

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;
- creates the Vehicle Registration Services Expendable Special Revenue Fund; and
- allocates certain special group license plate revenue.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

This bill appropriates \$1,300,000 in operating and capital budgets for fiscal year 2027, all of which is from the General Fund.

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**41-1a-1201 (Effective 01/01/27) (Repealed 07/01/29)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 279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

**41-1a-1603 (Effective 07/01/27)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 247

ENACTS:

29 **41-1a-124 (Effective 01/01/27)**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

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

33 **41-1a-124 (Effective 01/01/27). Vehicle Registration Services Expendable Special**  
34 **Revenue Fund.**

35 (1) There is created an expendable special revenue fund known as the "Vehicle Registration  
36 Services Expendable Special Revenue Fund."

37 (2) The fund shall consist of deposits into the account from the fee described in Subsection  
38 41-1a-1201(11).

39 (3) The commission shall use the fund to provide:

40 (a) \$500,000 in one-time funding to establish division services in a county that, in 2024:

41 (i) provided motor vehicle registration services in the county on behalf of the  
42 division; and

43 (ii) registered the highest number of vehicles among counties that provided motor  
44 vehicle registration services on behalf of the division; and

45 (b) funding to counties of the third through sixth class that provides vehicle registration  
46 services on behalf of the division.

47 (4) A county described in Subsection (3)(b) is eligible each fiscal year for up to:

48 (a) \$3 per vehicle registered in the previous calendar year for a county of the third class;

49 (b) \$3.50 per vehicle registered in the previous calendar year for a county of the fourth  
50 class;

51 (c) \$4 per vehicle registered in the previous calendar year for a county of the fifth class;  
52 or

53 (d) \$5 per vehicle registered in the previous calendar year for a county of the sixth class.

54 (5) The distribution described in Subsection (3)(a) will not begin until:

55 (a) the fiscal year 2027;

56 (b) the fund has accrued at least \$500,000; and

57 (c) the commission has identified and secured office space.

58 (6) The distribution described in Subsection (3)(b) shall begin in fiscal year 2027.

59 (7) The commission shall provide funding in the order listed in Subsection (3).

60 (8) If there are insufficient funds for each county described in Subsection (3)(c) to receive  
61 the amount described in Subsection (4), the commission shall reduce each county's  
62 funding proportionally.

63 (9) Any amount remaining in the fund after the distributions described in Subsections (3)  
64 and (4) shall be deposited into the Transportation Investment Fund of 2005.

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

66 **41-1a-1201 (Effective 01/01/27) (Repealed 07/01/29). Disposition of fees.**

67 (1) All fees received and collected under this part shall be transmitted daily to the state  
68 treasurer.

69 (2) Except as provided in Subsections (3), (5), (6), (7), (8), ~~and (9)~~, and (11), and Sections  
70 41-1a-1205, 41-1a-1220, 41-1a-1221, 41-1a-1222, 41-1a-1223, and 41-1a-1603, all fees  
71 collected under this part shall be deposited into the Transportation Fund.

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

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

79 (b) Three dollars of the registration fees imposed under Subsections 41-1a-1206(2)(a)  
80 and (b) for each vehicle registered for a six-month registration period under Section  
81 41-1a-215.5 may be used by the commission to cover the costs incurred in enforcing  
82 and administering this part.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- 97 (vii) \$17 of the registration fee imposed under Subsection 41-1a-1206(1)(j).
- 98 (b) The following portions of the registration fees collected for each vehicle registered  
99 for a six-month registration period under Section 41-1a-215.5 shall be deposited into  
100 the Transportation Investment Fund of 2005 created in Section 72-2-124:
- 101 (i) \$23.25 of each registration fee collected under Subsection 41-1a-1206(2)(a)(i); and  
102 (ii) \$23 of each registration fee collected under Subsection 41-1a-1206(2)(a)(ii).
- 103 (6)(a) Ninety-four cents of each registration fee imposed under Subsections  
104 41-1a-1206(1)(a) and (b) for each vehicle shall be deposited into the Department of  
105 Public Safety Restricted Account created in Section 53-3-106.
- 106 (b) Seventy-one cents of each registration fee imposed under Subsections  
107 41-1a-1206(2)(a) and (b) for each vehicle registered for a six-month registration  
108 period under Section 41-1a-215.5 shall be deposited into the Department of Public  
109 Safety Restricted Account created in Section 53-3-106.
- 110 (7)(a) One dollar of each registration fee imposed under Subsections 41-1a-1206(1)(a)  
111 and (b) for each vehicle shall be deposited into the Motor Vehicle Safety Impact  
112 Restricted Account created in Section 53-8-214.
- 113 (b) One dollar of each registration fee imposed under Subsections 41-1a-1206(2)(a) and  
114 (b) for each vehicle registered for a six-month registration period under Section  
115 41-1a-215.5 shall be deposited into the Motor Vehicle Safety Impact Restricted  
116 Account created in Section 53-8-214.
- 117 (8) Fifty cents of each registration fee imposed under Subsection 41-1a-1206(1)(a) for each  
118 motorcycle shall be deposited into the Brain and Spinal Cord Injury Fund created in  
119 Section 26B-1-318.
- 120 (9)(a) [~~Beginning~~] Except as provided in Subsection (11), beginning on January 1, 2024,  
121 subject to Subsection (9)(b), \$2 of each registration fee imposed under Section  
122 41-1a-1206 shall be deposited into the Rural Transportation Infrastructure Fund  
123 created in Section 72-2-133.
- 124 (b) Beginning on January 1, 2025, and each January 1 thereafter, the amount described  
125 in Subsection (9)(a) shall be annually adjusted by taking the amount deposited the  
126 previous year and adding an amount equal to the greater of:
- 127 (i) an amount calculated by multiplying the amount deposited by the previous year by  
128 the actual percentage change during the previous fiscal year in the Consumer Price  
129 Index; and  
130 (ii) 0.

131 (c) The amounts calculated as described in Subsection (9)(b) shall be rounded up to the  
132 nearest [H] one cent.

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

136 (11) The registration fee imposed under Subsections 41-1a-1206(3)(a)(i)(B) and  
137 41-1a-1206(3)(a)(ii)(B) shall be deposited into the Vehicle Registration Services  
138 Expendable Special Revenue Fund created in Section 41-1a-124.

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

140 **41-1a-1206 (Effective 01/01/27). Registration fees -- Fees by gross laden weight.**

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

144 (a) \$46.00 for each motorcycle;

145 (b) \$44 for each motor vehicle of 14,000 pounds or less gross laden weight, excluding  
146 motorcycles;

147 (c) unless the semitrailer or trailer is exempt from registration under Section 41-1a-202  
148 or is registered under Section 41-1a-301:

149 (i) \$31 for each trailer or semitrailer over 750 pounds gross unladen weight; or

150 (ii) \$28.50 for each commercial trailer or commercial semitrailer of 750 pounds or  
151 less gross unladen weight;

152 (d)(i) \$53 for each farm truck over 14,000 pounds, but not exceeding 16,000 pounds  
153 gross laden weight; plus

154 (ii) \$9 for each 2,000 pounds over 16,000 pounds gross laden weight;

155 (e)(i) \$69.50 for each motor vehicle or combination of motor vehicles, excluding  
156 farm trucks, over 14,000 pounds, but not exceeding 16,000 pounds gross laden  
157 weight; plus

158 (ii) \$19 for each 2,000 pounds over 16,000 pounds gross laden weight;

159 (f)(i) \$69.50 for each park model recreational vehicle over 14,000 pounds, but not  
160 exceeding 16,000 pounds gross laden weight; plus

161 (ii) \$19 for each 2,000 pounds over 16,000 pounds gross laden weight;

162 (g) \$45 for each vintage vehicle that has a model year of 1983 or newer;

163 (h) in addition to the fee described in Subsection (1)(b):

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

- 165 (A) each electric motor vehicle; and
- 166 (B) Each motor vehicle not described in this Subsection (1)(h) that is fueled
- 167 exclusively by a source other than motor fuel, diesel fuel, natural gas, or
- 168 propane;
- 169 (ii) \$21.75 for each hybrid electric motor vehicle; and
- 170 (iii) \$56.50 for each plug-in hybrid electric motor vehicle;
- 171 (i) in addition to the fee described in Subsection (1)(g), for a vintage vehicle that has a
- 172 model year of 1983 or newer, 50 cents; and
- 173 (j) \$28.50 for each roadable aircraft.
- 174 (2)(a) At the time application is made for registration or renewal of registration of a
- 175 vehicle under this chapter for a six-month registration period under Section
- 176 41-1a-215.5, a registration fee shall be paid to the division as follows:
- 177 (i) \$34.50 for each motorcycle; and
- 178 (ii) \$33.50 for each motor vehicle of 14,000 pounds or less gross laden weight,
- 179 excluding motorcycles.
- 180 (b) In addition to the fee described in Subsection (2)(a)(ii), for registration or renewal of
- 181 registration of a vehicle under this chapter for a six-month registration period under
- 182 Section 41-1a-215.5 a registration fee shall be paid to the division as follows:
- 183 (i) an amount equal to the road usage charge cap described in Section 72-1-213.1 for:
- 184 (A) each electric motor vehicle; and
- 185 (B) each motor vehicle not described in this Subsection (2)(b) that is fueled
- 186 exclusively by a source other than motor fuel, diesel fuel, natural gas, or
- 187 propane;
- 188 (ii) \$16.50 for each hybrid electric motor vehicle; and
- 189 (iii) \$43.50 for each plug-in hybrid electric motor vehicle.
- 190 (3)(a) [~~Beginning on January 1, 2024, at~~] At the time of registration:
- 191 (i) in addition to the amounts described in Subsections (1)(a), (1)(b), (1)(c)(i),
- 192 (1)(c)(ii), (1)(d)(i), (1)(e)(i), (1)(f)(i), (1)(g), (1)(h), (4)(a), and (7), the individual
- 193 shall also pay an additional:
- 194 (A) \$7 as part of the registration fee; and
- 195 (B) \$1.25 as part of the registration fee; and
- 196 (ii) in addition to the amounts described in Subsection (2)(a), the individual shall also
- 197 pay an additional:
- 198 (A) \$5 as part of the registration fee[-]; and

- 199                   (B) \$1 as part of the registration fee.
- 200           (b)[(i) ~~Beginning on January 1, 2019, the~~ The commission shall, on January 1,
- 201                   annually adjust the registration fees described in Subsections (1)(a), (1)(b),
- 202                   (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),~~
- 203                   ~~(2)(a), (2)(b)(ii), (2)(b)(iii),~~ (3)(a), (4)(a), and (7), by taking the registration fee
- 204                   rate for the previous year and adding an amount equal to the greater of:
- 205                   [~~(A)~~] (i) an amount calculated by multiplying the registration fee of the previous year
- 206                                   by the actual percentage change during the previous fiscal year in the Consumer
- 207                                   Price Index; and
- 208                   [~~(B)~~] (ii) 0.
- 209           [(ii) ~~Beginning on January 1, 2024, the~~ commission shall, on January 1, annually
- 210                   ~~adjust the registration fees described in Subsections (1)(h)(ii) and (iii) and~~
- 211                   ~~(2)(b)(ii) and (iii) by taking the registration fee rate for the previous year and~~
- 212                   ~~adding an amount equal to the greater of:]~~
- 213                   [~~(A)~~ an amount calculated by multiplying the registration fee of the previous year
- 214                                   by the actual percentage change during the previous fiscal year in the
- 215                                   Consumer Price Index; and]
- 216                   [~~(B)~~ 0.]
- 217           (c) The amounts calculated as described in Subsection (3)(b) shall be rounded up to the
- 218                   nearest 25 cents.
- 219           (4)(a) The initial registration fee for a vintage vehicle that has a model year of 1982 or
- 220                   older is \$40.
- 221           (b) A vintage vehicle that has a model year of 1982 or older is exempt from the renewal
- 222                   of registration fees under Subsection (1).
- 223           (c) A vehicle with a Purple Heart special group license plate issued on or before
- 224                   December 31, 2023, or issued in accordance with Part 16, Sponsored Special Group
- 225                   License Plates, is exempt from the registration fees under Subsection (1).
- 226           (d) A camper is exempt from the registration fees under Subsection (1).
- 227           (5) If a motor vehicle is operated in combination with a semitrailer or trailer, each motor
- 228                   vehicle shall register for the total gross laden weight of all units of the combination if the
- 229                   total gross laden weight of the combination exceeds 14,000 pounds.
- 230           (6)(a) Registration fee categories under this section are based on the gross laden weight
- 231                   declared in the licensee's application for registration.
- 232           (b) Gross laden weight shall be computed in units of 2,000 pounds. A fractional part of

- 233 2,000 pounds is a full unit.
- 234 (7) The owner of a trailer described in Section 41-1a-228 may, as an alternative to  
235 registering under Subsection (1)(c), apply for and obtain a special registration and  
236 license plate, as provided in Section 41-1a-228, for a fee of \$130.
- 237 (8) For a vehicle registered for a 24-month period as provided in Section 41-1a-215.5, the  
238 fee amounts are double the amounts due for a 12-month registration of the same vehicle.
- 239 (9) Except as provided in Section 41-6a-1642, a truck may not be registered as a farm truck  
240 unless:
- 241 (a) the truck meets the definition of a farm truck under Section 41-1a-102; and  
242 (b)(i) the truck has a gross vehicle weight rating of more than 14,000 pounds; or  
243 (ii) the truck has a gross vehicle weight rating of 14,000 pounds or less and the owner  
244 submits to the division a certificate of emissions inspection or a waiver in  
245 compliance with Section 41-6a-1642.
- 246 (10) A violation of Subsection (9) is an infraction that shall be punished by a fine of not  
247 less than \$200.
- 248 (11) A motor vehicle registered as a street-legal all-terrain vehicle is:
- 249 (a) subject to the registration and other fees described in Section 41-22-9; and  
250 (b) not required to pay an additional registration fee under this section.
- 251 (12) Trucks used exclusively to pump cement, bore wells, or perform crane services with a  
252 crane lift capacity of five or more tons, are exempt from 50% of the amount of the fees  
253 required for those vehicles under this section.

254 Section 4. Section **41-1a-1603** is amended to read:

255 **41-1a-1603 (Effective 07/01/27). Application requirements -- Fees --**

256 **Contributions -- Rulemaking.**

- 257 (1) An applicant for a sponsored special group license plate shall submit to the division:
- 258 (a) in a form and manner that the division prescribes, a complete application;  
259 (b) payment of the fee for the issuance of the sponsored special group license plate  
260 established under Subsection (4)(a)(i);  
261 (c) the required contribution for the sponsored special group license plate, unless the  
262 applicant previously paid the required contribution as part of a preorder application  
263 described in Subsection (3); and  
264 (d) if the sponsoring organization elects to require verification as described in Section  
265 41-1a-1604, a verification form obtained from the sponsoring organization.
- 266 (2) An applicant who owns a vehicle with the sponsoring organization's sponsored special

- 267 group license plate shall submit to the division the required contribution to renew the  
 268 sponsored special group license plate.
- 269 (3)(a) An applicant who wishes to obtain a new type of sponsored special group license  
 270 plate may preorder the new type of sponsored special group license plate by:
- 271 (i) submitting to the sponsoring organization associated with the new type of  
 272 sponsored special group license plate a complete preorder form created by the  
 273 division; and
  - 274 (ii) making the required contribution to the sponsoring organization.
- 275 (b) After the division approves the sponsoring organization's request for the new type of  
 276 sponsored special group license plate under Section 41-1a-1604, an applicant who  
 277 submitted a preorder in accordance with Subsection (3)(a) may apply for the  
 278 sponsored special group license plate in accordance with Subsection (1).
- 279 (4)(a) The division shall, in accordance with Section 63J-1-504, establish:
- 280 (i) the fee to charge an applicant for the division's costs of issuing or renewing a  
 281 sponsored special group license plate or symbol decal;
  - 282 (ii) the fee to charge a sponsoring organization for the division's costs of designing  
 283 and administering a new type of sponsored special group license plate, in  
 284 accordance with Subsection 41-1a-1604(2)(c); and
  - 285 (iii) subject to Subsections (4)(b) and (6), in an amount equal to at least \$25, the  
 286 minimum annual contribution amount an applicant is required to make to obtain or  
 287 renew the sponsoring organization's sponsored special group license plate.
- 288 (b) A fee paid in accordance with Subsection (4)(a)(i) shall be deposited into the License  
 289 Plate Restricted Account created in Section 41-1a-122.
- 290 (c) A sponsoring organization may establish a required contribution amount for the  
 291 sponsoring organization's sponsored special group license plate that is greater than  
 292 the amount established by the division under Subsection (4)(a)(ii).
- 293 (5) An applicant's contribution is a voluntary contribution for funding the sponsoring  
 294 organization's activities and not a motor vehicle registration fee.
- 295 (6) Beginning on July 1, [~~2025~~] 2027, an applicant's voluntary contribution described in  
 296 Subsection (4)(a)(iii) for the historical support special group license plate described in  
 297 Section 41-1a-419 is \$25 which the division shall allocate as follows:
- 298 (a) \$2 to the Utah State Historical Society as the sponsoring organization; [~~and~~]
  - 299 (b) [~~\$23~~] \$18.60 into the Transportation Investment Fund of 2005, created in Section  
 300 72-2-124[-] ; and

301 (c) \$4.40 into the General Fund.

302 (7) For a fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2025, only, the division shall transfer into the  
303 General Fund \$3,500,000 from the Sponsored Special Group License Plate Fund created  
304 in Section 41-1a-1610 from funds generated by the historical support special group  
305 license plate.

306 (8) The division shall provide notice indicating the allocation of the voluntary contributions  
307 described in Subsection (6) for the historical support special group license plate as  
308 follows:

309 (a) on or before July 1, 2025, on the division website; and

310 (b) beginning on July 1, 2025, and until June 30, 2026, in any email notification of a  
311 registrant's pending vehicle registration expiration described in Section 41-1a-203.

312 (9) An applicant for a historical support special group license plate for a vehicle that is a  
313 vintage vehicle is not required to make the voluntary contribution to obtain the historical  
314 support special group license plate.

315 (10) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the  
316 commission may make rules to establish and administer the sponsored special group  
317 license plate program.

318 **Section 5. FY 2027 Appropriations.**

319 The following sums of money are appropriated for the fiscal year beginning July 1,  
320 2026, and ending June 30, 2027. These are additions to amounts previously appropriated for  
321 fiscal year 2027.

322 **Subsection 5(a). Operating and Capital Budgets**

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

326 ITEM 1 To Utah State Tax Commission - Tax Administration

327 From General Fund 1,300,000

328 From General Fund, One-time (1,300,000)

329 **Section 6. Effective Date.**

330 (1) Except as provided in Subsection (2), this bill takes effect January 1, 2027.

331 (2) The actions affecting the following sections take effect as follows:

332 (a) Section 41-1a-1603 (Effective 07/01/2027) takes effect on July 1, 2027; and

333 (b) Section 5, FY 2027 Appropriations (Effective 07/01/26) takes effect on July 1, 2026.