

Representative Karen Kwan proposes the following substitute bill:

VEHICLE REGISTRATION RENEWAL NOTICE
REQUIREMENTS

2021 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Scott H. Chew

Senate Sponsor: Jani Iwamoto

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill requires the Motor Vehicle Division to provide a vehicle owner the option to receive notification through mail or email to inform the owner of the expiration of a vehicle's registration.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- requires the Motor Vehicle Division to send notification through the mail of the expiration of a vehicle's registration unless the individual elects to receive notification by email;

- requires the Motor Vehicle Division to begin mailing registration expiration notifications as soon as practicable;

- allows the Motor Vehicle Division to charge a fee to cover the costs of mailing an individual's notification; and

- makes technical changes.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:



26 This bill provides a special effective date.

27 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

28 AMENDS:

29 **41-1a-203**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2019, Chapter 479

30 **41-1a-217**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2017, Chapter 406



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

32 Section 1. Section **41-1a-203** is amended to read:

33 **41-1a-203. Prerequisites for registration, transfer of ownership, or registration**
34 **renewal.**

35 (1) (a) (i) Except as provided in Subsection (1)(b), the division shall mail a notification
36 to the owner of a vehicle at least 30 days before the date the vehicle's registration is due to
37 expire.

38 (ii) The division shall ensure that mailing of notifications described in Section (1)(a)(i)
39 begins as soon as practicable.

40 (b) (i) The division shall provide a process for a vehicle owner to choose to receive
41 electronic notification of the pending expiration of a vehicle's registration.

42 (ii) If a vehicle owner chooses electronic notification, the division shall notify by email
43 the owner of a vehicle at least 30 days before the date the vehicle's registration is due to expire.

44 (c) If a vehicle owner does not elect electronic notification and receives notification by
45 mail as described in Subsection (1)(a), the division may charge the vehicle owner an additional
46 fee to pay for postage.

47 ~~[(1)]~~ (2) Except as otherwise provided, before registration of a vehicle, an owner shall:

48 (a) obtain an identification number inspection under Section **41-1a-204**;

49 (b) obtain a certificate of emissions inspection, if required in the current year, as
50 provided under Section **41-6a-1642**;

51 (c) pay property taxes, the in lieu fee, or receive a property tax clearance under Section
52 **41-1a-206** or **41-1a-207**;

53 (d) pay the automobile driver education tax required by Section **41-1a-208**;

54 (e) pay the applicable registration fee under Part 12, Fee and Tax Requirements;

55 (f) pay the uninsured motorist identification fee under Section **41-1a-1218**, if
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57 applicable;

58 (g) pay the motor carrier fee under Section [41-1a-1219](#), if applicable;

59 (h) pay any applicable local emissions compliance fee under Section [41-1a-1223](#); and

60 (i) pay the taxes applicable under Title 59, Chapter 12, Sales and Use Tax Act.

61 ~~[(2)]~~ (3) In addition to the requirements in Subsection (1), an owner of a vehicle that
62 has not been previously registered or that is currently registered under a previous owner's name
63 shall apply for a valid certificate of title in the owner's name before registration.

64 ~~[(3)]~~ (4) The division may not issue a new registration, transfer of ownership, or
65 registration renewal under Section [73-18-7](#) for a vessel or outboard motor that is subject to this
66 chapter unless a certificate of title has been or is in the process of being issued in the same
67 owner's name.

68 ~~[(4)]~~ (5) The division may not issue a new registration, transfer of ownership, or
69 registration renewal under Section [41-22-3](#) for an off-highway vehicle that is subject to this
70 chapter unless a certificate of title has been or is in the process of being issued in the same
71 owner's name.

72 ~~[(5)]~~ (6) The division may not issue a registration renewal for a motor vehicle if the
73 division has received a hold request for the motor vehicle for which a registration renewal has
74 been requested as described in:

75 (a) Section [72-1-213.1](#); or

76 (b) Section [72-6-118](#).

77 Section 2. Section **41-1a-217** is amended to read:

78 **41-1a-217. Application for renewal of registration.**

79 (1) An applicant may renew a vehicle registration by:

80 (a) filing an application for registration renewal; and

81 (b) paying the fees or taxes required under ~~[Subsection [41-1a-203](#)(1)]~~ Section
82 [41-1a-203](#).

83 (2) The applicant shall ensure that the application for registration renewal and the
84 payment for applicable fees or taxes is accompanied by a certificate of emissions inspection if
85 required under Section [41-6a-1642](#).

86 (3) The division shall issue a new registration card that contains:

87 (a) the identical information with respect to the owner and the vehicle description

88 required by Section 41-1a-213; and

89 (b) the new expiration date.

90 Section 3. **Effective date.**

91 If approved by two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, this bill takes effect

92 upon approval by the governor, or the day following the constitutional time limit of Utah

93 Constitution, Article VII, Section 8, without the governor's signature, or in the case of a veto,

94 the date of veto override.