

House Study Bill 595 - Introduced

SENATE/HOUSE FILE _____
BY (PROPOSED DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION BILL)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to annual motor vehicle registration fees for
2 older-model multipurpose vehicles and certain vehicles
3 equipped for a person with a disability or used by a person
4 who relies on a wheelchair.
5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 321.109, subsection 1, Code 2009, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 1. a. The annual fee for all motor vehicles including
4 vehicles designated by manufacturers as station wagons, ~~1993~~
5 ~~and subsequent model year~~ multipurpose vehicles, and 2010 and
6 subsequent model year motor trucks with an unladen weight of
7 ten thousand pounds or less, except motor trucks registered
8 under section 321.122, business-trade trucks, special trucks,
9 motor homes, ambulances, hearses, motorcycles, and motorized
10 bicycles, ~~and 1992 and older model year multipurpose~~
11 ~~vehicles~~, shall be equal to one percent of the value as
12 fixed by the department plus forty cents for each one hundred
13 pounds or fraction thereof of weight of vehicle, as fixed
14 by the department. The weight of a motor vehicle, fixed by
15 the department for registration purposes, shall include the
16 weight of a battery, heater, bumpers, spare tire, and wheel.
17 Provided, however, that for any new vehicle purchased in
18 this state by a nonresident for removal to the nonresident's
19 state of residence, the purchaser may make application to the
20 county treasurer in the county of purchase for a transit plate
21 for which a fee of ten dollars shall be paid. And provided,
22 however, that for any used vehicle held by a registered dealer
23 and not currently registered in this state, or for any vehicle
24 held by an individual and currently registered in this state,
25 when purchased in this state by a nonresident for removal to
26 the nonresident's state of residence, the purchaser may make
27 application to the county treasurer in the county of purchase
28 for a transit plate for which a fee of three dollars shall
29 be paid. The county treasurer shall issue a nontransferable
30 certificate of registration for which no refund shall be
31 allowed, and the transit plates shall be void thirty days
32 after issuance. Such purchaser may apply for a certificate
33 of title by surrendering the manufacturer's or importer's
34 certificate or certificate of title, duly assigned as provided
35 in this chapter. In this event, the treasurer in the county

1 of purchase shall, when satisfied with the genuineness and
2 regularity of the application, and upon payment of a fee of
3 twenty dollars, issue a certificate of title in the name and
4 address of the nonresident purchaser delivering the title
5 to the owner. If there is a security interest noted on the
6 title, the county treasurer shall mail to the secured party an
7 acknowledgment of the notation of the security interest. The
8 county treasurer shall not release a security interest that
9 has been noted on a title issued to a nonresident purchaser
10 as provided in this paragraph. The application requirements
11 of section 321.20 apply to a title issued as provided in this
12 subsection, except that a natural person who applies for a
13 certificate of title shall provide either the person's social
14 security number, passport number, or driver's license number,
15 whether the license was issued by this state, another state, or
16 another country. ~~The provisions of this subsection relating to~~
17 ~~multipurpose vehicles are effective for all 1993 and subsequent~~
18 ~~model years. The annual registration fee for multipurpose~~
19 ~~vehicles that are 1992 model years and older shall be in~~
20 ~~accordance with section 321.124.~~

21 **b.** The annual registration fee shall be sixty dollars for a
22 vehicle, ~~otherwise subject to paragraph "a"~~, with permanently
23 installed equipment manufactured for and necessary to assist a
24 person with a disability who is either the owner or lessee of
25 the vehicle or a member of the owner's or lessee's household
26 in entry and exit of the vehicle or ~~for such a vehicle~~ if the
27 ~~vehicle's~~ owner or lessee of the vehicle or a member of the
28 ~~vehicle~~ owner's or lessee's household uses a wheelchair as the
29 only means of mobility ~~shall be sixty dollars.~~ This paragraph
30 applies only to vehicles that are otherwise subject to
31 paragraph "a" and to motor trucks with an unladen weight of ten
32 thousand pounds or less that are otherwise subject to section
33 321.122. For purposes of this paragraph, *"uses a wheelchair"*
34 does not include use of a wheelchair due to a temporary injury
35 or medical condition.

1 Sec. 2. Section 321.124, subsection 3, Code 2009, is amended
2 to read as follows:

3 3. The annual registration fee for motor homes ~~and 1992 and~~
4 ~~older model years for multipurpose vehicles~~ is as follows:

5 *a.* For class A motor homes with a list price of eighty
6 thousand dollars or more as certified to the department by the
7 manufacturer, four hundred dollars for registration each year
8 through five model years and three hundred dollars for each
9 succeeding registration.

10 *b.* For class A motor homes with a list price of forty
11 thousand dollars or more but less than eighty thousand dollars
12 as certified to the department by the manufacturer, two hundred
13 dollars for registration each year through five model years and
14 one hundred fifty dollars for each succeeding registration.

15 *c.* For class A motor homes with a list price of twenty
16 thousand dollars or more but less than forty thousand dollars
17 as certified to the department by the manufacturer, one hundred
18 forty dollars for the first five registrations and one hundred
19 five dollars for each succeeding registration.

20 *d.* For class A motor homes with a list price of less than
21 twenty thousand dollars as certified to the department by the
22 manufacturer, one hundred twenty dollars for registration each
23 year through five model years and eighty-five dollars for each
24 succeeding registration.

25 *e.* For a class A motor home which is a passenger-carrying
26 bus which has been registered at least five times as a motor
27 truck and which has been converted, modified, or altered
28 to provide temporary living quarters, ninety dollars for
29 registration each year through ten model years and sixty-five
30 dollars for each succeeding registration. In computing the
31 number of registrations, the registrations shall be cumulative
32 beginning with the registration of the class A motor home
33 as a motor truck prior to its conversion, modification, or
34 alteration to provide temporary living quarters.

35 *f.* For class B motor homes, ninety dollars for registration

1 each year through five model years and sixty-five dollars for
2 each succeeding registration.

3 *g.* For class C motor homes, one hundred ten dollars for
4 registration each year through five model years and eighty
5 dollars for each succeeding registration.

6 ~~*h.* For multipurpose vehicles in accordance with the~~
7 ~~following:~~

8 ~~(1) Two hundred dollars for registration for the first and~~
9 ~~second model years.~~

10 ~~(2) One hundred seventy-five dollars for registration for~~
11 ~~the third and fourth model years.~~

12 ~~(3) One hundred fifty dollars for registration for the fifth~~
13 ~~model year.~~

14 ~~(4) Seventy-five dollars for registration for the sixth~~
15 ~~model year.~~

16 ~~(5) Fifty-five dollars for registration for each succeeding~~
17 ~~model year.~~

18 ~~(6) The annual registration fee for a multipurpose vehicle~~
19 ~~with permanently installed equipment manufactured for and~~
20 ~~necessary to assist a person with a disability who is either~~
21 ~~the owner or a member of the owner's household in entry and~~
22 ~~exit of the vehicle or for a multipurpose vehicle if the~~
23 ~~vehicle's owner or a member of the vehicle owner's household~~
24 ~~uses a wheelchair as the only means of mobility shall be~~
25 ~~sixty dollars. For purposes of this subparagraph, "uses a~~
26 ~~wheelchair" does not include use of a wheelchair due to a~~
27 ~~temporary injury or medical condition.~~

28 ~~The registration fees required by this lettered paragraph~~
29 ~~are applicable to all 1992 and older model years for~~
30 ~~multipurpose vehicles beginning January 1, 1993. The~~
31 ~~registration fees for multipurpose vehicles that are 1993 and~~
32 ~~subsequent model years shall be in accordance with section~~
33 ~~321.109.~~

34 ~~For purposes of determining that portion of the annual~~
35 ~~registration fee which is based upon the value of the~~

1 ~~multipurpose vehicle, sixty percent of the annual fee is~~
2 ~~attributable to the value of the vehicle.~~

3 EXPLANATION

4 This bill eliminates a disparity in the annual registration
5 fees for older multipurpose vehicles. Under existing law,
6 a flat fee schedule applies for 1992 model year and older
7 multipurpose vehicles, and fees based on weight and value apply
8 for 1993 and subsequent model year multipurpose vehicles.
9 Under the flat fee schedule, the annual fee is \$55 for a
10 1992 model year or older multipurpose vehicle, but under the
11 weight and value system, the annual fee is \$50 for a 1993
12 or subsequent model year multipurpose vehicle that is 12
13 model years old or older. The bill strikes the obsolete flat
14 fee schedule and treats all multipurpose vehicles the same,
15 thereby reducing the annual fee for a 1992 model year or older
16 multipurpose vehicle to \$50.

17 The bill revises existing provisions that establish an
18 annual registration fee of \$60 for a vehicle equipped to assist
19 a person with a disability to enter and exit the vehicle if
20 the person with a disability is the owner of the vehicle or a
21 member of the owner's household. The \$60 fee also applies if
22 the owner of the vehicle or a member of the owner's household
23 uses a wheelchair as the only means of mobility and use of
24 the wheelchair is not due to a temporary injury or condition.
25 The bill extends the \$60 fee to lessees as well as owners.
26 In addition, the bill extends the \$60 fee to motor trucks
27 registered as business-trade trucks and older model trucks
28 which are otherwise subject to a fee based on the combined
29 gross weight of the vehicle or combination of vehicles.
30 Currently, only 2010 and subsequent model year motor trucks
31 with a combined gross weight of 10,000 pounds or less that are
32 registered for a fee based on weight and value are eligible for
33 the \$60 fee.