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1 AN ACT Relating to incentivizing the use of motorcycles to reduce  
2 greenhouse gases and wear on state roadways; amending RCW 46.17.365;  
3 and creating a new section.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that the impact of  
6 mopeds, scooters, and motorcycles on roads and the environment is  
7 much less than that of a passenger car, sport utility vehicle, or  
8 truck. To achieve the greenhouse gas reduction goals of the state,  
9 there needs to be a reduction in emissions from vehicles on our  
10 roads. It is the intent of the legislature to incentivize the use of  
11 mopeds, scooters, and motorcycles as a means to reduce emissions and  
12 the wear and tear on the state's roadways by providing an incentive  
13 to use a friendly mode of transportation that will have less impact  
14 on the roadways and the environment.

15 **Sec. 2.** RCW 46.17.365 and 2015 3rd sp.s. c 44 s 202 are each  
16 amended to read as follows:

17 (1) A person applying for a motor vehicle registration and paying  
18 the vehicle license fee required in RCW 46.17.350(1) (a), (d), (e),  
19 (~~((h),~~) (j), (n), and (o) shall pay a motor vehicle weight fee in  
20 addition to all other fees and taxes required by law.

1 (a) For vehicle registrations that are due or become due before  
2 July 1, 2016, the motor vehicle weight fee:

3 (i) Must be based on the motor vehicle scale weight;

4 (ii) Is the difference determined by subtracting the vehicle  
5 license fee required in RCW 46.17.350 from the license fee in  
6 Schedule B of RCW 46.17.355, plus two dollars; and

7 (iii) Must be distributed under RCW 46.68.415.

8 (b) For vehicle registrations that are due or become due on or  
9 after July 1, 2016, the motor vehicle weight fee:

10 (i) Must be based on the motor vehicle scale weight as follows:

WEIGHT	FEE
4,000 pounds	\$ 25.00
6,000 pounds	\$ 45.00
8,000 pounds	\$ 65.00
16,000 pounds and over	\$ 72.00;

16 (ii) If the resultant motor vehicle scale weight is not listed in  
17 the table provided in (b)(i) of this subsection, must be increased to  
18 the next highest weight; and

19 (iii) Must be distributed under RCW 46.68.415 unless prior to  
20 July 1, 2023, the actions described in (b)(iii)(A) or (B) of this  
21 subsection occur, in which case the portion of the revenue that is  
22 the result of the fee increased in this subsection must be  
23 distributed to the connecting Washington account created under RCW  
24 46.68.395.

25 (A) Any state agency files a notice of rule making under chapter  
26 34.05 RCW for a rule regarding a fuel standard based upon or defined  
27 by the carbon intensity of fuel, including a low carbon fuel standard  
28 or clean fuel standard.

29 (B) Any state agency otherwise enacts, adopts, orders, or in any  
30 way implements a fuel standard based upon or defined by the carbon  
31 intensity of fuel, including a low carbon fuel standard or clean fuel  
32 standard.

33 (C) Nothing in this subsection acknowledges, establishes, or  
34 creates legal authority for the department of ecology or any other  
35 state agency to enact, adopt, order, or in any way implement a fuel  
36 standard based upon or defined by the carbon intensity of fuel,  
37 including a low carbon fuel standard or clean fuel standard.

1 (2) A person applying for a motor home vehicle registration  
2 shall, in lieu of the motor vehicle weight fee required in subsection  
3 (1) of this section, pay a motor home vehicle weight fee of seventy-  
4 five dollars in addition to all other fees and taxes required by law.  
5 The motor home vehicle weight fee must be distributed under RCW  
6 46.68.415.

7 (3) Beginning July 1, 2022, in addition to the motor vehicle  
8 weight fee as provided in subsection (1) of this section, the  
9 department, county auditor or other agent, or subagent appointed by  
10 the director must require an applicant to pay an additional weight  
11 fee of ten dollars, which must be distributed to the multimodal  
12 transportation account under RCW 47.66.070 unless prior to July 1,  
13 2023, the actions described in (a) or (b) of this subsection occur,  
14 in which case the portion of the revenue that is the result of the  
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29 including a low carbon fuel standard or clean fuel standard.

30 (4) The department shall:

31 (a) Rely on motor vehicle empty scale weights provided by vehicle  
32 manufacturers, or other sources defined by the department, to  
33 determine the weight of each motor vehicle; and

34 (b) Adopt rules for determining weight for vehicles without  
35 manufacturer empty scale weights.

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