1	REGISTRATION OF NOVEL VEHICLES
2	2024 GENERAL SESSION
3	STATE OF UTAH
4	Chief Sponsor: Norman K Thurston
5	Senate Sponsor:
6 7	LONG TITLE
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	General Description:
9	This bill amends Title 41, Motor Vehicles, in relation to novel vehicles.
10	Highlighted Provisions:
11	This bill:
12	<ul><li>defines terms;</li></ul>
13	<ul><li>establishes a registration process for a novel vehicle;</li></ul>
14	<ul> <li>provides a process for an individual to appeal to the State Tax Commission to</li> </ul>
15	review a novel vehicle registration determination; and
16	<ul> <li>requires the State Tax Commission to provide an annual report to the Transportation</li> </ul>
17	Interim Committee regarding the registration of novel vehicles.
18	Money Appropriated in this Bill:
19	None
20	Other Special Clauses:
21	This bill provides a special effective date.
22	<b>Utah Code Sections Affected:</b>
23	AMENDS:
24	41-1a-201, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 532
25	ENACTS:
26	41-27-101, Utah Code Annotated 1953
27	41-27-201, Utah Code Annotated 1953



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	41-27-202, Utah Code Annotated 1953
	41-27-301, Utah Code Annotated 1953
	Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:
	Section 1. Section 41-1a-201 is amended to read:
	41-1a-201. Function of registration Registration required Penalty.
	(1) Unless exempted, a person or automated driving system may not operate and an
(	owner may not engage an automated driving system, give another person permission to engage
;	an automated driving system, or give another person permission to operate a motor vehicle,
C	combination of vehicles, trailer, semitrailer, vintage vehicle, restored-modified vehicle,
C	off-highway vehicle, vessel, or park model recreational vehicle in this state unless it has been
r	registered in accordance with this chapter, [Title 41, Chapter 22, Off-highway Vehicles]
	Chapter 22, Off-highway Vehicles, Chapter 27, Novel Vehicle Registration, or Title 73,
(	Chapter 18, State Boating Act.
	(2) Subject to Subsection 53-8-209(3), a violation of this section is an infraction.
	(3) (a) In the event that materials are temporarily unavailable for registration items
r	equired under Section 41-1a-402, the commission may delay initial vehicle registration or
re	enewal of vehicle registrations.
	(b) In a circumstance described in Subsection (3)(a), a person does not violate
S	Subsection (1) for failure to register a vehicle during a delay period described in Subsection
	(3)(a).
	Section 2. Section 41-27-101 is enacted to read:
	CHAPTER 27. NOVEL VEHICLE REGISTRATION
	Part 1. General Provisions
	41-27-101. Definitions.
	As used in this chapter:
	(1) "Commission" means the State Tax Commission.
	(2) "Division" means the Motor Vehicle Division.
	(3) "Novel vehicle" means a vehicle:
	(a) that is not expressly exempt from registration; and
	(b) (i) that does not fit within a vehicle category;

59	(ii) with unique characteristics that make it unclear whether the vehicle fits within a
60	vehicle category; or
61	(iii) that a reasonable person would not consider the vehicle to be clearly included in an
62	existing vehicle category.
63	(4) "Vehicle" means a motor vehicle, combination of vehicles, trailer, semitrailer,
64	vintage vehicle, restored-modified vehicle, off-highway vehicle, vessel, or park model
65	recreational vehicle.
66	(5) (a) "Vehicle category" means a vehicle type:
67	(i) that is defined in this title or Title 73, Chapter 18, State Boating Act; and
68	(ii) for which registration is required under:
69	(A) this chapter;
70	(B) Chapter 1a, Motor Vehicle Act;
71	(C) Chapter 22, Off-highway Vehicles; or
72	(D) Title 73, Chapter 18, State Boating Act.
73	(b) "Vehicle category" does not include a novel vehicle.
74	(6) "VIN" means a vehicle identification number or a hull identification number.
75	Section 3. Section 41-27-201 is enacted to read:
76	Part 2. Registration Process
77	41-27-201. Novel vehicle registration.
78	(1) An owner registering a vehicle shall provide the VIN, if applicable.
79	(2) The division shall identify a vehicle category based on the VIN.
80	(3) If the vehicle does not have a VIN, or if the division is unable to determine the
81	vehicle category based on the VIN:
82	(a) the owner shall provide the division with a description of the vehicle, including the
83	vehicle's purpose; and
84	(b) if the description of the vehicle fits with an existing category of vehicle, the vehicle
85	shall be registered in accordance with that vehicle category.
86	(4) The vehicle shall be registered as a novel vehicle if:
87	(a) the vehicle is not expressly exempt from registration; and
88	(b) (i) the vehicle does not fit within a vehicle category;
89	(ii) the unique characteristics of the vehicle make it unclear whether the vehicle fits

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90	within a vehicle category; or
91	(iii) a reasonable person would not consider the vehicle to be clearly included in an
92	existing vehicle category.
93	(5) A person registering a novel vehicle shall pay:
94	(a) in accordance with Section 59-2-405, a \$1 fee in lieu of property tax; and
95	(b) a \$1 registration fee.
96	Section 4. Section 41-27-202 is enacted to read:
97	41-27-202. Appeal to commission.
98	<u>(1)</u>
99	If an owner disagrees with the division's decision, the owner may, within 14 days after the day
100	on which the division makes the decision, appeal the decision to the commission by:
101	(a) filing a notice of appeal with the commission; and
102	(b) including any additional information regarding the vehicle.
103	(2) (a) In reviewing a decision described in Subsection (1), the commission may:
104	(i) admit additional evidence; and
105	(ii) make a correction or change in the vehicle category determination made by the
106	division.
107	(b) The owner shall register the vehicle in accordance with the commission's
108	determination.
109	(c) The division shall reduce the fee required to register a vehicle under Subsection
110	(2)(b) by the amount paid by the owner of the vehicle under Subsection 41-27-201(4).
111	(3) The commission shall decide an appeal filed under Subsection (1) as soon as
112	practicable and promptly notify:
113	(a) the owner; and
114	(b) the division.
115	Section 5. Section 41-27-301 is enacted to read:
116	Part 3. Commission Reporting
117	41-27-301. Novel vehicle report to Transportation Interim Committee.
118	(1) The commission shall, at or before the October interim meeting of the
119	Transportation Interim Committee, present a report on novel vehicle registrations that includes

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120	(a) the number of vehicles registered as novel vehicles; and
121	(b) a description of the vehicles registered as novel vehicles.
122	(2) The Transportation Interim Committee shall review the report described in
123	Subsection (1) and determine whether to propose legislation relating to registration of a
124	particular type of novel vehicle.
125	(3) A vehicle previously registered as a novel vehicle shall continue to be registered as
126	a novel vehicle, unless the Legislature amends the Utah Code to:
127	(a) require the vehicle to be registered otherwise; or
128	(b) exempt the vehicle from registration.
129	Section 6. Effective date.
130	This bill takes effect on October 1, 2024.