 (b)(i) the truck has a gross vehicle weight rating of more than 12,000 pounds; or
- 228 (ii) the truck has a gross vehicle weight rating of 12,000 pounds or less and the owner
229 submits to the division a certificate of emissions inspection or a waiver in
230 compliance with Section 41-6a-1642.
- 231 (9) A violation of Subsection (8) is an infraction that shall be punished by a fine of not less
232 than \$200.
- 233 (10) Trucks used exclusively to pump cement, bore wells, or perform crane services with a
234 crane lift capacity of five or more tons, are exempt from 50% of the amount of the fees

235 required for those vehicles under this section.

236 Section 4. **Effective Date.**

237 This bill takes effect on January 1, 2026.