

1 HOUSE BILL NO. 764
2 INTRODUCED BY D. LOGE

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING CERTAIN LICENSE PLATE FEES; REQUIRING THE
5 MOTOR VEHICLE DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND THE DEPARTMENT OF
6 TRANSPORTATION TO SET FEES COMMENSURATE WITH COSTS; AMENDING SECTIONS 61-3-321,
7 AND 61-3-722, MCA; AND PROVIDING A DELAYED EFFECTIVE DATE."

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9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

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11 Section 1. Section 61-3-321, MCA, is amended to read:

12 "61-3-321. Registration fees of vehicles and vessels -- certain vehicles exempt from
13 registration fees -- disposition of fees -- definition. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section,
14 registration fees must be paid upon registration or, if applicable, renewal of registration of motor vehicles,
15 snowmobiles, watercraft, trailers, semitrailers, and pole trailers as provided in subsections (2) through (20).

16 (2) (a) Except as provided in subsection (2)(b), unless a light vehicle is permanently registered
17 under 61-3-562, the annual registration fee for light vehicles, trucks, and buses that weigh 1 ton or less and for
18 logging trucks that weigh 1 ton or less is as follows:

- 19 (i) if the vehicle is 4 or less years old, \$217;
- 20 (ii) if the vehicle is 5 through 10 years old, \$87; and
- 21 (iii) if the vehicle is 11 or more years old, \$28.

22 (b) For a light vehicle with a manufacturer's suggested retail price of more than \$150,000 that is 10
23 years old or less, the annual registration fee is the amount provided for in subsection (2)(a) plus \$825.

24 (3) (a) Except as provided in subsections (3)(b) and (15), the one-time registration fee based on
25 the declared weight of a trailer, semitrailer, or pole trailer is as follows:

- 26 (i) if the declared weight is less than 6,000 pounds, \$61.25; or
- 27 (ii) if the declared weight is 6,000 pounds or more, \$148.25.

28 (b) For a trailer, semitrailer, or pole trailer that is registered under 61-3-701, the annual registration

1 vehicle division administration account established in 61-3-112.

2 (b) By August 15 of each year, beginning in the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, the department
3 of justice shall deposit into the general fund an amount equal to the fiscal yearend balance minus 25% of the
4 current fiscal year appropriation for the account established in 61-3-112.

5 (24) For the purposes of this section, "manufacturer's suggested retail price" means the price
6 suggested by a manufacturer for each given type, style, or model of a light vehicle or motor home produced and
7 first made available for retail sale by the manufacturer.

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9 **Section 2.** Section 61-3-722, MCA, is amended to read:

10 **"61-3-722. Registration and identification of proportionally registered motor vehicles -- fees --**

11 **effect of registration.** (1) The department shall register each proportionally registered motor vehicle, trailer,
12 semitrailer, or pole trailer and issue a license plate or plates, a distinctive registration decal, or other suitable
13 identification device for each motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, or pole trailer described in the application upon
14 payment of the appropriate fees and property taxes, as provided by law, for the application and for the license
15 plates, registration decals, or devices issued. A fee ~~of \$2~~ determined by the department commensurate with
16 costs must be paid for each license plate, each registration decal, and each device issued for each
17 proportionally registered motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, or pole trailer. A fee of \$5 must be paid for each
18 motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, or pole trailer receiving temporary registration as authorized by section 704 of
19 the international registration plan of the American association of motor vehicle administrators, adopted in April
20 1988. A registration card must be issued for each proportionally registered motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, or
21 pole trailer. The registration card must, in addition to other information required by chapter 3, show the number
22 of the license, registration decal, or other device issued for the proportionally registered motor vehicle, trailer,
23 semitrailer, or pole trailer and must be carried in the motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, or pole trailer at all times.

24 (2) Fleet motor vehicles, trailers, semitrailers, or pole trailers registered and identified as fleet
25 motor vehicles are considered fully licensed and registered in this state for any type of movement or operation,
26 except that, in those instances in which a grant of authority is required for intrastate movement or operation, the
27 motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, or pole trailer may not be operated in intrastate commerce in this state unless
28 the owner has been granted intrastate authority by the public service commission and unless the motor vehicle,

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1 trailer, semitrailer, or pole trailer is being operated in conformity with that authority."
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NEW SECTION. **Section 3. Effective date.** [This act] is effective January 1, 2024.

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