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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
15 fee increased in this subsection must be distributed to the
16 connecting Washington account created under RCW 46.68.395.

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18 34.05 RCW for a rule regarding a fuel standard based upon or defined
19 by the carbon intensity of fuel, including a low carbon fuel standard
20 or clean fuel standard.

21 (b) Any state agency otherwise enacts, adopts, orders, or in any
22 way implements a fuel standard based upon or defined by the carbon
23 intensity of fuel, including a low carbon fuel standard or clean fuel
24 standard.

25 (c) Nothing in this subsection acknowledges, establishes, or
26 creates legal authority for the department of ecology or any other
27 state agency to enact, adopt, order, or in any way implement a fuel
28 standard based upon or defined by the carbon intensity of fuel,
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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