

Motor Vehicle Registration Services Amendments

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STATE OF UTAH

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LONG TITLE**General Description:**

This bill amends vehicle registration fees to provide funding for Motor Vehicle Division services in counties of the third through sixth class.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

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

- modifies vehicle registration fees; and

- creates the Vehicle Registration Services Expendable Special Revenue Fund.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

This bill provides a special effective date.

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

41-1a-1201 (Effective 01/01/27) (Repealed 07/01/29), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 279

41-1a-1206 (Effective 01/01/27), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapters 215, 279

ENACTS:

41-1a-124 (Effective 01/01/27), Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

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

41-1a-124 (Effective 01/01/27). Vehicle Registration Services Expendable Special Revenue Fund.

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

Services Expendable Special Revenue Fund."

- (2) The fund shall consist of deposits into the account from the fee described in Subsection 41-1a-1201(11).
- (3) The commission shall use the fund to provide:
- (a) \$500,000 in one-time funding to establish division services in a county that, in 2024:
- (i) provided motor vehicle registration services in the county on behalf of the division; and
- (ii) registered the highest number of vehicles among counties that provided motor vehicle registration services on behalf of the division;
- (b) ongoing division services in the county described in Subsection (3)(a); and
- (c) funding to counties of the third through sixth class that provides vehicle registration services on behalf of the division.
- (4) A county described in Subsection (3)(c) is eligible each fiscal year for up to:
- (a) \$3 per vehicle registered in the previous calendar year for a county of the third class;
- (b) \$3.50 per vehicle registered in the previous calendar year for a county of the fourth class;
- (c) \$4 per vehicle registered in the previous calendar year for a county of the fifth class;
- or
- (d) \$5 per vehicle registered in the previous calendar year for a county of the sixth class.
- (5) The distribution described in Subsection (3)(a) will not begin until:
- (a) the fiscal year 2027;
- (b) the fund has accrued at least \$500,000; and
- (c) the commission has identified and secured office space.
- (6) The distribution described in Subsection (3)(c) shall begin in fiscal year 2027.
- (7) The commission shall provide funding in the order listed in Subsection (3).
- (8) If there are insufficient funds for each county described in Subsection (3)(c) to receive the amount described in Subsection (4), the commission shall reduce each county's funding proportionally.

Section 2. Section **41-1a-1201** is amended to read:

41-1a-1201 (Effective 01/01/27) (Repealed 07/01/29). Disposition of fees.

- (1) All fees received and collected under this part shall be transmitted daily to the state treasurer.
- (2) Except as provided in Subsections (3), (5), (6), (7), (8), ~~and~~ (9), and (11), and Sections 41-1a-1205, 41-1a-1220, 41-1a-1221, 41-1a-1222, 41-1a-1223, and 41-1a-1603, all fees

collected under this part shall be deposited into the Transportation Fund.

(3) Funds generated under Subsections 41-1a-1211(1)(b)(ii), (6)(b)(ii), (7), and (9), and Section 41-1a-1212 shall be deposited into the License Plate Restricted Account created in Section 41-1a-122.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(6)(a) Ninety-four cents of each registration fee imposed under Subsections 41-1a-1206(1)(a) and (b) for each vehicle shall be deposited into the Department of Public

99 Safety Restricted Account created in Section 53-3-106.

100 (b) Seventy-one cents of each registration fee imposed under Subsections 41-1a-1206
101 (2)(a) and (b) for each vehicle registered for a six-month registration period under
102 Section 41-1a-215.5 shall be deposited into the Department of Public Safety
103 Restricted Account created in Section 53-3-106.

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

107 (b) One dollar of each registration fee imposed under Subsections 41-1a-1206(2)(a) and
108 (b) for each vehicle registered for a six-month registration period under Section
109 41-1a-215.5 shall be deposited into the Motor Vehicle Safety Impact Restricted
110 Account created in Section 53-8-214.

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

114 (9)(a) [~~Beginning~~] Except as provided in Subsection (11), beginning on January 1, 2024,
115 subject to Subsection (9)(b), \$2 of each registration fee imposed under Section
116 41-1a-1206 shall be deposited into the Rural Transportation Infrastructure Fund
117 created in Section 72-2-133.

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

- 121 (i) an amount calculated by multiplying the amount deposited by the previous year by
122 the actual percentage change during the previous fiscal year in the Consumer Price
123 Index; and
124 (ii) 0.

125 (c) The amounts calculated as described in Subsection (9)(b) shall be rounded up to the
126 nearest [~~+~~] one cent.

127 (10) For a vehicle registered for a 24-month period as provided in Section 41-1a-215.5, the
128 deposits under this section are double the amounts due for a 12-month registration of the
129 same vehicle.

130 (11) The registration fee imposed under Subsections 41-1a-1206(3)(a)(i)(B) and
131 41-1a-1206(3)(a)(ii)(B) shall be deposited into the Vehicle Registration Services
132 Expendable Special Revenue Fund created in Section 41-1a-124.

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

41-1a-1206 (Effective 01/01/27). Registration fees -- Fees by gross laden weight.

- (1) Except as provided in Subsections (2) and (3), at the time application is made for registration or renewal of registration of a vehicle or combination of vehicles under this chapter, a registration fee shall be paid to the division as follows:
- (a) \$46.00 for each motorcycle;
 - (b) \$44 for each motor vehicle of 14,000 pounds or less gross laden weight, excluding motorcycles;
 - (c) unless the semitrailer or trailer is exempt from registration under Section 41-1a-202 or is registered under Section 41-1a-301:
 - (i) \$31 for each trailer or semitrailer over 750 pounds gross unladen weight; or
 - (ii) \$28.50 for each commercial trailer or commercial semitrailer of 750 pounds or less gross unladen weight;
 - (d)(i) \$53 for each farm truck over 14,000 pounds, but not exceeding 16,000 pounds gross laden weight; plus
 - (ii) \$9 for each 2,000 pounds over 16,000 pounds gross laden weight;
 - (e)(i) \$69.50 for each motor vehicle or combination of motor vehicles, excluding farm trucks, over 14,000 pounds, but not exceeding 16,000 pounds gross laden weight; plus
 - (ii) \$19 for each 2,000 pounds over 16,000 pounds gross laden weight;
 - (f)(i) \$69.50 for each park model recreational vehicle over 14,000 pounds, but not exceeding 16,000 pounds gross laden weight; plus
 - (ii) \$19 for each 2,000 pounds over 16,000 pounds gross laden weight;
 - (g) \$45 for each vintage vehicle that has a model year of 1983 or newer;
 - (h) in addition to the fee described in Subsection (1)(b):
 - (i) an amount equal to the road usage charge cap described in Section 72-1-213.1 for:
 - (A) each electric motor vehicle; and
 - (B) Each motor vehicle not described in this Subsection (1)(h) that is fueled exclusively by a source other than motor fuel, diesel fuel, natural gas, or propane;
 - (ii) \$21.75 for each hybrid electric motor vehicle; and
 - (iii) \$56.50 for each plug-in hybrid electric motor vehicle;
 - (i) in addition to the fee described in Subsection (1)(g), for a vintage vehicle that has a model year of 1983 or newer, 50 cents; and

(j) \$28.50 for each roadable aircraft.

(2)(a) At the time application is made for registration or renewal of registration of a vehicle under this chapter for a six-month registration period under Section 41-1a-215.5, a registration fee shall be paid to the division as follows:

(i) \$34.50 for each motorcycle; and

(ii) \$33.50 for each motor vehicle of 14,000 pounds or less gross laden weight, excluding motorcycles.

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

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

(A) each electric motor vehicle; and

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

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

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

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

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

(A) \$7 as part of the registration fee; and

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

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

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

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

(b)[~~(i) Beginning on January 1, 2019, the~~] The commission shall, on January 1, annually adjust the registration fees described in Subsections (1)(a), (1)(b), (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), (2)(a), (2)(b)(ii), (2)(b)(iii), (3)(a), (4)(a), and (7),~~ by taking the registration fee rate for the previous year and adding an amount equal to the greater of:

~~[(A)]~~ (i) an amount calculated by multiplying the registration fee of the previous year by the actual percentage change during the previous fiscal year in the Consumer

- 201 Price Index; and
202 [(B)] (ii) 0.
- 203 [~~(ii) Beginning on January 1, 2024, the commission shall, on January 1, annually~~
204 ~~adjust the registration fees described in Subsections (1)(h)(ii) and (iii) and~~
205 ~~(2)(b)(ii) and (iii) by taking the registration fee rate for the previous year and~~
206 ~~adding an amount equal to the greater of:]~~
- 207 [~~(A) an amount calculated by multiplying the registration fee of the previous year~~
208 ~~by the actual percentage change during the previous fiscal year in the~~
209 ~~Consumer Price Index; and]~~
- 210 [(B) 0.]
- 211 (c) The amounts calculated as described in Subsection (3)(b) shall be rounded up to the
212 nearest 25 cents.
- 213 (4)(a) The initial registration fee for a vintage vehicle that has a model year of 1982 or
214 older is \$40.
- 215 (b) A vintage vehicle that has a model year of 1982 or older is exempt from the renewal
216 of registration fees under Subsection (1).
- 217 (c) A vehicle with a Purple Heart special group license plate issued on or before
218 December 31, 2023, or issued in accordance with Part 16, Sponsored Special Group
219 License Plates, is exempt from the registration fees under Subsection (1).
- 220 (d) A camper is exempt from the registration fees under Subsection (1).
- 221 (5) If a motor vehicle is operated in combination with a semitrailer or trailer, each motor
222 vehicle shall register for the total gross laden weight of all units of the combination if the
223 total gross laden weight of the combination exceeds 14,000 pounds.
- 224 (6)(a) Registration fee categories under this section are based on the gross laden weight
225 declared in the licensee's application for registration.
- 226 (b) Gross laden weight shall be computed in units of 2,000 pounds. A fractional part of
227 2,000 pounds is a full unit.
- 228 (7) The owner of a trailer described in Section 41-1a-228 may, as an alternative to
229 registering under Subsection (1)(c), apply for and obtain a special registration and
230 license plate, as provided in Section 41-1a-228, for a fee of \$130.
- 231 (8) For a vehicle registered for a 24-month period as provided in Section 41-1a-215.5, the
232 fee amounts are double the amounts due for a 12-month registration of the same vehicle.
- 233 (9) Except as provided in Section 41-6a-1642, a truck may not be registered as a farm truck
234 unless:

- (a) the truck meets the definition of a farm truck under Section 41-1a-102; and
- (b)(i) the truck has a gross vehicle weight rating of more than 14,000 pounds; or
- (ii) the truck has a gross vehicle weight rating of 14,000 pounds or less and the owner submits to the division a certificate of emissions inspection or a waiver in compliance with Section 41-6a-1642.

(10) A violation of Subsection (9) is an infraction that shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$200.

(11) A motor vehicle registered as a street-legal all-terrain vehicle is:

- (a) subject to the registration and other fees described in Section 41-22-9; and
- (b) not required to pay an additional registration fee under this section.

(12) Trucks used exclusively to pump cement, bore wells, or perform crane services with a crane lift capacity of five or more tons, are exempt from 50% of the amount of the fees required for those vehicles under this section.

Section 4. Effective Date.

This bill takes effect on January 1, 2027.