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INTRODUCTION**

HOUSE BILL NO. \_\_\_\_\_

State vehicle registration fee-2.

Sponsored by: Joint Transportation, Highways and Military  
Affairs Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to motor vehicle registration; amending the  
2 state registration fee for specified motor vehicles; and  
3 providing for an effective date.

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5 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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7 **Section 1.** W.S. 31-3-101(a)(ii) is amended to read:

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**\*\*\*STAFF COMMENT\*\*\***

10 *As requested by the Committee, this draft*  
11 *legislation would amend the state vehicle*  
12 *registration fee to be based on the value of the*  
13 *vehicle registered, like the existing county*  
14 *registration fee does. To accomplish this as*  
15 *simply as possible, this legislation establishes*  
16 *the state fee as a percentage of the county fee.*  
17 *Pursuant to the Committees' request, the actual*  
18 *percentages have been left blank. However, the*

1       *"Staff Comment" which follows the amended*  
2       *language discusses a range of percentages that*  
3       *could be inserted. The county fee portion of the*  
4       *statute ( W.S. 31-3-101(a)(i) ) is included in*  
5       *this draft for the Committee's reference.*  
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7       **31-3-101. Registration fees; exemptions.**  
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9       (a) Except as otherwise provided, the following fees  
10      shall accompany each application for the registration of a  
11      vehicle:  
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13               (i) A county registration fee computed as  
14      follows, or five dollars (\$5.00), whichever is greater:

15                       (A) 3% of 60% of the factory price plus  
16      special equipment value for a vehicle in its first year of  
17      service;

18                       (B) 3% of 50% of the factory price plus  
19      special equipment value for a vehicle in its second year of  
20      service;

21                       (C) 3% of 40% of the factory price plus  
22      special equipment value for a vehicle in its third year of  
23      service;

24                       (D) 3% of 30% of the factory price plus  
25      special equipment value for a vehicle in its fourth year of  
26      service;

1 (E) 3% of 20% of the factory price plus  
2 special equipment value for a vehicle in its fifth year of  
3 service;

4 (F) 3% of 15% of the factory price plus  
5 special equipment value for a vehicle in its sixth year of  
6 service and thereafter.

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8 (ii) A state registration fee computed as follows:

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10 (A) Passenger cars ~~\$15.00~~: XX percent (XX%) of  
11 the fee required by paragraph (a) (i) of this section.

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13 (B) School buses ~~\$10.00~~: XX percent (XX%) of  
14 the fee required by paragraph (a) (i) of this section.

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16 (C) House trailers ~~\$15.00~~: XX percent (XX%) of  
17 the fee required by paragraph (a) (i) of this section.

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19 (D) Motorcycles and multipurpose vehicles ~~\$12.00~~:  
20 XX percent (XX%) of the fee required by paragraph (a) (i) of  
21 this section.

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1                   (E)       Other noncommercial vehicles based on  
2 unladen weight:

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4                   (I)    1,000 pounds or less ~~\$2.00~~: XX percent  
5 (XX%) of the fee required by paragraph (a)(i) of this  
6 section.

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8                   (II)   1,001 to 3,500 pounds ~~\$15.00~~: XX  
9 percent (XX%) of the fee required by paragraph (a)(i) of  
10 this section.

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12                   (III)   3,501 to 4,500 pounds ~~\$20.00~~: XX  
13 percent (XX%) of the fee required by paragraph (a)(i) of  
14 this section.

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16                   (IV)   4,501 to 5,500 pounds ~~\$30.00~~: XX  
17 percent (XX%) of the fee required by paragraph (a)(i) of  
18 this section.

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20                   (V)    5,501 to 6,000 pounds ~~\$40.00~~: XX  
21 percent (XX%) of the fee required by paragraph (a)(i) of  
22 this section.

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1 (VI) 6,001 pounds or more ~~\$60.00:~~ XX  
2 percent (XX%) of the fee required by paragraph (a)(i) of  
3 this section.

4 **\*\*\*STAFF COMMENT\*\*\***

5 *Assuming a MSRP value of \$25,000, the first year*  
6 *county fee for a passenger vehicle is \$450.00 (3%*  
7 *of 60% of \$25,000=\$450). The state registration*  
8 *fee for passenger cars is currently a flat \$15.*  
9 *The state fee (\$15) expressed as a percentage of*  
10 *the county fee (\$450) would be 3.33% (3.33% of*  
11 *\$450=\$15). Consequently, the Committee could*  
12 *double the current state registration fee for a*  
13 *\$25,000 vehicle by charging 6.66% of the county*  
14 *fee (3.33% X 2 = 6.66%). Be aware, however,*  
15 *that the current flat rate system effectively*  
16 *charges owners of more expensive cars*  
17 *proportionately LESS for their state*  
18 *registration. The system proposed in this*  
19 *legislation will charge the expensive car owner*  
20 *MORE. [The \$15 state registration fee is 3.33% of*  
21 *the county fee for a \$25,000 vehicle, but is only*  
22 *1.66% of the county fee for a \$50,000 vehicle[The*  
23 *county fee for a \$50,000 vehicle is \$900. \$15 is*  
24 *1.66% of \$900.] This legislation would require*  
25 *owners of more expensive vehicles to pay a higher*  
26 *state registration fee than do owners of less*  
27 *expensive vehicles. Consistent with the example*  
28 *above, and assuming the Committee doubled the*  
29 *state fee for a \$25,000 vehicle by amending the*  
30 *state fee to be 6.66% of the county fee, the*  
31 *owner of a \$25,000 vehicle would pay \$30 for*  
32 *state registration while the owner of a \$50,000*  
33 *vehicle would pay \$60.00. Consequently, be aware*  
34 *that the rate would double for a \$25,000 vehicle,*  
35 *but would quadruple for a \$50,000 vehicle.*

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37 *The discussion, above, involves the \$15 fee for*  
38 *passenger cars. The current statute also*  
39 *includes the following other dollar amounts for*  
40 *various other types of vehicles, which are*  
41 *expressed below as a percentage of the county fee*  
42 *-- assuming a \$25,000 vehicle:*  
43 *-\$2.00 = 0.44% of the county fee*

1        *-\$10.00 = 2.22% of the county fee*  
2        *-\$12.00 = 2.66% of the county fee*  
3        *-\$15.00 = 3.33% of the county fee*  
4        *-\$20.00 = 4.44% of the county fee*  
5        *-\$30.00 = 6.66% of the county fee*  
6        *-\$40.00 = 8.88% of the county fee*  
7        *-\$60.00 = 13.33% of the county fee*  
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9        **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2012.

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