

House Bill 55 - Permanent Trailer Registration - Single Trailer Cost Comparison

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Registering A New Trailer or Renewing An Existing Trailer

Present Law:

Registration Fee:	\$ 82.50 (\$16.50 x 5 years)
Registration (cab card) Credential Fee:	\$ 2.00
License Plate Fee:	\$ 2.00
License Plate Sticker:	<u>\$ 2.00</u>
Cost for Five Years:	\$ 88.50

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Overview:

Under present law, trailers and semi-trailers registered under the International Registration Plan (IRP) are registered in one of four registration periods for five years.

Under the proposed legislation, trailers and semi-trailers would continue to be registered in one of four registration periods but registration would be permanent and no re-registration would be required unless the trailer or semi-trailer was sold.

The following are examples of common trailer and semi-trailer registration processes.

Establishing A New Trailer Fleet:

A motor carrier established a new trailer fleet with a registration period beginning January 1, 2000. All trailers are registered for five years; the trailer registrations expire December 31, 2004. The motor carrier paid \$16.50 for each trailer for each of the five-years of the registration period. $\$16.50 \times 5 \text{ (years)} = \82.50 . A registration (cab card) and license plate are issued to each trailer.

Under the proposed legislation, when a motor carrier establishes a new trailer fleet, all trailers are registered only once for a fee equal to five years registration. The carrier would pay \$82.50 per trailer or semi-trailer. A cab card and license plate would be issued. There would be no registration expiration unless there was a change of ownership of the trailer.

Renewing An Existing Trailer Fleet:

Under present law, at the end of the five-year registration period, the trailer registrations would have to be renewed at a cost of \$82.50 per trailer and new registrations (cab cards) issued. This cycle would be repeated every five years.

Under the proposed legislation, at the end of the registration period all trailers in the fleet would have to be renewed at a cost of \$82.50 per trailer and new cab cards issued, but all registrations would be permanent. The registration would not expire and no further fees would be assessed as long as the motor carrier did not sell the trailer.

Adding A Trailer to An Existing Fleet:

Under present law, if a trailer is added to an existing fleet at any time during the registration period, the registration will expire on the same date that the other trailers in the fleet expire. The registration fee is \$16.50 for each partial or full year remaining in the registration period. A registration (cab card) and license plate are issued. The registration must be renewed on the same date as the other trailers in the fleet regardless of when it was added to the fleet.

Under proposed legislation, regardless of when a trailer was added to an existing fleet, the fee of \$82.50 would be assessed, registration (cab card) and license plate issued, but the registration would not expire. No other fees would be assessed provided the motor carrier did not sell the trailer.

Note: The credential (cab card) fee, license plate fee and sticker fee are \$2.00 each, an additional \$6.00.