

Bridger Bolinder 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 Restricted Account;
- increases the required contribution for the historical black license plate from \$25 to \$50;
- allocates special group license plate revenue from the historical black license plate; and
- makes technical and conforming changes.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

This bill appropriates \$2,200,000 in operating and capital budgets for fiscal year 2027, including:

- \$1,300,000 from General Fund; and
- \$900,000 from various sources as detailed in this bill.

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41-1a-1201 (Effective 01/01/27) (Repealed 07/01/29), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 279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

29 **41-1a-1603 (Effective 01/01/27)**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 247
30 ENACTS:

31 **41-1a-124 (Effective 01/01/27)**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

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

35 **41-1a-124 (Effective 01/01/27). Vehicle Registration Services Restricted Account.**

- 36 (1) There is created in the General Fund a restricted account known as the "Vehicle
37 Registration Services Restricted Account."
- 38 (2) The restricted account shall consist of deposits into the account from the fee described
39 in Subsection 41-1a-1201(11).
- 40 (3) The commission shall use the restricted account to provide:
- 41 (a) \$500,000 in one-time funding to establish division services in a county that, in 2024:
42 (i) provided motor vehicle registration services in the county on behalf of the
43 division; and
44 (ii) registered the highest number of vehicles among counties that provided motor
45 vehicle registration services on behalf of the division; and
- 46 (b) funding to counties of the third through sixth class that provides vehicle registration
47 services on behalf of the division.
- 48 (4) A county described in Subsection (3)(b) is eligible each fiscal year for up to:
- 49 (a) \$3 per vehicle registered in the previous calendar year for a county of the third class;
50 (b) \$3.50 per vehicle registered in the previous calendar year for a county of the fourth
51 class;
- 52 (c) \$4 per vehicle registered in the previous calendar year for a county of the fifth class;
53 or
- 54 (d) \$5 per vehicle registered in the previous calendar year for a county of the sixth class.
- 55 (5) The distribution described in Subsection (3)(a) will not begin until:
- 56 (a) the fiscal year 2027;
57 (b) the restricted account has accrued at least \$500,000; and
58 (c) the commission has identified and secured office space.
- 59 (6) The distribution described in Subsection (3)(b) shall begin in fiscal year 2027.
- 60 (7) The commission shall provide funding in the order listed in Subsection (3).
- 61 (8) If there are insufficient funds for each county described in Subsection (3)(c) to receive
62 the amount described in Subsection (4), the commission shall reduce each county's

63 funding proportionally.

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

65 **41-1a-1201 (Effective 01/01/27) (Repealed 07/01/29). Disposition of fees.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

131 nearest [\pm] one cent.

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

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

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

139 **41-1a-1206 (Effective 01/01/27). Registration fees -- Fees by gross laden weight.**

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

143 (a) \$46.00 for each motorcycle;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

164 (A) each electric motor vehicle; and

- 165 (B) Each motor vehicle not described in this Subsection (1)(h) that is fueled
166 exclusively by a source other than motor fuel, diesel fuel, natural gas, or
167 propane;
- 168 (ii) \$21.75 for each hybrid electric motor vehicle; and
169 (iii) \$56.50 for each plug-in hybrid electric motor vehicle;
- 170 (i) in addition to the fee described in Subsection (1)(g), for a vintage vehicle that has a
171 model year of 1983 or newer, 50 cents; and
172 (j) \$28.50 for each roadable aircraft.
- 173 (2)(a) At the time application is made for registration or renewal of registration of a
174 vehicle under this chapter for a six-month registration period under Section
175 41-1a-215.5, a registration fee shall be paid to the division as follows:
- 176 (i) \$34.50 for each motorcycle; and
177 (ii) \$33.50 for each motor vehicle of 14,000 pounds or less gross laden weight,
178 excluding motorcycles.
- 179 (b) In addition to the fee described in Subsection (2)(a)(ii), for registration or renewal of
180 registration of a vehicle under this chapter for a six-month registration period under
181 Section 41-1a-215.5 a registration fee shall be paid to the division as follows:
- 182 (i) an amount equal to the road usage charge cap described in Section 72-1-213.1 for:
183 (A) each electric motor vehicle; and
184 (B) each motor vehicle not described in this Subsection (2)(b) that is fueled
185 exclusively by a source other than motor fuel, diesel fuel, natural gas, or
186 propane;
- 187 (ii) \$16.50 for each hybrid electric motor vehicle; and
188 (iii) \$43.50 for each plug-in hybrid electric motor vehicle.
- 189 (3)(a) [~~Beginning on January 1, 2024, at~~] At the time of registration:
- 190 (i) in addition to the amounts described in Subsections (1)(a), (1)(b), (1)(c)(i),
191 (1)(c)(ii), (1)(d)(i), (1)(e)(i), (1)(f)(i), (1)(g), (1)(h), (4)(a), and (7), the individual
192 shall also pay an additional:
193 (A) \$7 as part of the registration fee; and
194 (B) \$0.50 as part of the registration fee; and
- 195 (ii) in addition to the amounts described in Subsection (2)(a), the individual shall also
196 pay an additional:
197 (A) \$5 as part of the registration fee[-]; and
198 (B) \$0.25 as part of the registration fee.

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

- 233 (7) The owner of a trailer described in Section 41-1a-228 may, as an alternative to
234 registering under Subsection (1)(c), apply for and obtain a special registration and
235 license plate, as provided in Section 41-1a-228, for a fee of \$130.
- 236 (8) For a vehicle registered for a 24-month period as provided in Section 41-1a-215.5, the
237 fee amounts are double the amounts due for a 12-month registration of the same vehicle.
- 238 (9) Except as provided in Section 41-6a-1642, a truck may not be registered as a farm truck
239 unless:
- 240 (a) the truck meets the definition of a farm truck under Section 41-1a-102; and
241 (b)(i) the truck has a gross vehicle weight rating of more than 14,000 pounds; or
242 (ii) the truck has a gross vehicle weight rating of 14,000 pounds or less and the owner
243 submits to the division a certificate of emissions inspection or a waiver in
244 compliance with Section 41-6a-1642.
- 245 (10) A violation of Subsection (9) is an infraction that shall be punished by a fine of not
246 less than \$200.
- 247 (11) A motor vehicle registered as a street-legal all-terrain vehicle is:
- 248 (a) subject to the registration and other fees described in Section 41-22-9; and
249 (b) not required to pay an additional registration fee under this section.
- 250 (12) Trucks used exclusively to pump cement, bore wells, or perform crane services with a
251 crane lift capacity of five or more tons, are exempt from 50% of the amount of the fees
252 required for those vehicles under this section.
- 253 Section 4. Section **41-1a-1603** is amended to read:
- 254 **41-1a-1603 (Effective 01/01/27). Application requirements -- Fees --**
255 **Contributions -- Rulemaking.**
- 256 (1) An applicant for a sponsored special group license plate shall submit to the division:
- 257 (a) in a form and manner that the division prescribes, a complete application;
258 (b) payment of the fee for the issuance of the sponsored special group license plate
259 established under Subsection (4)(a)(i);
260 (c) the required contribution for the sponsored special group license plate, unless the
261 applicant previously paid the required contribution as part of a preorder application
262 described in Subsection (3); and
263 (d) if the sponsoring organization elects to require verification as described in Section
264 41-1a-1604, a verification form obtained from the sponsoring organization.
- 265 (2) An applicant who owns a vehicle with the sponsoring organization's sponsored special
266 group license plate shall submit to the division the required contribution to renew the

- 267 sponsored special group license plate.
- 268 (3)(a) An applicant who wishes to obtain a new type of sponsored special group license
269 plate may preorder the new type of sponsored special group license plate by:
- 270 (i) submitting to the sponsoring organization associated with the new type of
271 sponsored special group license plate a complete preorder form created by the
272 division; and
- 273 (ii) making the required contribution to the sponsoring organization.
- 274 (b) After the division approves the sponsoring organization's request for the new type of
275 sponsored special group license plate under Section 41-1a-1604, an applicant who
276 submitted a preorder in accordance with Subsection (3)(a) may apply for the
277 sponsored special group license plate in accordance with Subsection (1).
- 278 (4)(a) The division shall, in accordance with Section 63J-1-504, establish:
- 279 (i) the fee to charge an applicant for the division's costs of issuing or renewing a
280 sponsored special group license plate or symbol decal;
- 281 (ii) the fee to charge a sponsoring organization for the division's costs of designing
282 and administering a new type of sponsored special group license plate, in
283 accordance with Subsection 41-1a-1604(2)(c); and
- 284 (iii) subject to Subsections (4)(b) and (6), in an amount equal to at least \$25, the
285 minimum annual contribution amount an applicant is required to make to obtain or
286 renew the sponsoring organization's sponsored special group license plate.
- 287 (b) A fee paid in accordance with Subsection (4)(a)(i) shall be deposited into the License
288 Plate Restricted Account created in Section 41-1a-122.
- 289 (c) A sponsoring organization may establish a required contribution amount for the
290 sponsoring organization's sponsored special group license plate that is greater than
291 the amount established by the division under Subsection (4)(a)(ii).
- 292 (5) An applicant's contribution is a voluntary contribution for funding the sponsoring
293 organization's activities and not a motor vehicle registration fee.
- 294 (6) Beginning on [~~July 1, 2025~~] January 1, 2027, an applicant's voluntary contribution
295 described in Subsection (4)(a)(iii) for the historical support special group license plate
296 described in Section 41-1a-419 is [~~\$25~~] \$50 which the division shall allocate as follows:
- 297 [~~(a) \$2 to the Utah State Historical Society as the sponsoring organization; and~~]
298 (a) \$5.50 into the Cultural and Community Engagement Foundation Fund created in
299 Section 9-1-209;
- 300 (b) \$23 into the Transportation Investment Fund of 2005, created in Section 72-2-124[~~;~~];

301 and
 302 (c) \$21.50 into the Olympic and Paralympic Venues Grant Fund, created in Section
 303 63G-28-302.

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

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

311 ~~[(a) on or before July 1, 2025, on the division website; and]~~

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

314 ~~[(9)] (7) An applicant for a historical support special group license plate for a vehicle that is~~
 315 ~~a vintage vehicle is not required to make the voluntary contribution to obtain the~~
 316 ~~historical support special group license plate.~~

317 ~~[(10)] (8) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act,~~
 318 ~~the commission may make rules to establish and administer the sponsored special group~~
 319 ~~license plate program.~~

320 Section 5. **FY 2027 Appropriations.**

321 The following sums of money are appropriated for the fiscal year beginning July 1,
 322 2026, and ending June 30, 2027. These are additions to amounts previously appropriated for
 323 fiscal year 2027.

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

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

328	ITEM 1	To Utah State Tax Commission - County DMV Services	
329		From Vehicle Registration Services Restricted Account	2,233,000
330		From Vehicle Registration Services Restricted Account,	
331		One-time	(1,333,000)
332		Schedule of Programs:	
333		County DMV Services	900,000
334	ITEM 2	To Utah State Tax Commission - Tax Administration	

335	From General Fund	1,300,000
336	Schedule of Programs:	
337	Motor Vehicles	1,300,000

338 Section 6. **Effective Date.**

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

340 (2) The actions affecting Section 5, FY 2027 Appropriations (Effective 07/01/26) take
341 effect on July 1, 2026.