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TRANSPORTATION

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to motor vehicle registration fees for certain
2 motor trucks and making an appropriation.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 321.109, subsection 1, unnumbered
2 paragraph 1, Code 2005, is amended to read as follows:

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

1 application, and upon payment of a fee of ten dollars, issue a
2 certificate of title in the name and address of the
3 nonresident purchaser delivering the same to the person
4 entitled to the title as provided in this chapter. The
5 application requirements of section 321.20 apply to a title
6 issued as provided in this subsection, except that a natural
7 person who applies for a certificate of title shall provide
8 either the person's social security number, passport number,
9 or driver's license number, whether the license was issued by
10 this state, another state, or another country. The provisions
11 of this subsection relating to multipurpose vehicles are
12 effective January 1, 1993, for all 1993 and subsequent model
13 years. The annual registration fee for multipurpose vehicles
14 that are 1992 model years and older shall be in accordance
15 with section 321.124.

16 Sec. 2. Section 321.122, subsection 1, unnumbered
17 paragraph 1, Code 2005, is amended to read as follows:

18 The annual registration fee for truck tractors, road
19 tractors, and motor trucks with an unladen weight exceeding
20 seven thousand five hundred pounds, except motor trucks
21 registered as special trucks, shall be based on the combined
22 gross weight of the vehicle or combination of vehicles. All
23 such trucks, truck tractors, or road tractors shall be
24 registered for a gross weight equal to or in excess of the
25 unladen weight of the vehicle or combination of vehicles. The
26 annual registration ~~fee fees~~ for such vehicles or combination
27 of vehicles, except special trucks, ~~shall-be~~ are as follows:

28 Sec. 3. Section 321.122, subsection 1, paragraph a, Code
29 2005, is amended by striking the paragraph.

30 Sec. 4. NEW SECTION. 321.122A APPROPRIATION -- SCHOOL
31 TRANSPORTATION.

32 Beginning in January 2006, the department shall calculate
33 monthly, from the total fees received from the registration of
34 motor trucks under section 321.109, the amount that is in
35 excess of the amount that would have been received for

1 registration of those same motor trucks under section 321.122,
2 Code 2005. Notwithstanding section 423.43, and prior to the
3 crediting of revenues to the road use tax fund under section
4 423.43, subsection 1, paragraph "b", the treasurer of state
5 shall transfer monthly from those revenues to the general fund
6 of the state the amount of excess registration fees calculated
7 under this section and collected in the previous month. The
8 moneys so transferred are appropriated to the department of
9 education for support of the school transportation system.
10 Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys transferred and
11 appropriated under this section shall not revert to the
12 general fund of the state.

13 Sec. 5. APPLICABILITY. This Act applies to new and
14 renewal registrations of motor trucks with an unladen weight
15 of seven thousand five hundred pounds or less for registration
16 years beginning on or after January 1, 2006.

17 EXPLANATION

18 This bill revises the method for calculating annual
19 registration fees for motor trucks with an unladen weight of
20 7,500 pounds or less. Currently, most such trucks are
21 registered based on combined gross weight for an annual fee of
22 \$65, which is reduced to \$55 when the vehicle is more than 10
23 model years old, \$45 when the vehicle is more than 13 model
24 years old, and \$35 when the vehicle is more than 15 model
25 years old.

26 The bill requires that for registration years beginning on
27 or after January 1, 2006, motor trucks with an unladen weight
28 of 7,500 pounds or less shall be registered under the weight
29 and value system that applies to most other motor vehicles.
30 Currently under that system, registration fees are equal to 1
31 percent of the value of the vehicle plus 40 cents for each 100
32 pounds of weight of the vehicle. Registration fees based on
33 weight and value are automatically reduced according to the
34 age of the vehicle beginning when the vehicle is more than
35 five model years old.

1 The bill directs the state department of transportation to
2 calculate monthly the excess revenues derived from registering
3 motor trucks with an unladen weight of 7,500 pounds or less
4 under the weight and value fee system rather than the current
5 flat fee system. The excess revenues are appropriated to the
6 department of education, from motor vehicle use tax revenues,
7 for support of the school transportation system.

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