

Chris H. Wilson proposes the following substitute bill:

Motor Vehicle Registration Services Amendments

2026 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Chris H. Wilson

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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:

This bill appropriates \$2,867,000 in operating and capital budgets for fiscal year 2027, all of which is from the General Fund.

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41-1a-1201 (Effective 01/01/27) (Repealed 07/01/29), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 279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; and
- (b) 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.
- (9) Any amount remaining in the fund after the distributions described in Subsection (1) shall be deposited into the Transportation Investment Fund of 2005.

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

64 treasurer.

65 (2) Except as provided in Subsections (3), (5), (6), (7), (8), ~~and (9), and (11)~~, and Sections
66 41-1a-1205, 41-1a-1220, 41-1a-1221, 41-1a-1222, 41-1a-1223, and 41-1a-1603, all fees
67 collected under this part shall be deposited into the Transportation Fund.

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

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

75 (b) Three dollars of the registration fees imposed under Subsections 41-1a-1206(2)(a)
76 and (b) for each vehicle registered for a six-month registration period under Section
77 41-1a-215.5 may be used by the commission to cover the costs incurred in enforcing
78 and administering this part.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- 98 (ii) \$23 of each registration fee collected under Subsection 41-1a-1206(2)(a)(ii).
- 99 (6)(a) Ninety-four cents of each registration fee imposed under Subsections
100 41-1a-1206(1)(a) and (b) for each vehicle shall be deposited into the Department of
101 Public Safety Restricted Account created in Section 53-3-106.
- 102 (b) Seventy-one cents of each registration fee imposed under Subsections
103 41-1a-1206(2)(a) and (b) for each vehicle registered for a six-month registration
104 period under Section 41-1a-215.5 shall be deposited into the Department of Public
105 Safety Restricted Account created in Section 53-3-106.
- 106 (7)(a) One dollar of each registration fee imposed under Subsections 41-1a-1206(1)(a)
107 and (b) for each vehicle shall be deposited into the Motor Vehicle Safety Impact
108 Restricted Account created in Section 53-8-214.
- 109 (b) One dollar of each registration fee imposed under Subsections 41-1a-1206(2)(a) and
110 (b) for each vehicle registered for a six-month registration period under Section
111 41-1a-215.5 shall be deposited into the Motor Vehicle Safety Impact Restricted
112 Account created in Section 53-8-214.
- 113 (8) Fifty cents of each registration fee imposed under Subsection 41-1a-1206(1)(a) for each
114 motorcycle shall be deposited into the Brain and Spinal Cord Injury Fund created in
115 Section 26B-1-318.
- 116 (9)(a) [~~Beginning~~] Except as provided in Subsection (11), beginning on January 1, 2024,
117 subject to Subsection (9)(b), \$2 of each registration fee imposed under Section
118 41-1a-1206 shall be deposited into the Rural Transportation Infrastructure Fund
119 created in Section 72-2-133.
- 120 (b) Beginning on January 1, 2025, and each January 1 thereafter, the amount described
121 in Subsection (9)(a) shall be annually adjusted by taking the amount deposited the
122 previous year and adding an amount equal to the greater of:
- 123 (i) an amount calculated by multiplying the amount deposited by the previous year by
124 the actual percentage change during the previous fiscal year in the Consumer Price
125 Index; and
- 126 (ii) 0.
- 127 (c) The amounts calculated as described in Subsection (9)(b) shall be rounded up to the
128 nearest [~~+~~] one cent.
- 129 (10) For a vehicle registered for a 24-month period as provided in Section 41-1a-215.5, the
130 deposits under this section are double the amounts due for a 12-month registration of the
131 same vehicle.

(11) The registration fee imposed under Subsections 41-1a-1206(3)(a)(i)(B) and 41-1a-1206(3)(a)(ii)(B) shall be deposited into the Vehicle Registration Services 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

- 166 (iii) \$56.50 for each plug-in hybrid electric motor vehicle;
- 167 (i) in addition to the fee described in Subsection (1)(g), for a vintage vehicle that has a
- 168 model year of 1983 or newer, 50 cents; and
- 169 (j) \$28.50 for each roadable aircraft.
- 170 (2)(a) At the time application is made for registration or renewal of registration of a
- 171 vehicle under this chapter for a six-month registration period under Section
- 172 41-1a-215.5, a registration fee shall be paid to the division as follows:
- 173 (i) \$34.50 for each motorcycle; and
- 174 (ii) \$33.50 for each motor vehicle of 14,000 pounds or less gross laden weight,
- 175 excluding motorcycles.
- 176 (b) In addition to the fee described in Subsection (2)(a)(ii), for registration or renewal of
- 177 registration of a vehicle under this chapter for a six-month registration period under
- 178 Section 41-1a-215.5 a registration fee shall be paid to the division as follows:
- 179 (i) an amount equal to the road usage charge cap described in Section 72-1-213.1 for:
- 180 (A) each electric motor vehicle; and
- 181 (B) each motor vehicle not described in this Subsection (2)(b) that is fueled
- 182 exclusively by a source other than motor fuel, diesel fuel, natural gas, or
- 183 propane;
- 184 (ii) \$16.50 for each hybrid electric motor vehicle; and
- 185 (iii) \$43.50 for each plug-in hybrid electric motor vehicle.
- 186 (3)(a) [~~Beginning on January 1, 2024, at~~] At the time of registration:
- 187 (i) in addition to the amounts described in Subsections (1)(a), (1)(b), (1)(c)(i),
- 188 (1)(c)(ii), (1)(d)(i), (1)(e)(i), (1)(f)(i), (1)(g), (1)(h), (4)(a), and (7), the individual
- 189 shall also pay an additional:
- 190 (A) \$7 as part of the registration fee; and
- 191 (B) \$1.25 as part of the registration fee; and
- 192 (ii) in addition to the amounts described in Subsection (2)(a), the individual shall also
- 193 pay an additional:
- 194 (A) \$5 as part of the registration fee[:]; and
- 195 (B) \$1 as part of the registration fee.
- 196 (b)[~~(i) Beginning on January 1, 2019, the~~] The commission shall, on January 1,
- 197 annually adjust the registration fees described in Subsections (1)(a), (1)(b),
- 198 (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),
- 199 (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 Price Index; and

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

~~[(ii) Beginning on January 1, 2024, the commission shall, on January 1, annually adjust the registration fees described in Subsections (1)(h)(ii) and (iii) and (2)(b)(ii) and (iii) by taking the registration fee rate for the previous year and adding an amount equal to the greater of:]~~

~~[(A) 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 Price Index; and]~~

~~[(B) 0.]~~

(c) The amounts calculated as described in Subsection (3)(b) shall be rounded up to the nearest 25 cents.

(4)(a) The initial registration fee for a vintage vehicle that has a model year of 1982 or older is \$40.

(b) A vintage vehicle that has a model year of 1982 or older is exempt from the renewal of registration fees under Subsection (1).

(c) A vehicle with a Purple Heart special group license plate issued on or before December 31, 2023, or issued in accordance with Part 16, Sponsored Special Group License Plates, is exempt from the registration fees under Subsection (1).

(d) A camper is exempt from the registration fees under Subsection (1).

(5) If a motor vehicle is operated in combination with a semitrailer or trailer, each motor vehicle shall register for the total gross laden weight of all units of the combination if the total gross laden weight of the combination exceeds 14,000 pounds.

(6)(a) Registration fee categories under this section are based on the gross laden weight declared in the licensee's application for registration.

(b) Gross laden weight shall be computed in units of 2,000 pounds. A fractional part of 2,000 pounds is a full unit.

(7) The owner of a trailer described in Section 41-1a-228 may, as an alternative to registering under Subsection (1)(c), apply for and obtain a special registration and license plate, as provided in Section 41-1a-228, for a fee of \$130.

(8) For a vehicle registered for a 24-month period as provided in Section 41-1a-215.5, the

fee amounts are double the amounts due for a 12-month registration of the same vehicle.

(9) Except as provided in Section 41-6a-1642, a truck may not be registered as a farm truck 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. **FY 2027 Appropriations.**

The following sums of money are appropriated for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027. These are additions to amounts previously appropriated for fiscal year 2027.

Subsection 4(a). **Operating and Capital Budgets**

Under the terms and conditions of Title 63J, Chapter 1, Budgetary Procedures Act, the Legislature appropriates the following sums of money from the funds or accounts indicated for the use and support of the government of the state of Utah.

ITEM 1 To Utah State Tax Commission - Tax Administration

From General Fund	2,867,000
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Schedule of Programs:

Motor Vehicles	2,867,000
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Section 5. **Effective Date.**

This bill takes effect on January 1, 2027.