
HOUSE BILL 2601

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Read first time 01/21/26. Referred to Committee on Transportation.

1 AN ACT Relating to motorcycle weight fees; amending RCW 46.17.365
2 and 46.17.365; providing effective dates; and providing an expiration
3 date.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.17.365 and 2025 c 417 s 105 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

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

11 For vehicle registrations that are due or become due on or after
12 January 1, 2026, the motor vehicle weight fee:

13 (a) Must be based on the motor vehicle scale weight or type as
14 follows:

	WEIGHT	FEE
	<u>Motorcycle, of any scale</u>	<u>\$15.00</u>
	<u>weight</u>	
	4,000 pounds	\$35.00
	6,000 pounds	\$65.00

1	8,000 pounds	\$82.50
2	16,000 pounds and over	\$96.00;

3 (b) If the resultant motor vehicle scale weight is not listed in
4 the table provided in (a) of this subsection, must be increased to
5 the next highest weight; and

6 (c) Must be distributed under RCW 46.68.415.

7 (2) A person applying for a motor home vehicle registration
8 shall, in lieu of the motor vehicle weight fee required in subsection
9 (1) of this section, pay a motor home vehicle weight fee of \$75 in
10 addition to all other fees and taxes required by law. The motor home
11 vehicle weight fee must be distributed under RCW 46.68.415.

12 (3) The department shall:

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

16 (b) Adopt rules for determining weight for vehicles without
17 manufacturer empty scale weights.

18 **Sec. 2.** RCW 46.17.365 and 2025 c 417 s 106 are each amended to
19 read as follows:

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

24 For vehicle registrations that are due or become due on or after
25 January 1, 2029, the motor vehicle weight fee:

26 (a) Must be based on the motor vehicle scale weight or type as
27 follows:

28	WEIGHT	FEE
29	<u>Motorcycle, of any scale</u>	<u>\$15.00</u>
30	<u>weight</u>	
31	4,000 pounds	\$35.00
32	6,000 pounds	\$75.00
33	8,000 pounds	\$90.00
34	16,000 pounds and over	\$110.00;

1 (b) If the resultant motor vehicle scale weight is not listed in
2 the table provided in (a) of this subsection, must be increased to
3 the next highest weight; and

4 (c) Must be distributed under RCW 46.68.415.

5 (2) A person applying for a motor home vehicle registration
6 shall, in lieu of the motor vehicle weight fee required in subsection
7 (1) of this section, pay a motor home vehicle weight fee of \$75 in
8 addition to all other fees and taxes required by law. The motor home
9 vehicle weight fee must be distributed under RCW 46.68.415.

10 (3) The department shall:

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

14 (b) Adopt rules for determining weight for vehicles without
15 manufacturer empty scale weights.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** Section 1 of this act takes effect July 1,
17 2027.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** Section 1 of this act expires January 1,
19 2029.

20 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** Section 2 of this act takes effect January
21 1, 2029.

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