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1 AN ACT Relating to eliminating the transportation electrification
2 fee for certain hybrid vehicles; amending RCW 46.17.324; creating a
3 new section; and providing an effective date.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.17.324 and 2019 c 287 s 23 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 To realize the environmental benefits of electrification of the
8 transportation system it is necessary to support the adoption of
9 electric vehicles and other electric technology in the state by
10 incentivizing the purchase of these vehicles, building out the
11 charging infrastructure, developing greener transit options, and
12 supporting clean alternative fuel infrastructure. Therefore, it is
13 the intent of the legislature to support these activities through the
14 imposition of new transportation electrification fees in this
15 section.

16 (1) A vehicle that both (a) uses at least one method of
17 propulsion that is capable of being reenergized by an external source
18 of electricity and (b) is capable of traveling at least (~~thirty~~) 30
19 miles using only battery power, is subject to an annual (~~seventy-~~
20 ~~five-dollar~~) \$75 transportation electrification fee to be collected
21 by the department, county auditor, or other agent or subagent

1 appointed by the director, in addition to any other fees and taxes
2 required by law. For administrative efficiencies, the transportation
3 electrification fee must be collected at the same time as vehicle
4 registration renewals and may only be collected for vehicles that are
5 renewing an annual vehicle registration.

6 (2) (~~Beginning October 1, 2019~~) (a) Except for vehicles
7 identified in (b) of this subsection, in lieu of the fee in
8 subsection (1) of this section for a hybrid or alternative fuel
9 vehicle that is not required to pay the fees established in RCW
10 46.17.323 (1) and (4), the department, county auditor, or other agent
11 or subagent appointed by the director must require that the applicant
12 for the annual vehicle registration renewal of such hybrid or
13 alternative fuel vehicle pay a (~~seventy-five dollar~~) \$75 hybrid
14 vehicle transportation electrification fee, in addition to any other
15 fees and taxes required by law.

16 (b) Hybrid electric vehicles that are not capable of being
17 recharged through an external electric power source are exempt from
18 the hybrid vehicle transportation electrification fee authorized in
19 (a) of this subsection.

20 (3) The fees required under this section must be deposited in the
21 electric vehicle account created in RCW 82.44.200, until July 1,
22 2025, when the fee must be deposited in the motor vehicle account.

23 (4) This section only applies to a vehicle that is designed to
24 have the capability to drive at a speed of more than (~~thirty-five~~)
25 35 miles per hour.

26 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. This act applies to vehicle registrations
27 that become due on or after May 1, 2025.

28 NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. This act takes effect May 1, 2025.

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