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Introduced by M. of A. MAMDANI, SIMONE, GONZALEZ-ROJAS, SHRESTHA, BICHOTTE HERMELYN, LEVENBERG -- read once and referred to the Committee on Transportation -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to registration fees for certain vehicles; and to repeal certain provisions of such law relating thereto

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. The opening paragraph of paragraph a of subdivision 6 of
2 section 401 of the vehicle and traffic law, as amended by section 1 of
3 part G of chapter 59 of the laws of 2009, is amended and two new para-
4 graphs a-1 and a-2 are added to read as follows:

5 [~~The~~] Prior to January first, two thousand twenty-six, the following
6 fees shall be paid to the commissioner, or agent, upon the registration
7 or reregistration of a motor vehicle, including a suburban, in accord-
8 ance with the provisions of this article:

9 a-1. Beginning in two thousand twenty-six, the commissioner shall be
10 authorized to incrementally increase registration and reregistration
11 fees annually until such fees reach the amounts set forth in paragraph
12 a-two of this subdivision.

13 a-2. (i) Beginning in two thousand thirty, the following fees shall be
14 paid to the commissioner, or agent, upon the registration or reregistra-
15 tion of a motor vehicle which is a sedan, hardtop, coupe, convertible,
16 station wagon or hatchback in accordance with the provisions of this
17 article:

18 The first nineteen hundred ninety-nine pounds of the weight of such
19 motor vehicle, fully equipped, zero cents per pound; for each pound of
20 motor vehicle weight of at least two thousand pounds but less than three
21 thousand pounds, ten cents per pound; for each pound of motor vehicle

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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1 weight of at least three thousand pounds but less than four thousand
2 pounds, fifteen cents per pound; for each pound of motor vehicle weight
3 of at least four thousand pounds but less than five thousand pounds,
4 twenty-one cents per pound; for each pound of motor vehicle weight of at
5 least five thousand pounds but less than six thousand pounds, thirty-one
6 cents per pound; for each pound of motor vehicle weight of at least six
7 thousand pounds but less than seven thousand pounds, forty-five cents
8 per pound; for each pound of motor vehicle weight of at least seven
9 thousand pounds but less than eight thousand pounds, sixty-six cents per
10 pound; for each pound of motor vehicle weight of at least eight thousand
11 pounds but less than nine thousand pounds, ninety-seven cents per pound;
12 for each pound of motor vehicle weight of nine thousand pounds or great-
13 er, one dollar and forty-one cents per pound.

14 (ii) Beginning in two thousand thirty, the following fees shall be
15 paid to the commissioner, or agent, upon the registration or reregistra-
16 tion of a motor vehicle which is a sports utility vehicle, minivan, or
17 truck in accordance with the provisions of this article:

18 The first nineteen hundred ninety-nine pounds of the weight of such
19 motor vehicle, fully equipped, ten cents per pound; for each pound of
20 motor vehicle weight of at least two thousand pounds but less than three
21 thousand pounds, fifteen cents per pound; for each pound of motor vehi-
22 cle weight of at least three thousand pounds but less than four thousand
23 pounds, twenty-two cents per pound; for each pound of motor vehicle
24 weight of at least four thousand pounds but less than five thousand
25 pounds, thirty-two cents per pound; for each pound of motor vehicle
26 weight of at least five thousand pounds but less than six thousand
27 pounds, forty-seven cents per pound; for each pound of motor vehicle
28 weight of at least six thousand pounds but less than seven thousand
29 pounds, sixty-eight cents per pound; for each pound of motor vehicle
30 weight of at least seven thousand pounds but less than eight thousand
31 pounds, one dollar per pound; for each pound of motor vehicle weight of
32 at least eight thousand pounds but less than nine thousand pounds, one
33 dollar and forty-five cents per pound; for each pound of motor vehicle
34 weight of nine thousand pounds or greater, two dollars and twelve cents
35 per pound.

36 (iii) For the registration or reregistration of any motor vehicle in
37 accordance with subparagraphs (i) and (ii) of this paragraph that
38 produces zero emissions and weighs no more than five thousand pounds,
39 the fee for one thousand pounds of motor vehicle weight at a rate of ten
40 cents per pound shall be waived.

41 (iv) Notwithstanding subparagraphs (i) and (ii) of this paragraph, for
42 motor vehicles described in subdivision seven of this section, the fee
43 for such registration shall be as therein prescribed.

44 (v) The curb weight of motor vehicle shall be accepted as the weight
45 for the purpose of registration and reregistration under this paragraph.

46 § 2. Subdivision 21 of section 401 of the vehicle and traffic law is
47 REPEALED and a new subdivision 21 is added to read as follows:

48 21. a. The commissioner shall deposit daily the percentages listed
49 below of all fees collected or received by the commissioner pursuant to
50 certain registration fees imposed by (i) paragraphs a, a-one and a-two
51 of subdivision six of this section, (ii) all schedules of subdivision
52 seven of this section, and (iii) paragraph a of subdivision eight of
53 this section in a responsible bank, banking house or trust company,
54 which shall pay the highest rate of interest to the state for such
55 deposit to the credit of the comptroller on account of the dedicated
56 highway and bridge trust fund established pursuant to section eighty-

1 nine-b of the state finance law. Annually, the commissioner shall so
2 deposit such registration fees so collected or so received after March
3 thirty-first, two thousand twenty-six until such time as the annual
4 financial plan of the dedicated highway and bridge trust fund and the
5 dedicated mass transportation trust fund are met. Thereafter, seventy-
6 five percent of such registration fees collected shall be directed to
7 funding new state and local street safety projects including but not
8 limited to protected bike lanes, bollards, road diets, pedestrianization
9 of streets, pedestrian islands, raised crosswalks, chicanes, turn calm-
10 ing, rumble strips, leading pedestrian intervals and curb and sidewalk
11 extensions. The remaining twenty-five percent shall be expended for
12 maintenance, repair, and revitalization of state and local roadways,
13 with a preference for projects that utilize green asphalt. The afore-
14 mentioned funds for street safety and roadway projects shall be prior-
15 itized for use in local projects before use in state projects. Every
16 bank, banking house or trust company that accepts such deposits shall
17 execute and file in the office of the department of audit and control an
18 undertaking to the state, in the sum, and with such sureties, as are
19 required and approved by the comptroller for the safe keeping and prompt
20 payment on legal demand therefor of all such moneys held by or on depos-
21 it in such bank, banking house, or trust company, with interest thereon
22 on daily balances at such rate as the comptroller may fix. Every such
23 undertaking shall have endorsed thereon or annexed thereto the approval
24 of the attorney general as to its form.

25 b. Of the revenues so deposited, the comptroller shall retain in their
26 hands such amount as the commissioner may determine to be necessary for
27 refunds or reimbursements of the fees collected or received pursuant to
28 (i) paragraphs a, a-one and a-two of subdivision six of this section,
29 (ii) all schedules of subdivision seven of this section, and (iii) para-
30 graph a of subdivision eight of this section to which registrants shall
31 be entitled under the provisions of this article, out of which amount
32 the commissioner shall pay any refunds or reimbursements of the fees
33 collected or received pursuant to paragraphs a, a-one and a-two of
34 subdivision six, all schedules of subdivision seven and paragraph a of
35 subdivision eight of this section to which registrants shall be entitled
36 under such provisions. The comptroller, after reserving the amount to
37 pay such refunds or reimbursements, shall, on or before the last day of
38 each month, deposit the balance of the revenue so deposited during such
39 month into the dedicated highway and bridge trust fund established
40 pursuant to section eighty-nine-b of the state finance law and the mass
41 transportation trust fund established pursuant to section eighty-nine-c
42 of the state finance law.

43 § 3. The commissioner of the department of transportation shall submit
44 a report to the governor and the legislature annually that lists, by
45 county, the street safety projects and roadway improvement projects
46 funded by paragraph a of subdivision 21 of section 410 of the vehicle
47 and traffic law, as added by section two of this act. The report shall
48 also include, by county, vehicle weight data, the number of vehicles
49 receiving a fee reduction for producing zero emissions and the number of
50 vehicles categorized by vehicle weight involved in crashes with pedes-
51 trians, cyclists or other vehicles resulting in serious injuries or
52 fatalities. The report shall be made publicly available on the depart-
53 ment of transportation website.

54 § 4. This act shall take effect January 1, 2026.