

**Representative Kay J. Christofferson** proposes the following substitute bill:

**VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEE REVISIONS**

2021 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Kay J. Christofferson**

Senate Sponsor: Wayne A. Harper

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill increases vehicle registration fees on electric, plug-in hybrid, and other vehicles.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ increases annual and six-month vehicle registration fees on electric, plug-in hybrid, and other alternative fuel vehicles; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

AMENDS:

**41-1a-1206**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapter 377

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

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



26 **41-1a-1206. Registration fees -- Fees by gross laden weight.**

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

30 (a) \$46.00 for each motorcycle;

31 (b) \$44 for each motor vehicle of 12,000 pounds or less gross laden weight, excluding  
32 motorcycles;

33 (c) unless the semitrailer or trailer is exempt from registration under Section [41-1a-202](#)  
34 or is registered under Section [41-1a-301](#):

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

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

38 (d) (i) \$53 for each farm truck over 12,000 pounds, but not exceeding 14,000 pounds  
39 gross laden weight; plus

40 (ii) \$9 for each 2,000 pounds over 14,000 pounds gross laden weight;

41 (e) (i) \$69.50 for each motor vehicle or combination of motor vehicles, excluding farm  
42 trucks, over 12,000 pounds, but not exceeding 14,000 pounds gross laden weight; plus

43 (ii) \$19 for each 2,000 pounds over 14,000 pounds gross laden weight;

44 (f) (i) \$69.50 for each park model recreational vehicle over 12,000 pounds, but not  
45 exceeding 14,000 pounds gross laden weight; plus

46 (ii) \$19 for each 2,000 pounds over 14,000 pounds gross laden weight;

47 (g) \$45 for each vintage vehicle that is less than 40 years old; and

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

49 (i) for each electric motor vehicle:

50 (A) \$90 during calendar year 2020; [~~and~~]

51 (B) \$120 beginning January 1, 2021[~~, and thereafter~~];

52 (C) \$160 beginning January 1, 2022;

53 (D) \$200 beginning January 1, 2023; and

54 (E) \$240 beginning January 1, 2024, and thereafter;

55 (ii) for each hybrid electric motor vehicle:

56 (A) \$15 during calendar year 2020; and

- 57 (B) \$20 beginning January 1, 2021, and thereafter;
- 58 (iii) for each plug-in hybrid electric motor vehicle:
- 59 (A) \$39 during calendar year 2020; [~~and~~]
- 60 (B) \$52 beginning January 1, 2021[~~, and thereafter, and~~];
- 61 (C) \$90 beginning January 1, 2022;
- 62 (D) \$140 beginning January 1, 2023; and
- 63 (E) \$180 beginning January 1, 2024, and thereafter; and
- 64 (iv) for any motor vehicle not described in Subsections (1)(h)(i) through (iii) that is
- 65 fueled exclusively by a source other than motor fuel, diesel fuel, natural gas, or propane:
- 66 (A) \$90 during calendar year 2020; [~~and~~]
- 67 (B) \$120 beginning January 1, 2021[~~, and thereafter.~~];
- 68 (C) \$160 beginning January 1, 2022;
- 69 (D) \$200 beginning January 1, 2023; and
- 70 (E) \$240 beginning January 1, 2024, and thereafter.
- 71 (2) (a) At the time application is made for registration or renewal of registration of a
- 72 vehicle under this chapter for a six-month registration period under Section [41-1a-215.5](#), a
- 73 registration fee shall be paid to the division as follows:
- 74 (i) \$34.50 for each motorcycle; and
- 75 (ii) \$33.50 for each motor vehicle of 12,000 pounds or less gross laden weight,
- 76 excluding motorcycles.
- 77 (b) In addition to the fee described in Subsection (2)(a)(ii), for registration or renewal
- 78 of registration of a vehicle under this chapter for a six-month registration period under Section
- 79 [41-1a-215.5](#) a registration fee shall be paid to the division as follows:
- 80 (i) for each electric motor vehicle:
- 81 (A) \$69.75 during calendar year 2020; [~~and~~]
- 82 (B) \$93 beginning January 1, 2021[~~, and thereafter~~];
- 83 (C) \$123.25 beginning January 1, 2022;
- 84 (D) \$154 beginning January 1, 2023; and
- 85 (E) \$184.75 beginning January 1, 2024, and thereafter;
- 86 (ii) for each hybrid electric motor vehicle:
- 87 (A) \$11.25 during calendar year 2020; and

88 (B) \$15 beginning January 1, 2021, and thereafter;

89 (iii) for each plug-in hybrid electric motor vehicle:

90 (A) \$30 during calendar year 2020; [~~and~~]

91 (B) \$40 beginning January 1, 2021[~~, and thereafter, and~~];

92 (C) \$69.25 beginning January 1, 2022;

93 (D) \$107.75 beginning January 1, 2023; and

94 (E) \$138.50 beginning January 1, 2024, and thereafter; and

95 (iv) for each motor vehicle not described in Subsections (2)(b)(i) through (iii) that is  
96 fueled by a source other than motor fuel, diesel fuel, natural gas, or propane:

97 (A) \$69.75 during calendar year 2020; [~~and~~]

98 (B) \$93 beginning January 1, 2021[~~, and thereafter.~~];

99 (C) \$123.25 beginning January 1, 2022;

100 (D) \$154 beginning January 1, 2023; and

101 (E) \$184.75 beginning January 1, 2024, and thereafter.

102 (3) (a) (i) Beginning on January 1, 2019, the commission shall, on January 1, annually  
103 adjust the registration fees described in Subsections (1)(a), (1)(b), (1)(c)(i), (1)(c)(ii), (1)(d)(i),  
104 (1)(e)(i), (1)(f)(i), (1)(g), (2)(a), (4)(a), and (7), by taking the registration fee rate for the  
105 previous year and adding an amount equal to the greater of:

106 (A) an amount calculated by multiplying the registration fee of the previous year by the  
107 actual percentage change during the previous fiscal year in the Consumer Price Index; and

108 (B) 0.

109 (ii) Beginning on January 1, [~~2022~~] 2025, the commission shall, on January 1, annually  
110 adjust the registration fees described in Subsections [~~(1)(h)(i)(B), (1)(h)(ii)(B), (1)(h)(iii)(B),~~  
111 ~~(1)(h)(iv)(B), (2)(b)(i)(B), (2)(b)(ii)(B), (2)(b)(iii)(B), and (2)(b)(iv)(B)] (1)(h)(i)(E),  
112 (1)(h)(ii)(B), (1)(h)(iii)(E), (1)(h)(iv)(E), (2)(b)(i)(E), (2)(b)(ii)(B), (2)(b)(iii)(E), and  
113 (2)(b)(iv)(E), by taking the registration fee rate for the previous year and adding an amount  
114 equal to the greater of:~~

115 (A) an amount calculated by multiplying the registration fee of the previous year by the  
116 actual percentage change during the previous fiscal year in the Consumer Price Index; and

117 (B) 0.

118 (b) The amounts calculated as described in Subsection (3)(a) shall be rounded up to the

119 nearest 25 cents.

120 (4) (a) The initial registration fee for a vintage vehicle that is 40 years old or older is  
121 \$40.

122 (b) A vintage vehicle that is 40 years old or older is exempt from the renewal of  
123 registration fees under Subsection (1).

124 (c) A vehicle with a Purple Heart special group license plate issued in accordance with  
125 Section 41-1a-421 is exempt from the registration fees under Subsection (1).

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

127 (5) If a motor vehicle is operated in combination with a semitrailer or trailer, each  
128 motor vehicle shall register for the total gross laden weight of all units of the combination if the  
129 total gross laden weight of the combination exceeds 12,000 pounds.

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

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

134 (7) The owner of a commercial trailer or commercial semitrailer may, as an alternative  
135 to registering under Subsection (1)(c), apply for and obtain a special registration and license  
136 plate for a fee of \$130.

137 (8) Except as provided in Section 41-6a-1642, a truck may not be registered as a farm  
138 truck unless:

139 (a) the truck meets the definition of a farm truck under Section 41-1a-102; and

140 (b) (i) the truck has a gross vehicle weight rating of more than 12,000 pounds; or

141 (ii) the truck has a gross vehicle weight rating of 12,000 pounds or less and the owner  
142 submits to the division a certificate of emissions inspection or a waiver in compliance with  
143 Section 41-6a-1642.

144 (9) A violation of Subsection (8) is an infraction that shall be punished by a fine of not  
145 less than \$200.

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