
Transportation Committee

HB 2353

Brief Description: Providing for fire trailer vehicle registration and license plates.

Sponsors: Representatives Blake and Dent.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Defines a fire trailer to mean a commercial trailer that is used only for wildfire response at logging sites, is only transported between storage and job sites, and is equipped with a water tank designed for fire-fighting purposes.
- Provides permanent registration and license plates for fire trailers. The registered owner must pay the initial commercial trailer registration fee of \$30 in addition to any other fees and taxes due to by law.

Hearing Date: 1/23/20

Staff: Beth Redfield (786-7140).

Background:

Several vehicle types may be permanently registered, without a requirement for registration renewal:

- collector vehicles (30 years and older) and horseless carriages (40 years and older);
- commercial trailers used to transport loads in excess of 40,000 pounds;
- intermittent-use private trailers;
- vehicles with Medal of Honor license plates;
- vehicles with Disabled American Veteran or Prisoner of War license plates;
- vehicles with Gold Star license plates; and
- vehicles with Purple Heart license plates.

Each is treated differently in terms of how much the initial registration costs and how many vehicles may be registered by an individual owner.

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Prior to 2015, license plates were generally replaced every 7 years. Since 2015 all plates are now permanent, only being replaced as needed due to wear, damage, or loss.

Summary of Bill:

A "fire trailer" is defined to mean a commercial trailer that is used only for wildfire response at logging sites, is only transported between storage and job sites, and is equipped with a water tank designed for fire-fighting purposes.

A fire trailer may be issued a permanent license plate and registration. The registered owner must pay the initial commercial trailer registration fee of \$30 in addition to any other fees and taxes due to by law.

A fire trailer with permanent registration is exempt from registration renewal; expires upon change of ownership, removal from the state, or disposal; and may not be issued to trailers that haul logs.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.