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HOUSE FILE
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the annual registration fees for motor homes
2 not in use the entire year and making a penalty applicable.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 321.124, subsection 3, unnumbered
2 paragraph 1, Code 1997, is amended to read as follows:

3 The annual registration fee fees for motor homes, except as
4 provided in subsection 4, and for 1992 and older model years
5 for multipurpose vehicles is are as follows:

6 Sec. 2. Section 321.124, Code 1997, is amended by adding
7 the following new subsection:

8 NEW SUBSECTION. 4. If a motor home is placed in storage
9 for six or more months during a registration year, and is not
10 driven or moved upon a highway during the period of storage,
11 the annual registration fee shall be one-half of the amount
12 set for the motor home in subsection 3. In order to qualify
13 for the reduced registration fee, the owner of the motor home
14 shall file a notarized statement with the county treasurer
15 containing the period of time for which the motor home will be
16 placed in storage. The county treasurer shall issue a
17 sticker, which the owner shall place on the motor home's
18 registration plate, indicating that the registration is not
19 valid for six out of the twelve months of the registration
20 year. Driving or moving a motor home upon a highway during
21 the period of the year for which the registration is not valid
22 is punishable as a simple misdemeanor under section 321.17.

23 EXPLANATION

24 This bill allows the owner of a motor home to place the
25 motor home in storage for six or more months out of the
26 registration year and to pay only one-half of the annual
27 registration fee otherwise payable for registration of the
28 motor home. To qualify for the reduced fee, the owner must
29 file a notarized statement with the county treasurer
30 containing the period of time for which the motor home will be
31 placed in storage. The county treasurer will issue a sticker
32 to be placed on the registration plate indicating the six
33 months for which the registration is not valid.

34 Code section 321.17, which provides a simple misdemeanor
35 penalty for violating the registration provisions of Code

1 chapter 321, is made applicable to driving or moving a motor
2 home upon a highway during the portion of the year when the
3 registration is not valid.

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FISCAL NOTE

A fiscal note for House File 2040 is hereby submitted pursuant to Joint Rule 17. Data used in developing this fiscal note is available from the Legislative Fiscal Bureau to members of the Legislature upon request.

House File 2040 allows the owner of a motor home to place it in storage for six or more months during the registration year and to pay one-half of the annual registration fee for the year.

ASSUMPTIONS

1. There are approximately 21,740 motor homes registered annually in Iowa.
2. The average annual registration for a motor home is \$105.
3. The Department of Transportation estimates 240 hours of programming changes will be needed to accommodate the law change at a cost of \$25 per hour.

FISCAL IMPACT

The fiscal effect of HF 2040 will depend on the number of persons who chose to place their motor homes in storage for six or more months per year. Assuming 50.0% of the owners place their motor homes in storage for six or more months, the Road Use Tax Fund will experience an annual decrease of \$1.1 million. If only 25.0% were to place their motor homes in storage there would be a estimated annual decrease of \$571,000 in revenue to the Road Use Tax Fund.

In addition, the Department of Transportation estimates a cost of \$6,000 will be incurred for programming changes to accommodate the law change.

Source: Department of Transportation

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