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## A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the late vehicle registration penalty.  
2 BE IN ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section three hundred twenty-one point one  
2 hundred thirty-four (321.134), Code 1971, is amended as  
3 follows:

4 321.134 MONTHLY PENALTY. On February 1 of each year,  
5 a penalty of ~~five~~ ten percent of the annual registration fee  
6 shall be added to all fees not paid by that date, and an addi-  
7 tional five ten percent of the annual registration fee and  
8 accrued penalties shall be added to such fees on the first  
9 of each month thereafter that the same remains unpaid, until  
10 paid, provided that ~~said~~ the penalty in no case shall be less  
11 than ~~one-dollar~~ five dollars, and provided that the owner  
12 of a vehicle who, before February 1 of any year, surrenders  
13 all registration plates for ~~said~~ the vehicle to the county  
14 treasurer of the county in which ~~said~~ the plates are of record,  
15 shall have the right to register ~~said~~ the vehicle at any later  
16 period of ~~said~~ the year by paying the full yearly registration  
17 fee without ~~said~~ the penalty. Provided, however, that the  
18 annual registration fee for trucks, truck tractors, road  
19 tractors, trailers and semitrailers, as provided in sections  
20 321.120 to 321.123, inclusive, when ~~said~~ this annual  
21 registration fee is in excess of seventy dollars, may be  
22 payable in two equal semiannual installments.

23 The penalties provided in the preceding paragraph shall  
24 be computed on the amount of the first installment only, and  
25 on August 1 of each year and on the first day of each month  
26 thereafter the same rate of penalty shall be added to the  
27 amount of the second installment, until ~~the-same~~ it is paid.

28 The five dollar minimum penalty shall not apply to motor  
29 vehicles registered pursuant to:

- 30 1. Section 321.115.
- 31 2. Section 321.117 which are motorcycles.
- 32 3. Section 321.123, subsection 1, and having a gross  
33 weight of one thousand pounds or less.
- 34 4. Section 321.123, subsections 3 and 4.
- 35 5. Section 321.124.

1 Motor vehicles not subject to the five dollar minimum pen-  
2 alty shall be subject to a one dollar minimum penalty.

3 EXPLANATION

4 This bill provides that the penalty for late motor vehicle  
5 registration be raised from 5 to 10 percent of the registra-  
6 tion fee compounded for each additional month late, and raises  
7 the minimum penalty from \$1 to \$5 except for cases where a  
8 \$5 minimum would be as high or higher than the registration  
9 fee. In these cases the penalty will be 10 percent with a  
10 \$1 minimum. Examples of these cases are: motorcycles --  
11 \$5 registration fee; antiquated cars -- \$5 registration fee;  
12 trailers (pneumatic tires) under 1,000 lbs -- \$3 registration  
13 fee; mobile homes -- \$2.50 registration fee; travel trailers  
14 -- \$.15 per square foot of floor space; bulk spreaders under  
15 six tons -- \$5 registration fee.

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