

Chris H. Wilson proposes the following substitute bill:

Motor Vehicle Registration Services Amendments

2026 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Chris H. Wilson

House Sponsor: Bridger Bolinder

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill amends vehicle registration fees to provide funding for Motor Vehicle Division services in counties of the third through sixth class.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- provides funding for counties that provide Motor Vehicle Division services on behalf of the division;
- modifies vehicle registration fees;
- creates the Vehicle Registration Services Expendable Special Revenue Fund; and
- allocates certain special group license plate revenue.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

Other Special Clauses:

This bill provides a special effective date.

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

41-1a-1201 (Effective 01/01/27) (Repealed 07/01/29), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 279

41-1a-1206 (Effective 01/01/27), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapters 215, 279

41-1a-1603 (Effective 07/01/27), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 247

ENACTS:

41-1a-124 (Effective 01/01/27), Utah Code Annotated 1953

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **41-1a-124** is enacted to read:

30 **41-1a-124 (Effective 01/01/27). Vehicle Registration Services Expendable Special**
31 **Revenue Fund.**

- 32 (1) There is created an expendable special revenue fund known as the "Vehicle Registration
33 Services Expendable Special Revenue Fund."
- 34 (2) The fund shall consist of deposits into the account from the fee described in Subsection
35 41-1a-1201(11).
- 36 (3) The commission shall use the fund to provide:
- 37 (a) \$500,000 in one-time funding to establish division services in a county that, in 2024:
38 (i) provided motor vehicle registration services in the county on behalf of the
39 division; and
40 (ii) registered the highest number of vehicles among counties that provided motor
41 vehicle registration services on behalf of the division; and
- 42 (b) funding to counties of the third through sixth class that provides vehicle registration
43 services on behalf of the division.
- 44 (4) A county described in Subsection (3)(b) is eligible each fiscal year for up to:
- 45 (a) \$3 per vehicle registered in the previous calendar year for a county of the third class;
46 (b) \$3.50 per vehicle registered in the previous calendar year for a county of the fourth
47 class;
48 (c) \$4 per vehicle registered in the previous calendar year for a county of the fifth class;
49 or
50 (d) \$5 per vehicle registered in the previous calendar year for a county of the sixth class.
- 51 (5) The distribution described in Subsection (3)(a) will not begin until:
- 52 (a) the fiscal year 2027;
53 (b) the fund has accrued at least \$500,000; and
54 (c) the commission has identified and secured office space.
- 55 (6) The distribution described in Subsection (3)(b) shall begin in fiscal year 2027.
- 56 (7) The commission shall provide funding in the order listed in Subsection (3).
- 57 (8) If there are insufficient funds for each county described in Subsection (3)(c) to receive
58 the amount described in Subsection (4), the commission shall reduce each county's
59 funding proportionally.
- 60 (9) Any amount remaining in the fund after the distributions described in Subsection (1)
61 shall be deposited into the Transportation Investment Fund of 2005.

62 Section 2. Section **41-1a-1201** is amended to read:

63 **41-1a-1201 (Effective 01/01/27) (Repealed 07/01/29). Disposition of fees.**

- 64 (1) All fees received and collected under this part shall be transmitted daily to the state
65 treasurer.
- 66 (2) Except as provided in Subsections (3), (5), (6), (7), (8), ~~and (9)~~, and (11), and Sections
67 41-1a-1205, 41-1a-1220, 41-1a-1221, 41-1a-1222, 41-1a-1223, and 41-1a-1603, all fees
68 collected under this part shall be deposited into the Transportation Fund.
- 69 (3) Funds generated under Subsections 41-1a-1211(1)(b)(ii), (6)(b)(ii), (7), and (9), and
70 Section 41-1a-1212 shall be deposited into the License Plate Restricted Account created
71 in Section 41-1a-122.
- 72 (4)(a) Except as provided in Subsections (3) and (4)(b) and Section 41-1a-1205, the
73 expenses of the commission in enforcing and administering this part shall be
74 provided for by legislative appropriation from the revenues of the Transportation
75 Fund.
- 76 (b) Three dollars of the registration fees imposed under Subsections 41-1a-1206(2)(a)
77 and (b) for each vehicle registered for a six-month registration period under Section
78 41-1a-215.5 may be used by the commission to cover the costs incurred in enforcing
79 and administering this part.
- 80 (c) Fifty cents of the registration fee imposed under Subsection 41-1a-1206(1)(i) for
81 each vintage vehicle that has a model year of 1983 or newer may be used by the
82 commission to cover the costs incurred in enforcing and administering this part.
- 83 (5)(a) The following portions of the registration fees imposed under Section 41-1a-1206
84 for each vehicle shall be deposited into the Transportation Investment Fund of 2005
85 created in Section 72-2-124:
- 86 (i) \$30 of the registration fees imposed under Subsections 41-1a-1206(1)(a), (1)(b),
87 (1)(f), (4), and (7);
- 88 (ii) \$21 of the registration fees imposed under Subsections 41-1a-1206(1)(c)(i) and
89 (1)(c)(ii);
- 90 (iii) \$2.50 of the registration fee imposed under Subsection 41-1a-1206(1)(e)(ii);
- 91 (iv) \$23 of the registration fee imposed under Subsection 41-1a-1206(1)(d)(i);
- 92 (v) \$24.50 of the registration fee imposed under Subsection 41-1a-1206(1)(e)(i);
- 93 (vi) \$1 of the registration fee imposed under Subsection 41-1a-1206(1)(d)(ii); and
- 94 (vii) \$17 of the registration fee imposed under Subsection 41-1a-1206(1)(j).
- 95 (b) The following portions of the registration fees collected for each vehicle registered
96 for a six-month registration period under Section 41-1a-215.5 shall be deposited into
97 the Transportation Investment Fund of 2005 created in Section 72-2-124:

- 98 (i) \$23.25 of each registration fee collected under Subsection 41-1a-1206(2)(a)(i); and
99 (ii) \$23 of each registration fee collected under Subsection 41-1a-1206(2)(a)(ii).
- 100 (6)(a) Ninety-four cents of each registration fee imposed under Subsections
101 41-1a-1206(1)(a) and (b) for each vehicle shall be deposited into the Department of
102 Public Safety Restricted Account created in Section 53-3-106.
- 103 (b) Seventy-one cents of each registration fee imposed under Subsections
104 41-1a-1206(2)(a) and (b) for each vehicle registered for a six-month registration
105 period under Section 41-1a-215.5 shall be deposited into the Department of Public
106 Safety Restricted Account created in Section 53-3-106.
- 107 (7)(a) One dollar of each registration fee imposed under Subsections 41-1a-1206(1)(a)
108 and (b) for each vehicle shall be deposited into the Motor Vehicle Safety Impact
109 Restricted Account created in Section 53-8-214.
- 110 (b) One dollar of each registration fee imposed under Subsections 41-1a-1206(2)(a) and
111 (b) for each vehicle registered for a six-month registration period under Section
112 41-1a-215.5 shall be deposited into the Motor Vehicle Safety Impact Restricted
113 Account created in Section 53-8-214.
- 114 (8) Fifty cents of each registration fee imposed under Subsection 41-1a-1206(1)(a) for each
115 motorcycle shall be deposited into the Brain and Spinal Cord Injury Fund created in
116 Section 26B-1-318.
- 117 (9)(a) [~~Beginning~~] Except as provided in Subsection (11), beginning on January 1, 2024,
118 subject to Subsection (9)(b), \$2 of each registration fee imposed under Section
119 41-1a-1206 shall be deposited into the Rural Transportation Infrastructure Fund
120 created in Section 72-2-133.
- 121 (b) Beginning on January 1, 2025, and each January 1 thereafter, the amount described
122 in Subsection (9)(a) shall be annually adjusted by taking the amount deposited the
123 previous year and adding an amount equal to the greater of:
- 124 (i) an amount calculated by multiplying the amount deposited by the previous year by
125 the actual percentage change during the previous fiscal year in the Consumer Price
126 Index; and
- 127 (ii) 0.
- 128 (c) The amounts calculated as described in Subsection (9)(b) shall be rounded up to the
129 nearest [~~+~~] one cent.
- 130 (10) For a vehicle registered for a 24-month period as provided in Section 41-1a-215.5, the
131 deposits under this section are double the amounts due for a 12-month registration of the

132 same vehicle.

133 (11) The registration fee imposed under Subsections 41-1a-1206(3)(a)(i)(B) and
 134 41-1a-1206(3)(a)(ii)(B) shall be deposited into the Vehicle Registration Services
 135 Expendable Special Revenue Fund created in Section 41-1a-124.

136 Section 3. Section **41-1a-1206** is amended to read:

137 **41-1a-1206 (Effective 01/01/27). Registration fees -- Fees by gross laden weight.**

138 (1) Except as provided in Subsections (2) and (3), at the time application is made for
 139 registration or renewal of registration of a vehicle or combination of vehicles under this
 140 chapter, a registration fee shall be paid to the division as follows:

141 (a) \$46.00 for each motorcycle;

142 (b) \$44 for each motor vehicle of 14,000 pounds or less gross laden weight, excluding
 143 motorcycles;

144 (c) unless the semitrailer or trailer is exempt from registration under Section 41-1a-202
 145 or is registered under Section 41-1a-301:

146 (i) \$31 for each trailer or semitrailer over 750 pounds gross unladen weight; or

147 (ii) \$28.50 for each commercial trailer or commercial semitrailer of 750 pounds or
 148 less gross unladen weight;

149 (d)(i) \$53 for each farm truck over 14,000 pounds, but not exceeding 16,000 pounds
 150 gross laden weight; plus

151 (ii) \$9 for each 2,000 pounds over 16,000 pounds gross laden weight;

152 (e)(i) \$69.50 for each motor vehicle or combination of motor vehicles, excluding
 153 farm trucks, over 14,000 pounds, but not exceeding 16,000 pounds gross laden
 154 weight; plus

155 (ii) \$19 for each 2,000 pounds over 16,000 pounds gross laden weight;

156 (f)(i) \$69.50 for each park model recreational vehicle over 14,000 pounds, but not
 157 exceeding 16,000 pounds gross laden weight; plus

158 (ii) \$19 for each 2,000 pounds over 16,000 pounds gross laden weight;

159 (g) \$45 for each vintage vehicle that has a model year of 1983 or newer;

160 (h) in addition to the fee described in Subsection (1)(b):

161 (i) an amount equal to the road usage charge cap described in Section 72-1-213.1 for:

162 (A) each electric motor vehicle; and

163 (B) Each motor vehicle not described in this Subsection (1)(h) that is fueled
 164 exclusively by a source other than motor fuel, diesel fuel, natural gas, or
 165 propane;

- 166 (ii) \$21.75 for each hybrid electric motor vehicle; and
 167 (iii) \$56.50 for each plug-in hybrid electric motor vehicle;
- 168 (i) in addition to the fee described in Subsection (1)(g), for a vintage vehicle that has a
 169 model year of 1983 or newer, 50 cents; and
 170 (j) \$28.50 for each roadable aircraft.
- 171 (2)(a) At the time application is made for registration or renewal of registration of a
 172 vehicle under this chapter for a six-month registration period under Section
 173 41-1a-215.5, a registration fee shall be paid to the division as follows:
- 174 (i) \$34.50 for each motorcycle; and
 175 (ii) \$33.50 for each motor vehicle of 14,000 pounds or less gross laden weight,
 176 excluding motorcycles.
- 177 (b) In addition to the fee described in Subsection (2)(a)(ii), for registration or renewal of
 178 registration of a vehicle under this chapter for a six-month registration period under
 179 Section 41-1a-215.5 a registration fee shall be paid to the division as follows:
- 180 (i) an amount equal to the road usage charge cap described in Section 72-1-213.1 for:
 181 (A) each electric motor vehicle; and
 182 (B) each motor vehicle not described in this Subsection (2)(b) that is fueled
 183 exclusively by a source other than motor fuel, diesel fuel, natural gas, or
 184 propane;
- 185 (ii) \$16.50 for each hybrid electric motor vehicle; and
 186 (iii) \$43.50 for each plug-in hybrid electric motor vehicle.
- 187 (3)(a) [~~Beginning on January 1, 2024, at~~] At the time of registration:
- 188 (i) in addition to the amounts described in Subsections (1)(a), (1)(b), (1)(c)(i),
 189 (1)(c)(ii), (1)(d)(i), (1)(e)(i), (1)(f)(i), (1)(g), (1)(h), (4)(a), and (7), the individual
 190 shall also pay an additional:
 191 (A) \$7 as part of the registration fee; and
 192 (B) \$1.25 as part of the registration fee; and
- 193 (ii) in addition to the amounts described in Subsection (2)(a), the individual shall also
 194 pay an additional:
 195 (A) \$5 as part of the registration fee[-] ; and
 196 (B) \$1 as part of the registration fee.
- 197 (b)[~~(i) Beginning on January 1, 2019, the~~] The commission shall, on January 1,
 198 annually adjust the registration fees described in Subsections (1)(a), (1)(b),
 199 (1)(c)(i), (1)(c)(ii), (1)(d)(i), (1)(e)(i), (1)(f)(i), (1)(g), (1)(h)(ii), (1)(h)(iii), (1)(j),

- 200 (2)(a), ~~(2)(b)(ii), (2)(b)(iii)~~, (3)(a), (4)(a), and (7), by taking the registration fee
201 rate for the previous year and adding an amount equal to the greater of:
- 202 [~~(A)~~] (i) an amount calculated by multiplying the registration fee of the previous year
203 by the actual percentage change during the previous fiscal year in the Consumer
204 Price Index; and
- 205 [~~(B)~~] (ii) 0.
- 206 [(ii) ~~Beginning on January 1, 2024, the commission shall, on January 1, annually~~
207 ~~adjust the registration fees described in Subsections (1)(h)(ii) and (iii) and~~
208 ~~(2)(b)(ii) and (iii) by taking the registration fee rate for the previous year and~~
209 ~~adding an amount equal to the greater of:]~~
- 210 [~~(A)~~ an amount calculated by multiplying the registration fee of the previous year
211 by the actual percentage change during the previous fiscal year in the
212 Consumer Price Index; and]
- 213 [~~(B)~~ 0.]
- 214 (c) The amounts calculated as described in Subsection (3)(b) shall be rounded up to the
215 nearest 25 cents.
- 216 (4)(a) The initial registration fee for a vintage vehicle that has a model year of 1982 or
217 older is \$40.
- 218 (b) A vintage vehicle that has a model year of 1982 or older is exempt from the renewal
219 of registration fees under Subsection (1).
- 220 (c) A vehicle with a Purple Heart special group license plate issued on or before
221 December 31, 2023, or issued in accordance with Part 16, Sponsored Special Group
222 License Plates, is exempt from the registration fees under Subsection (1).
- 223 (d) A camper is exempt from the registration fees under Subsection (1).
- 224 (5) If a motor vehicle is operated in combination with a semitrailer or trailer, each motor
225 vehicle shall register for the total gross laden weight of all units of the combination if the
226 total gross laden weight of the combination exceeds 14,000 pounds.
- 227 (6)(a) Registration fee categories under this section are based on the gross laden weight
228 declared in the licensee's application for registration.
- 229 (b) Gross laden weight shall be computed in units of 2,000 pounds. A fractional part of
230 2,000 pounds is a full unit.
- 231 (7) The owner of a trailer described in Section 41-1a-228 may, as an alternative to
232 registering under Subsection (1)(c), apply for and obtain a special registration and
233 license plate, as provided in Section 41-1a-228, for a fee of \$130.

- 234 (8) For a vehicle registered for a 24-month period as provided in Section 41-1a-215.5, the
235 fee amounts are double the amounts due for a 12-month registration of the same vehicle.
- 236 (9) Except as provided in Section 41-6a-1642, a truck may not be registered as a farm truck
237 unless:
- 238 (a) the truck meets the definition of a farm truck under Section 41-1a-102; and
239 (b)(i) the truck has a gross vehicle weight rating of more than 14,000 pounds; or
240 (ii) the truck has a gross vehicle weight rating of 14,000 pounds or less and the owner
241 submits to the division a certificate of emissions inspection or a waiver in
242 compliance with Section 41-6a-1642.
- 243 (10) A violation of Subsection (9) is an infraction that shall be punished by a fine of not
244 less than \$200.
- 245 (11) A motor vehicle registered as a street-legal all-terrain vehicle is:
- 246 (a) subject to the registration and other fees described in Section 41-22-9; and
247 (b) not required to pay an additional registration fee under this section.
- 248 (12) Trucks used exclusively to pump cement, bore wells, or perform crane services with a
249 crane lift capacity of five or more tons, are exempt from 50% of the amount of the fees
250 required for those vehicles under this section.
- 251 Section 4. Section **41-1a-1603** is amended to read:
- 252 **41-1a-1603 (Effective 07/01/27). Application requirements -- Fees --**
253 **Contributions -- Rulemaking.**
- 254 (1) An applicant for a sponsored special group license plate shall submit to the division:
- 255 (a) in a form and manner that the division prescribes, a complete application;
256 (b) payment of the fee for the issuance of the sponsored special group license plate
257 established under Subsection (4)(a)(i);
258 (c) the required contribution for the sponsored special group license plate, unless the
259 applicant previously paid the required contribution as part of a preorder application
260 described in Subsection (3); and
261 (d) if the sponsoring organization elects to require verification as described in Section
262 41-1a-1604, a verification form obtained from the sponsoring organization.
- 263 (2) An applicant who owns a vehicle with the sponsoring organization's sponsored special
264 group license plate shall submit to the division the required contribution to renew the
265 sponsored special group license plate.
- 266 (3)(a) An applicant who wishes to obtain a new type of sponsored special group license
267 plate may preorder the new type of sponsored special group license plate by:

- 268 (i) submitting to the sponsoring organization associated with the new type of
269 sponsored special group license plate a complete preorder form created by the
270 division; and
- 271 (ii) making the required contribution to the sponsoring organization.
- 272 (b) After the division approves the sponsoring organization's request for the new type of
273 sponsored special group license plate under Section 41-1a-1604, an applicant who
274 submitted a preorder in accordance with Subsection (3)(a) may apply for the
275 sponsored special group license plate in accordance with Subsection (1).
- 276 (4)(a) The division shall, in accordance with Section 63J-1-504, establish:
- 277 (i) the fee to charge an applicant for the division's costs of issuing or renewing a
278 sponsored special group license plate or symbol decal;
- 279 (ii) the fee to charge a sponsoring organization for the division's costs of designing
280 and administering a new type of sponsored special group license plate, in
281 accordance with Subsection 41-1a-1604(2)(c); and
- 282 (iii) subject to Subsections (4)(b) and (6), in an amount equal to at least \$25, the
283 minimum annual contribution amount an applicant is required to make to obtain or
284 renew the sponsoring organization's sponsored special group license plate.
- 285 (b) A fee paid in accordance with Subsection (4)(a)(i) shall be deposited into the License
286 Plate Restricted Account created in Section 41-1a-122.
- 287 (c) A sponsoring organization may establish a required contribution amount for the
288 sponsoring organization's sponsored special group license plate that is greater than
289 the amount established by the division under Subsection (4)(a)(ii).
- 290 (5) An applicant's contribution is a voluntary contribution for funding the sponsoring
291 organization's activities and not a motor vehicle registration fee.
- 292 (6) Beginning on July 1, [~~2025~~] 2027, an applicant's voluntary contribution described in
293 Subsection (4)(a)(iii) for the historical support special group license plate described in
294 Section 41-1a-419 is \$25 which the division shall allocate as follows:
- 295 (a) \$2 to the Utah State Historical Society as the sponsoring organization; [~~and~~]
- 296 (b) [~~\$23~~] \$13.30 into the Transportation Investment Fund of 2005, created in Section
297 72-2-124[-] ; and
- 298 (c) \$9.70 into the General Fund.
- 299 (7) For a fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2025, only, the division shall transfer into the
300 General Fund \$3,500,000 from the Sponsored Special Group License Plate Fund created
301 in Section 41-1a-1610 from funds generated by the historical support special group

- 302 license plate.
- 303 (8) The division shall provide notice indicating the allocation of the voluntary contributions
- 304 described in Subsection (6) for the historical support special group license plate as
- 305 follows:
- 306 (a) on or before July 1, 2025, on the division website; and
- 307 (b) beginning on July 1, 2025, and until June 30, 2026, in any email notification of a
- 308 registrant's pending vehicle registration expiration described in Section 41-1a-203.
- 309 (9) An applicant for a historical support special group license plate for a vehicle that is a
- 310 vintage vehicle is not required to make the voluntary contribution to obtain the historical
- 311 support special group license plate.
- 312 (10) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the
- 313 commission may make rules to establish and administer the sponsored special group
- 314 license plate program.

315 **Section 5. FY 2027 Appropriations.**

316 The following sums of money are appropriated for the fiscal year beginning July 1,

317 2026, and ending June 30, 2027. These are additions to amounts previously appropriated for

318 fiscal year 2027.

319 **Subsection 5(a). Operating and Capital Budgets**

320 Under the terms and conditions of Title 63J, Chapter 1, Budgetary Procedures Act, the

321 Legislature appropriates the following sums of money from the funds or accounts indicated for

322 the use and support of the government of the state of Utah.

323 ITEM 1 To Utah State Tax Commission - Tax Administration

From General Fund	2,867,000
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From General Fund, One-time	(2,867,000)
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326 **Section 6. Effective Date.**

- 327 (1) Except as provided in Subsection (2), this bill takes effect January 1, 2027.
- 328 (2) The actions affecting the following sections take effect as follows:
- 329 (a) Section 41-1a-1603 (Effective 07/01/2027) takes effect on July 1, 2027; and
- 330 (b) Section 5, FY 2027 Appropriations (Effective 07/01/26) takes effect on July 1, 2026.