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Senate File 334  
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SENATE FILE 334

By COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Passed Senate, Date 4-14-77 (p.1024) Passed House, Date 5-4-77 (p.1892)

Vote: Ayes 43 Nays 1 Vote: Ayes 67 Nays 24

Approved June 7, 1977

*Repassed Senate per House amendment (3514)  
5-11-77 (p.1445)  
47-1*

### A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to registration fees for motor trucks,  
 2 truck tractors, road tractors, trailers and semitrailers,  
 3 providing for an increase for special mobile equipment  
 4 registration fees to five dollars, eliminating proration  
 5 of trailer fees, providing for an additional registration  
 6 fee for combinations of vehicles exceeding nineteen tons  
 7 and not exceeding twenty-four tons and those exceeding  
 8 twenty-four tons, providing a ten dollar registration fee  
 9 for semitrailers, and a five or ten dollar registration  
 10 fee for other trailers depending upon gross weight and  
 11 striking certain subsections and making technical changes.

12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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SENATE FILE 334

H-3709

1 Amend Senate File 334, as passed by the  
 2 Senate, as follows:  
 3 1. Page 2, line 28, by striking the word  
 4 "five" and inserting in lieu thereof the word  
 5 "four".

H-3709 FILED - *Adopted 5/4* BY DOYLE of Woodbury  
APRIL 21, 1977 (*p.1876*)

S.F. 334

1 Section 1. Section three hundred twenty-one point twenty-  
2 one (321.21), subsection three (3), Code 1977, is amended  
3 to read as follows:

4 3. The department shall also issue special mobile equip-  
5 ment plates as applied for, which shall have displayed there-  
6 on the general distinguishing number assigned to the appli-  
7 cant. Each plate or pair of plates so issued shall have dis-  
8 played thereon the words: Special Mobile Equipment. The  
9 fee for each plate or pair of special plates shall be ~~three~~  
10 five dollars.

11 Sec. 2. Section three hundred twenty-one point thirty-  
12 four (321.34), subsection six (6), Code 1977, is amended to  
13 read as follows:

14 6. MULTIYEAR PLATES. In lieu of issuing annual registra-  
15 tion plates for trailers and semitrailers, the county trea-  
16 surer or department may issue a multiyear registration plate  
17 for a three-year period upon payment of the appropriate  
18 registration fee. ~~This section shall not apply to trailers~~  
19 ~~and semitrailers registered pursuant to chapter 326.~~ Fees  
20 from three-year payments shall not be reduced or prorated  
21 under the provisions of chapter three hundred twenty-six  
22 (326), of the Code.

23 Sec. 3. Section three hundred twenty-one point one hun-  
24 dred five (321.105), unnumbered paragraph four (4), Code 1977,  
25 is amended to read as follows:

26 In addition to the payment of an annual registration fee  
27 for each trailer and semitrailer to be issued an Iowa registra-  
28 tion plate, an additional registration fee may be paid for  
29 a period of two subsequent registration years. ~~This section~~  
30 ~~shall not apply to trailers and semitrailers registered pursu-~~  
31 ~~ant to chapter 326.~~

32 Sec. 4. Section three hundred twenty-one point one hundred  
33 twenty-two (321.122), subsection one (1), Code 1977, is amended  
34 by adding the following new paragraphs:

35 NEW PARAGRAPH. For a combined gross weight exceeding

1 nineteen tons but not exceeding twenty-four tons a fee of  
2 twenty dollars, which shall be in addition to the registra-  
3 tion fee provided in this subsection.

4 NEW PARAGRAPH. For a combined gross weight exceeding  
5 twenty-four tons a fee of ninety dollars, which shall be in  
6 addition to the registration fee provided in this subsection.

7 Sec. 5. Section three hundred twenty-one point one hun-  
8 dred twenty-two (321.122), subsection two (2), Code 1977,  
9 is amended to read as follows:

10 2. For semitrailers the annual registration fee shall  
11 be:

12 ~~For each semitrailer drawn by a truck, road tractor or~~  
13 ~~truck tractor, with a combined gross weight of twelve tons~~  
14 ~~or less, thirty dollars.~~

15 ~~For each semitrailer drawn by a truck, road tractor or~~  
16 ~~truck tractor, with a combined gross weight exceeding twelve~~  
17 ~~tons, sixty dollars~~ ten dollars which shall not be reduced  
18 or prorated under the provisions of chapter three hundred  
19 twenty-six (326) of the Code.

20 Sec. 6. Section three hundred twenty-one point one hun-  
21 dred twenty-three (321.123), unnumbered paragraph one (1),  
22 Code 1977, is amended to read as follows:

23 All trailers ~~and mobile homes~~ except farm trailers and  
24 ~~those registered as semitrailers under the provisions of~~  
25 ~~section 321.122, unless otherwise provided in this section,~~  
26 shall be subject to a registration fee ~~to be fixed in~~  
27 ~~accordance with the following schedule, provided, however,~~  
28 ~~trailers whose~~ of five dollars for trailers with a gross  
29 weight of one thousand pounds or less and ten dollars for  
30 other trailers. Trailers for which the empty weight is two  
31 thousand pounds or less shall be exempt from the certificate  
32 of title and lien provisions of this chapter. Fees collected  
33 under this section shall not be reduced or prorated under  
34 the provisions of chapter three hundred twenty-six (326),  
35 of the Code.



House Amendment to Senate File 334

S-3514

- 1 Amend Senate File 334 as follows:  
2 1. Page 1, by inserting before line 1 the follow-  
3 ing new section:  
4 "Sec. \_\_\_\_\_. Section three hundred twenty-one point  
5 one (321.1), subsection seventeen (17), Code 1977,  
6 is amended to read as follows:  
7 17. "Special mobile equipment" means every vehicle  
8 not designed or used primarily for the transportation  
9 of persons or property and incidentally operated or  
10 moved over the highways, including trailers and bulk  
11 spreaders which are not self-propelled having a gross  
12 weight of not more than ~~six~~ twelve tons used for the  
13 transportation of fertilizers and chemicals used for  
14 farm crop production, and other equipment used  
15 primarily for the application of fertilizers and  
16 chemicals in farm fields or for farm storage, but  
17 not including trucks mounted with applicators of such  
18 products, road construction or maintenance machinery  
19 and ditch-digging apparatus. The foregoing enumeration  
20 shall be deemed partial and shall not operate to  
21 exclude other such vehicles which are within the  
22 general terms of this subsection; provided that nothing  
23 contained in this section shall be construed to include  
24 portable mills or corn shellers mounted upon a motor  
25 vehicle or semitrailer."  
26 2. Page 2, line 28, by striking the word "five"  
27 and inserting in lieu thereof the word "four".  
28 3. Page 3, line 8, by striking the word "six"  
29 and inserting in lieu thereof the words "six twelve".  
30 4. Page 3, by striking lines 12 and 13 and  
31 inserting in lieu thereof the following:  
32 "Sec. \_\_\_\_\_. The provision of this Act shall be  
33 effective November 1, 1977 for fees payable on or  
34 after November 1, 1977 for vehicle registration issued  
35 for the calendar year 1978."  
36 5. Renumber sections and correct internal  
37 references as are necessary in accordance with this  
38 amendment.  
39 6. Amend the title page as follows:  
40 Line 9 by striking the word "five" and inserting  
41 in lieu thereof the word "four".

S-3514 FILED  
MAY 6, 1977

RECEIVED FROM THE HOUSE

*Senate concurred 5/11 (p. 1445)*

SENATE FILE 334  
REVISED  
FISCAL NOTE

Date Prepared: April 5, 1977

Requested by: Senator Drake

Prepared in regard to S.F. 334, An Act relating to registration fees for motor trucks, truck tractors, road tractors, trailers and semitrailers, providing for an increase for special mobile equipment registration fees to five dollars, eliminating proration of trailer fees, providing for an additional registration fee for combinations of vehicles exceeding nineteen tons and not exceeding twenty-four tons and those exceeding twenty-four tons, providing a ten dollar registration fee for semitrailers, and a five or ten dollar registration fee for other trailers depending upon gross weight and striking certain subsections and making technical changes.

Following is the fiscal effect in dollars of the legislative proposal as required by Joint Rule 16.

S.F. 334 will transfer all commercial registration fees to the power unit and will place a nominal identification fee on trailers.

It is not the purpose of this bill to increase or decrease total registration revenue, but to shift the structure of fees, resulting in no measurable revenue change.

It would be difficult to realize a zero net change without constructing an unnecessary complicated fee schedule. Keeping this in mind, the proposed schedule would yield an increase of approximately \$290,000. (\$115,000 of this amount is due to the \$2.00 increase in special mobile equipment fees.)

The Department of Transportation arrived at this figure by comparing the revenue obtained from the current schedule to the revenue that would be generated if the proposed schedule were adopted.

Iowa will be able to enter the International Registration Plan if this new fee schedule is adopted. Under the International Registration Plan, Iowa will be collecting proportional fees from carriers based in ten additional jurisdictions. This will result in an estimated revenue increase of approximately \$1,500,000.

Source: Department of Transportation

Gerry Rankin

FILED  
APRIL 7, 1977

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL DIRECTOR

H-3726

1 Amend Senate File 334, as passed by the Senate,  
2 as follows:

3 1. Page 1, by inserting before line 1 the follow-  
4 ing new section:

5 "Sec. \_\_\_\_\_. Section three hundred twenty-one point  
6 one (321.1), subsection seventeen (17), Code 1977,  
7 is amended to read as follows:

8 17. "Special mobile equipment" means every vehicle  
9 not designed or used primarily for the transportation  
10 of persons or property and incidentally operated or  
11 moved over the highways, including trailers and bulk  
12 spreaders which are not self-propelled having a gross  
13 weight of not more than ~~six~~ twelve tons used for the  
14 transportation of fertilizers and chemicals used for  
15 farm crop production, and other equipment used  
16 primarily for the application of fertilizers and  
17 chemicals in farm fields or for farm storage, but  
18 not including trucks mounted with applicators of such  
19 products, road construction or maintenance machinery  
20 and ditch-digging apparatus. The foregoing enumeration  
21 shall be deemed partial and shall not operate to  
22 exclude other such vehicles which are within the  
23 general terms of this subsection; provided that nothing  
24 contained in this section shall be construed to include  
25 portable mills or corn shellers mounted upon a motor  
26 vehicle or semitrailer."

27 2. Page 3, line 8, by striking the word "six"  
28 and inserting in lieu thereof the words "six twelve".

29 3. Renumber sections and correct internal  
30 references as are necessary in accordance with this  
31 amendment.

32 4. Amend the title, lines 1 and 2, by striking  
33 the words "registration fees for motor trucks, truck  
34 tractors, road tractors, trailers and semitrailers,"  
35 and inserting in lieu thereof the words "motor vehicles  
36 by redefining special mobile equipment,".

B. Withdrawn  
5/4 (p. 1874)

H-3726 FILED *A. Adopted* BY SCHROEDER of Pottawattamie  
APRIL 22, 1977 *5/4* SENATE FILE 334

H-3722

1 Amend Senate File 334, as passed by the Senate, as  
2 follows:

3 1. Page 3, by striking lines 12 and 13 and insert-  
4 ing in lieu thereof the following:

5 "Sec. \_\_\_\_\_. The provision of this Act shall be  
6 effective November 1, 1977 for fees payable on or  
7 after November 1, 1977 for vehicle registration issued  
8 for the calendar year 1978."

H-3722 FILED *Adopted 5/4* BY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION  
APRIL 22, 1977 *(1873)* KRAUSE of Kossuth, Chair

SENATE FILE 334

H-3987

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Amend the title page of Senate File 334 as follows:

1. Line 9, by striking the word "five" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "four".

H-3987 FILED - *Adopted by* BY DIELEMAN of Marion  
MAY 4, 1977 *unanimous consent*  
*5/4 (p. 1892)*

## SENATE FILE 334

## AN ACT

RELATING TO REGISTRATION FEES FOR MOTOR TRUCKS, TRUCK TRACTORS, ROAD TRACTORS, TRAILERS AND SEMITRAILERS, PROVIDING FOR AN INCREASE FOR SPECIAL MOBILE EQUIPMENT REGISTRATION FEES TO FIVE DOLLARS, ELIMINATING PRORATION OF TRAILER FEES, PROVIDING FOR AN ADDITIONAL REGISTRATION FEE FOR COMBINATIONS OF VEHICLES EXCEEDING NINETEEN TONS AND NOT EXCEEDING TWENTY-FOUR TONS AND THOSE EXCEEDING TWENTY-FOUR TONS, PROVIDING A TEN DOLLAR REGISTRATION FEE FOR SEMITRAILERS, AND A FOUR OR TEN DOLLAR REGISTRATION FEE FOR OTHER TRAILERS DEPENDING UPON GROSS WEIGHT AND STRIKING CERTAIN SUBSECTIONS AND MAKING TECHNICAL CHANGES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

Section 1. Section three hundred twenty-one point one (321.1), subsection seventeen (17), Code 1977, is amended to read as follows:

17. "Special mobile equipment" means every vehicle not designed or used primarily for the transportation of persons or property and incidentally operated or moved over the highways, including trailers and bulk spreaders which are not self-propelled having a gross weight of not more than ~~six~~ twelve tons used for the transportation of fertilizers and chemicals used for farm crop production, and other equipment used primarily for the application of fertilizers and chemicals in farm fields or for farm storage, but not including trucks mounted with applicators of such products, road construction or maintenance machinery and ditch-digging apparatus. The foregoing enumeration shall be deemed partial and shall not operate to exclude other such vehicles which are within the general terms of this subsection; provided that nothing contained in this section shall be construed

to include portable mills or corn shellers mounted upon a motor vehicle or semitrailer.

Sec. 2. Section three hundred twenty-one point twenty-one (321.21), subsection three (3), Code 1977, is amended to read as follows:

3. The department shall also issue special mobile equipment plates as applied for, which shall have displayed thereon the general distinguishing number assigned to the applicant. Each plate or pair of plates so issued shall have displayed thereon the words: Special Mobile Equipment. The fee for each plate or pair of special plates shall be ~~three~~ five dollars.

Sec. 3. Section three hundred twenty-one point thirty-four (321.34), subsection six (6), Code 1977, is amended to read as follows:

6. MULTIYEAR PLATES. In lieu of issuing annual registration plates for trailers and semitrailers, the county treasurer or department may issue a multiyear registration plate for a three-year period upon payment of the appropriate registration fee. ~~This section shall not apply to trailers and semitrailers registered pursuant to chapter 326. Fees from three-year payments shall not be reduced or prorated under the provisions of chapter three hundred twenty-six (326), of the Code.~~

Sec. 4. Section three hundred twenty-one point one hundred five (321.105), unnumbered paragraph four (4), Code 1977, is amended to read as follows:

In addition to the payment of an annual registration fee for each trailer and semitrailer to be issued an Iowa registration plate, an additional registration fee may be paid for a period of two subsequent registration years. ~~This section shall not apply to trailers and semitrailers registered pursuant to chapter 326.~~

Sec. 5. Section three hundred twenty-one point one hundred twenty-two (321.122), subsection one (1), Code 1977, is amended

by adding the following new paragraphs:

NEW PARAGRAPH. For a combined gross weight exceeding nineteen tons but not exceeding twenty-four tons a fee of twenty dollars, which shall be in addition to the registration fee provided in this subsection.

NEW PARAGRAPH. For a combined gross weight exceeding twenty-four tons a fee of ninety dollars, which shall be in addition to the registration fee provided in this subsection.

Sec. 6. Section three hundred twenty-one point one hundred twenty-two (321.122), subsection two (2), Code 1977, is amended to read as follows:

2. For semitrailers the annual registration fee shall be:

~~For each semitrailer drawn by a truck, road tractor or truck tractor, with a combined gross weight of twelve tons or less, thirty dollars.~~

~~For each semitrailer drawn by a truck, road tractor or truck tractor, with a combined gross weight exceeding twelve tons, sixty dollars~~ ten dollars which shall not be reduced or prorated under the provisions of chapter three hundred twenty-six (326) of the Code.

Sec. 7. Section three hundred twenty-one point one hundred twenty-three (321.123), unnumbered paragraph one (1), Code 1977, is amended to read as follows:

All trailers ~~and mobile homes~~ except farm trailers and those registered as semitrailers under the provisions of ~~section 321.122~~, unless otherwise provided in this section, shall be subject to a registration fee ~~to be fixed in accordance with the following schedule, provided, however, trailers whose~~ of four dollars for trailers with a gross weight of one thousand pounds or less and ten dollars for other trailers. Trailers for which the empty weight is two thousand pounds or less shall be exempt from the certificate of title and lien provisions of this chapter. Fees collected under this section shall not be reduced or prorated under

the provisions of chapter three hundred twenty-six (326), of the Code.

Sec. 8. Section three hundred twenty-one point one hundred twenty-three (321.123), subsections one (1) and two (2), Code 1977, are amended by striking the subsections.

Sec. 9. Section three hundred twenty-one point one hundred twenty-three (321.123), subsection four (4), Code 1977, is amended to read as follows:

4. Trailers and bulk spreaders which are not self-propelled having a gross weight of not more than ~~six~~ twelve tons used for the transportation of fertilizers and chemicals used for farm crop production, shall be subject to a registration fee of five dollars.

Sec. 10. The provision of this Act shall be effective November 1, 1977 for fees payable on or after November 1, 1977 for vehicle registration issued for the calendar year 1978.

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ARTHUR A. NEU  
President of the Senate

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DALE M. COCHRAN  
Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the Senate and is known as Senate File 334, Sixty-seventh General Assembly.

Approved June 7, 1977

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ROBERT D. RAY  
Governor

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STEVEN C. CROSS  
Secretary of the Senate