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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to motor vehicle registration fees for motor  
2 trucks weighing less than eight thousand pounds.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 321.1, Code Supplement 2005, is amended  
2 by adding the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 95. "Work truck" means a motor truck not  
4 used for hire, with an unladen weight of less than eight  
5 thousand pounds, owned by a person engaged in farming or a  
6 business, and used primarily to transport products or  
7 equipment essentially related to the vehicle owner's farming  
8 or business operation or essentially related to the vehicle  
9 owner's employment with a farming or business operation.

10 Sec. 2. Section 321.109, subsection 1, unnumbered  
11 paragraph 1, Code Supplement 2005, is amended to read as  
12 follows:

13 The annual fee for all motor vehicles including vehicles  
14 designated by manufacturers as station wagons, and 1993 and  
15 subsequent model years for multipurpose vehicles, and motor  
16 trucks with an unladen weight of less than eight thousand  
17 pounds, except motor trucks registered pursuant to section  
18 321.120, 321.121, or 321.122, motor homes, ambulances,  
19 hearses, motorcycles, motor bicycles, and 1992 and older model  
20 years for multipurpose vehicles, shall be equal to one percent  
21 of the value as fixed by the department plus forty cents for  
22 each one hundred pounds or fraction thereof of weight of  
23 vehicle, as fixed by the department. The weight of a motor  
24 vehicle, fixed by the department for registration purposes,  
25 shall include the weight of a battery, heater, bumpers, spare  
26 tire, and wheel. Provided, however, that for any new vehicle  
27 purchased in this state by a nonresident for removal to the  
28 nonresident's state of residence the purchaser may make  
29 application to the county treasurer in the county of purchase  
30 for a transit plate for which a fee of ten dollars shall be  
31 paid. And provided, however, that for any used vehicle held  
32 by a registered dealer and not currently registered in this  
33 state, or for any vehicle held by an individual and currently  
34 registered in this state, when purchased in this state by a  
35 nonresident for removal to the nonresident's state of

1 residence, the purchaser may make application to the county  
2 treasurer in the county of purchase for a transit plate for  
3 which a fee of three dollars shall be paid. The county  
4 treasurer shall issue a nontransferable certificate of  
5 registration for which no refund shall be allowed; and the  
6 transit plates shall be void thirty days after issuance. Such  
7 purchaser may apply for a certificate of title by surrendering  
8 the manufacturer's or importer's certificate or certificate of  
9 title, duly assigned as provided in this chapter. In this  
10 event, the treasurer in the county of purchase shall, when  
11 satisfied with the genuineness and regularity of the  
12 application, and upon payment of a fee of ten dollars, issue a  
13 certificate of title in the name and address of the  
14 nonresident purchaser delivering the same to the person  
15 entitled to the title as provided in this chapter. The  
16 application requirements of section 321.20 apply to a title  
17 issued as provided in this subsection, except that a natural  
18 person who applies for a certificate of title shall provide  
19 either the person's social security number, passport number,  
20 or driver's license number, whether the license was issued by  
21 this state, another state, or another country. The provisions  
22 of this subsection relating to multipurpose vehicles are  
23 effective January 1, 1993, for all 1993 and subsequent model  
24 years. The annual registration fee for multipurpose vehicles  
25 that are 1992 model years and older shall be in accordance  
26 with section 321.124.

27 Sec. 3. NEW SECTION. 321.120 WORK TRUCKS.

28 The annual registration fee for a work truck shall be  
29 computed pursuant to section 321.122, subsection 1, paragraph  
30 "a" or "b". If the department determines by audit or other  
31 means that a person who has registered a vehicle as a work  
32 truck does not qualify for the registration, the person may be  
33 required to pay regular registration fees for the vehicle  
34 pursuant to section 321.109 in addition to any other penalty  
35 or sanction imposed by law.



1 required for most other motor vehicles. Those trucks are  
2 currently registered at a flat rate based on the combined  
3 gross weight of the vehicle. The bill establishes a class of  
4 motor trucks labeled "work trucks", which are defined as  
5 trucks with an unladen weight of less than 8,000 pounds, owned  
6 by a person engaged in farming or business and used for that  
7 purpose. Vehicles that qualify as work trucks will continue  
8 to be registered for a flat fee under the current formula and  
9 will have the word "work" displayed on their registration  
10 plates.

11 Motor trucks under 8,000 pounds, other than work trucks,  
12 that are newly registered or that transfer ownership on or  
13 after July 1, 2006, will be subject to the annual fee based on  
14 weight and value. Motor trucks under 8,000 pounds, other than  
15 work trucks, that are currently registered in Iowa will be  
16 subject to the annual fee based on weight and value when their  
17 registration is renewed for registration years beginning on or  
18 after July 1, 2006.

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