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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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