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INTRODUCTION**

HOUSE BILL NO. [BILL NUMBER]

Diesel highway user and registration fees.

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

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to taxation and revenue; increasing the
2 diesel fuel tax; decreasing state motor vehicle and state
3 commercial vehicle registration fees as specified; making
4 conforming amendments; and providing for an effective date.

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

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STAFF COMMENT

12 In accordance with the motion that the Committee adopted in
13 requesting this bill draft, the figures used are based on a
14 calculation to attempt to get to a "net-zero" effect
15 through an increase in diesel fuel tax and a decrease in
16 state vehicle registration fees. Below are considerations
17 for the Committee with this bill draft:

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- The calculations do account for any fuel-tax exemptions for which a driver with a Wyoming registered vehicle may be entitled to take or actually takes.
- The calculations do account for the vehicles for which WYDOT has no data on their fuel source.
- The calculations do not account for vehicles whose registration fees are apportioned among multiple states.
- It is possible that not every class of vehicle would achieve an exact "net-zero" effect through the change in taxes and fees in this bill draft.

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Section 1. W.S. 31-3-101(a)(ii)(A), (B), (E)(intro) and by creating new subparagraphs (J) through (M), 31-18-401(b) by creating a new paragraph (vii) and 39-17-204(a)(intro) and (i) are amended to read:

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31-3-101. Registration fees; exemptions.

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(a) Except as otherwise provided, the following fees shall accompany each application for the registration of a vehicle:

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(ii) A state registration fee computed as follows:

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(A) Passenger cars not powered by diesel

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fuel

\$30.00

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(B) School buses not powered by diesel fuel

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\$25.00

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(E) House trailers and other noncommercial

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vehicles that are not powered by diesel fuel based on

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unladen weight, which for purposes of this subparagraph

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only, shall be by the manufacturer's published weight, if

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available:

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(J) Passenger cars powered by diesel fuel

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\$0.00

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(K) School buses powered by diesel fuel

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\$0.00

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(M) Other noncommercial vehicles powered by

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diesel fuel

\$0.00

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31-18-401. Registration fees.

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2 (b) The fees prescribed by subsection (a) of this
3 section are modified for owners of the following commercial
4 vehicles:

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6 (vii) Fees prescribed in subparagraph (a)(ii)(A)
7 of this section for commercial vehicles powered by diesel
8 fuel as defined by W.S. 39-17-201(a)(xxi) and that do not
9 utilize another modification of fees provided by this
10 subsection shall be zero dollars (\$0.00).

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12 **39-17-204. Taxation rate.**

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14 (a) Except as otherwise provided by this section and
15 W.S. 39-17-205, the total tax on diesel fuels shall be
16 ~~twenty-four cents (\$.24)~~ twenty-eight cents (\$0.28) per
17 gallon. The rate shall be imposed as follows:

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19 (i) There is levied and shall be collected a
20 license tax of ~~twenty-three cents (\$.23)~~ twenty-seven cents
21 (\$0.27) per gallon on all diesel fuels used, sold or
22 distributed for sale or use in this state;

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1 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2024.

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