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**SENATE BILL 5309**

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**By** Senators Cortes, MacEwen, Gildon, Harris, Hasegawa, Krishnadasan, Liiias, and Nobles

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1 AN ACT Relating to motor vehicle weight fees applicable to  
2 motorcycles; and amending RCW 46.17.365.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.17.365 and 2021 c 317 s 19 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

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

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

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

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

16 (iii) Must be distributed under RCW 46.68.415.

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

19 (i) Must be based on the motor vehicle scale weight or type as  
20 follows:

1	WEIGHT	FEE
2	<u>Motorcycle, of any scale</u>	<u>\$ 15.00</u>
3	<u>weight</u>	
4	4,000 pounds	\$ 25.00
5	6,000 pounds	\$ 45.00
6	8,000 pounds	\$ 65.00
7	16,000 pounds and over	\$ 72.00;

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

11 (iii) Must be distributed under RCW 46.68.415 unless prior to  
12 July 1, 2023, the actions described in (b)(iii)(A) or (B) of this  
13 subsection occur, in which case the portion of the revenue that is  
14 the result of the fee increased in this subsection must be  
15 distributed to the connecting Washington account created under RCW  
16 46.68.395.

17 (A) Any state agency files a notice of rule making under chapter  
18 34.05 RCW, absent explicit legislative authorization enacted  
19 subsequent to July 1, 2015, for a rule regarding a fuel standard  
20 based upon or defined by the carbon intensity of fuel, including a  
21 low carbon fuel standard or clean fuel standard.

22 (B) Any state agency otherwise enacts, adopts, orders, or in any  
23 way implements a fuel standard based upon or defined by the carbon  
24 intensity of fuel, including a low carbon fuel standard or clean fuel  
25 standard, without explicit legislative authorization enacted  
26 subsequent to July 1, 2015.

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

32 (2) A person applying for a motor home vehicle registration  
33 shall, in lieu of the motor vehicle weight fee required in subsection  
34 (1) of this section, pay a motor home vehicle weight fee of  
35 (~~seventy-five dollars~~) \$75 in addition to all other fees and taxes  
36 required by law. The motor home vehicle weight fee must be  
37 distributed under RCW 46.68.415.

1 (3) Beginning July 1, 2022, in addition to the motor vehicle  
2 weight fee as provided in subsection (1) of this section, the  
3 department, county auditor or other agent, or subagent appointed by  
4 the director must require an applicant to pay an additional weight  
5 fee of (~~ten dollars~~) \$10, which must be distributed to the  
6 multimodal transportation account under RCW 47.66.070 unless prior to  
7 July 1, 2023, the actions described in (a) or (b) of this subsection  
8 occur, in which case the portion of the revenue that is the result of  
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23 state agency to enact, adopt, order, or in any way implement a fuel  
24 standard based upon or defined by the carbon intensity of fuel,  
25 including a low carbon fuel standard or clean fuel standard.

26 (4) The department shall:

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

30 (b) Adopt rules for determining weight for vehicles without  
31 manufacturer empty scale weights.

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