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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to registration fees for certain motor trucks and
2 modifying motor vehicle registration fees that are based on
3 weight and value and providing an applicability date.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 321.109, subsection 1, Code 2005, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 1. a. The annual fee for all motor vehicles including
4 vehicles designated by manufacturers as station wagons, and
5 1993 and subsequent model years for multipurpose vehicles, and
6 motor trucks with an unladen weight of seven thousand pounds
7 or less, except motor trucks registered under section 321.122,
8 special trucks, motor homes, ambulances, hearses, motorcycles,
9 motor bicycles, and 1992 and older model years for
10 multipurpose vehicles, shall be equal to one percent of the
11 value as fixed by the department and adjusted pursuant to
12 paragraph "c" plus forty cents for each one hundred pounds or
13 fraction thereof of weight of vehicle, as fixed by the
14 department. The weight of a motor vehicle, fixed by the
15 department for registration purposes, shall include the weight
16 of a battery, heater, bumpers, spare tire, and wheel.
17 Provided, however, that for any new vehicle purchased in this
18 state by a nonresident for removal to the nonresident's state
19 of residence the purchaser may make application to the county
20 treasurer in the county of purchase for a transit plate for
21 which a fee of ten dollars shall be paid. And provided,
22 however, that for any used vehicle held by a registered dealer
23 and not currently registered in this state, or for any vehicle
24 held by an individual and currently registered in this state,
25 when purchased in this state by a nonresident for removal to
26 the nonresident's state of residence, the purchaser may make
27 application to the county treasurer in the county of purchase
28 for a transit plate for which a fee of three dollars shall be
29 paid. The county treasurer shall issue a nontransferable
30 certificate of registration for which no refund shall be
31 allowed; and the transit plates shall be void thirty days
32 after issuance. Such purchaser may apply for a certificate of
33 title by surrendering the manufacturer's or importer's
34 certificate or certificate of title, duly assigned as provided
35 in this chapter. In this event, the treasurer in the county

1 of purchase shall, when satisfied with the genuineness and
2 regularity of the application, and upon payment of a fee of
3 ten dollars, issue a certificate of title in the name and
4 address of the nonresident purchaser delivering the same to
5 the person entitled to the title as provided in this chapter.
6 The application requirements of section 321.20 apply to a
7 title issued as provided in this subsection, except that a
8 natural person who applies for a certificate of title shall
9 provide either the person's social security number, passport
10 number, or driver's license number, whether the license was
11 issued by this state, another state, or another country. The
12 provisions of this subsection relating to multipurpose
13 vehicles are effective January 1, 1993, for all 1993 and
14 subsequent model years. The annual registration fee for
15 multipurpose vehicles that are 1992 model years and older
16 shall be in accordance with section 321.124.

17 b. The annual registration fee for a multipurpose vehicle
18 with permanently installed equipment manufactured for and
19 necessary to assist a person with a disability who is either
20 the owner or a member of the owner's household in entry and
21 exit of the vehicle or for a multipurpose vehicle if the
22 vehicle's owner or a member of the vehicle owner's household
23 uses a wheelchair as the only means of mobility shall be sixty
24 dollars. For purposes of this ~~unnumbered~~ paragraph, "uses a
25 wheelchair" does not include use of a wheelchair due to a
26 temporary injury or medical condition.

27 c. The department shall calculate as closely as possible
28 the difference in revenue that would have been received for
29 registration years beginning in 2005 from the registration of
30 motor trucks with an unladen weight of seven thousand pounds
31 or less under the weight and value system described in this
32 section, Code 2005, rather than under section 321.122, Code
33 2005. The department shall use that amount as the basis for
34 adjusting the portion of the annual registration fee that is
35 based on value for all vehicles registered under this section

1 for registration years beginning on or after January 1, 2006.
2 The adjustment shall be calculated to produce, as nearly as
3 possible, a neutral effect on the revenues deposited in the
4 road use tax fund for registration years beginning in 2006 as
5 a result of the inclusion of motor trucks under this section.

6 Sec. 2. Section 321.122, subsection 1, unnumbered
7 paragraph 1, Code 2005, is amended to read as follows:

8 The annual registration fee for truck tractors, road
9 tractors, and motor trucks with an unladen weight exceeding
10 seven thousand pounds, except motor trucks registered as
11 special trucks, shall be based on the combined gross weight of
12 the vehicle or combination of vehicles. All such trucks,
13 truck tractors, or road tractors shall be registered for a
14 gross weight equal to or in excess of the unladen weight of
15 the vehicle or combination of vehicles. The annual
16 registration ~~fee~~ fees for such vehicles or combination of
17 vehicles, except special trucks, ~~shall be~~ are as follows:

18 Sec. 3. Section 321.122, subsection 1, paragraph a, Code
19 2005, is amended by striking the paragraph.

20 Sec. 4. APPLICABILITY. This Act applies to new and
21 renewal registrations of motor trucks with an unladen weight
22 of seven thousand pounds or less for registration years
23 beginning on or after January 1, 2006.

24 EXPLANATION

25 This bill revises the method for calculating annual
26 registration fees for motor trucks with an unladen weight of
27 7,000 pounds or less. Currently, most such trucks are
28 registered based on combined gross weight for an annual fee of
29 \$65, which is reduced to \$55 when the vehicle is more than 10
30 model years old, \$45 when the vehicle is more than 13 model
31 years old, and \$35 when the vehicle is more than 15 model
32 years old.

33 The bill requires that beginning in 2006, motor trucks with
34 an unladen weight of 7,000 pounds or less shall be registered
35 under the weight and value system that applies to most other

1 motor vehicles. Currently under that system, registration
2 fees are equal to 1 percent of the value of the vehicle plus
3 40 cents for each 100 pounds of weight of the vehicle.
4 Registration fees based on weight and value are automatically
5 reduced according to the age of the vehicle beginning when the
6 vehicle is more than five model years old.

7 The bill directs the state department of transportation to
8 calculate the excess revenues that would have resulted from
9 registering motor trucks with an unladen weight of 7,000
10 pounds or less under the weight and value fee system in 2005
11 rather than the current flat fee system. Registration fees
12 for all vehicles registered according to weight and value are
13 to be modified by adjusting the percentage of value used to
14 calculate the fees so as to produce, as nearly as possible, a
15 neutral effect on revenues deposited in the road use tax fund
16 as a result of the registration of certain motor trucks under
17 the weight and value system in 2006. The adjusted formula
18 shall be used to calculate registration fees for registration
19 years beginning on or after January 1, 2006.

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