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SENATE BILL 446

Short Title: Electric/Hybrid Vehicle Registration Fees. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators J. Davis and McInnis (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO REVISE THE ELECTRIC VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEES; TO AUTHORIZE
3 A REGISTRATION FEE FOR HYBRID VEHICLES; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ANNUAL
4 ADJUSTMENTS TO ELECTRIC AND HYBRID VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEES.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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7 **ELECTRIC VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEE**

8 **SECTION 1.(a)** Effective January 1, 2020, and applicable to initial registrations and
9 registrations due for renewal on or after that date, G.S. 20-87(13) reads as rewritten:

10 "(13) Additional fee for certain electric vehicles. – At the time of an initial
11 registration or registration renewal, the owner of a plug-in electric vehicle that
12 is not a low-speed vehicle and that does not rely on a nonelectric source of
13 power shall pay a fee in the amount of ~~one hundred thirty dollars (\$130.00)~~
14 one hundred seventy-five dollars (\$175.00) in addition to any other required
15 registration fees."

16 **SECTION 1.(b)** Effective January 1, 2021, and applicable to initial registrations and
17 registrations due for renewal on or after that date, G.S. 20-87(13) reads as rewritten:

18 "(13) Additional fee for certain electric vehicles. – At the time of an initial
19 registration or registration renewal, the owner of a plug-in electric vehicle that
20 is not a low-speed vehicle and that does not rely on a nonelectric source of
21 power shall pay a fee in the amount of ~~one hundred seventy-five dollars~~
22 ~~(\$175.00)~~ two hundred twenty-five dollars (\$225.00) in addition to any other
23 required registration fees."

24 **SECTION 1.(c)** Effective January 1, 2022, and applicable to initial registrations and
25 registrations due for renewal on or after that date, G.S. 20-87(13) reads as rewritten:

26 "(13) Additional fee for certain electric vehicles. – At the time of an initial
27 registration or registration renewal, the owner of a plug-in electric vehicle that
28 is not a low-speed vehicle and that does not rely on a nonelectric source of
29 power shall pay a fee in the amount of ~~two hundred twenty-five dollars~~
30 ~~(\$225.00)~~ two hundred seventy-five dollars (\$275.00) in addition to any other
31 required registration fees."

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33 **HYBRID VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEE**

34 **SECTION 2.(a)** Effective January 1, 2020, and applicable to initial registrations and
35 registrations due for renewal on or after that date, G.S. 20-87 is amended by adding a new
36 subsection to read:



1 "(14) Additional fee for hybrid vehicles. – At the time of an initial registration or
2 registration renewal, the owner of a hybrid vehicle shall pay a fee in the
3 amount of eighty-seven dollars and fifty cents (\$87.50). For purposes of this
4 subdivision, a hybrid vehicle is one that is capable of being propelled, at least
5 in part by electricity, but is also capable of using motor fuel to propel the
6 vehicle."

7 **SECTION 2.(b)** Effective January 1, 2021, and applicable to initial registrations and
8 registrations due for renewal on or after that date, G.S. 20-87(14), as enacted in subsection (a) of
9 this section, reads as rewritten:

10 "(14) Additional fee for hybrid vehicles. – At the time of an initial registration or
11 registration renewal, the owner of a hybrid vehicle shall pay a fee in the
12 amount of ~~eighty seven dollars and fifty cents (\$87.50).~~ one hundred twelve
13 dollars and fifty cents (\$112.50). For purposes of this subdivision, a hybrid
14 vehicle is one that is capable of being propelled at least in part by electricity
15 but is also capable of using motor fuel to propel the vehicle."

16 **SECTION 2.(c)** Effective January 1, 2022, and applicable to initial registrations and
17 registrations due for renewal on or after that date, G.S. 20-87(14), reads as rewritten:

18 "(14) Additional fee for hybrid vehicles. – At the time of an initial registration or
19 registration renewal, the owner of a hybrid vehicle shall pay a fee in the
20 amount of ~~one hundred twelve dollars and fifty cents (\$112.50).~~ one hundred
21 thirty-seven dollars and fifty cents (\$137.50). For purposes of this subdivision,
22 a hybrid vehicle is one that is capable of being propelled at least in part by
23 electricity but is also capable of using motor fuel to propel the vehicle."
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25 **ANNUAL ADJUSTMENT FOR ELECTRIC AND HYBRID VEHICLE REGISTRATION** 26 **FEES**

27 **SECTION 3.** G.S. 20-4.02 reads as rewritten:

28 "**§ 20-4.02. ~~Quadrennial adjustment~~ Adjustment of certain fees and rates.**

29 (a) Quadrennial Adjustment for Inflation. – Beginning July 1, 2020, and every four years
30 thereafter, the Division shall adjust the fees and rates imposed pursuant to the statutes listed in
31 this subsection for inflation in accordance with the Consumer Price Index computed by the
32 Bureau of Labor Statistics. The adjustment for per transaction rates in subdivision (8a) of this
33 subsection shall be rounded to the nearest cent and all other adjustments under this subsection
34 shall be rounded to the nearest twenty-five cents (25¢):

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36 (11) G.S. 20-87, except for the additional fee set forth in G.S. 20-87(6) for private
37 motorcycles, G.S. 20-87(13) for electric vehicles, and
38 G.S. 20-87(14) for hybrid vehicles.

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40 **(b1) Annual Adjustment of Registration Fees for Electric and Hybrid Vehicles.** –
41 Beginning January 1, 2023, and every year thereafter, the Division shall adjust the registration
42 fee imposed by G.S. 20-87(13) and G.S. 20-87(14) pursuant to the following formula. The
43 registration fee shall be the amount for the preceding calendar year, multiplied by a percentage.
44 The percentage is one hundred percent (100%) plus or minus the sum of the following:

45 (1) The percentage change in population for the applicable calendar year, as
46 estimated under G.S. 143C-2-2, multiplied by seventy-five percent (75%).

47 (2) The annual percentage change in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban
48 Consumers, multiplied by twenty-five percent (25%). For purposes of this
49 subdivision, "Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers" means the
50 United States city average for energy index contained in the detailed report
51 released in the October prior to the applicable calendar year by the Bureau of

Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor, or data determined by the Secretary to be equivalent.

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(d) Consultation and Publication. – At least 90 days prior to making an adjustment pursuant to subsection (a) and subsection (b)(1) of this section, and notwithstanding any provision of G.S. 12-3.1 to the contrary, the Division shall (i) consult with the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations, (ii) provide a report to the chairs of the Senate Appropriations Committee on Department of Transportation and the House of Representatives Appropriations Committee on Transportation, and (iii) publish notice of the fees that will be in effect in the offices of the Division and on the Division's Web site.

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EFFECTIVE DATE

SECTION 4. Except as otherwise provided, this act is effective January 1, 2020.