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Short Title: Electric/Plug-In Hybrid Vehicle Reg. Fees.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO REVISE THE ELECTRIC VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEES; TO AUTHORIZE
3 A REGISTRATION FEE FOR PLUG-IN HYBRID VEHICLES; AND TO PROVIDE FOR
4 ANNUAL ADJUSTMENTS TO ELECTRIC AND PLUG-IN HYBRID VEHICLE
5 REGISTRATION FEES.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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8 **ELECTRIC VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEE**

9 **SECTION 1.** Effective January 1, 2020, and applicable to initial registrations and
10 registrations due for renewal on or after that date, G.S. 20-87(13) reads as rewritten:

11 "(13) Additional fee for certain electric vehicles. – At the time of an initial
12 registration or registration renewal, the owner of a plug-in electric vehicle that
13 is not a low-speed vehicle and that does not rely on a nonelectric source of
14 power shall pay a fee in the amount of ~~one hundred thirty dollars (\$130.00)~~
15 two hundred thirty dollars (\$230.00) in addition to any other required
16 registration fees."
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18 **HYBRID VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEE**

19 **SECTION 2.** Effective January 1, 2020, and applicable to initial registrations and
20 registrations due for renewal on or after that date, G.S. 20-87 is amended by adding a new
21 subdivision to read:

22 "(14) Additional fee for plug-in hybrid vehicles. – At the time of an initial
23 registration or registration renewal, the owner of a plug-in hybrid vehicle shall
24 pay a fee in the amount of one hundred fifteen dollars (\$115.00) in addition to
25 any other required registration fees. For purposes of this subdivision, a plug-in
26 hybrid vehicle is one that is capable of being propelled solely by electricity
27 drawn from a battery that can be recharged from an external source of
28 electricity but is also capable of using motor fuel to propel the vehicle."
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30 **ANNUAL ADJUSTMENT FOR ELECTRIC AND PLUG-IN HYBRID VEHICLE**
31 **REGISTRATION FEES**

32 **SECTION 3.(a)** G.S. 20-4.02 reads as rewritten:

33 "~~§ 20-4.02. Quadrennial adjustment~~ **Adjustment of certain fees and rates.**

34 (a) Quadrennial Adjustment for Inflation. – Beginning July 1, 2020, and every four years
35 thereafter, the Division shall adjust the fees and rates imposed pursuant to the statutes listed in



1 this subsection for inflation in accordance with the Consumer Price Index computed by the
2 Bureau of Labor Statistics. The adjustment for per transaction rates in subdivision (8a) of this
3 subsection shall be rounded to the nearest cent and all other adjustments under this subsection
4 shall be rounded to the nearest twenty-five cents (25¢):

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- 6 (11) G.S. 20-87, except for the additional fee set forth in G.S. 20-87(6) for private
7 ~~motorcycles-motorcycles~~, G.S. 20-87(13) for electric vehicles, and
8 G.S. 20-87(14) for plug-in hybrid vehicles.

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10 (b1) Annual Adjustment of Registration Fees for Electric and Hybrid Vehicles. –
11 Beginning January 1, 2021, and every year thereafter, the Division shall adjust the registration
12 fee imposed by G.S. 20-87(13) and G.S. 20-87(14) pursuant to the following formula. The
13 registration fee shall be the amount for the preceding calendar year, multiplied by a percentage.
14 The percentage is one hundred percent (100%) plus or minus the sum of the following:

- 15 (1) The percentage change in population for the applicable calendar year, as
16 estimated under G.S. 143C-2-2, multiplied by seventy-five percent (75%).
17 (2) The annual percentage change in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban
18 Consumers, multiplied by twenty-five percent (25%). For purposes of this
19 subdivision, "Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers" means the
20 United States city average for energy index contained in the detailed report
21 released in the October prior to the applicable calendar year by the Bureau of
22 Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor, or data determined
23 by the Secretary to be equivalent.

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25 (d) Consultation and Publication. – At least 90 days prior to making an adjustment
26 pursuant to subsection (a) and subsection (b1) of this section, and notwithstanding any provision
27 of G.S. 12-3.1 to the contrary, the Division shall (i) consult with the Joint Legislative
28 Commission on Governmental Operations, (ii) provide a report to the chairs of the Senate
29 Appropriations Committee on Department of Transportation and the House of Representatives
30 Appropriations Committee on Transportation, and (iii) publish notice of the fees that will be in
31 effect in the offices of the Division and on the Division's Web site.

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33 **SECTION 3.(b)** This section becomes effective July 1, 2020.

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35 **EFFECTIVE DATE**

36 **SECTION 4.** Except as otherwise provided, this act becomes effective January 1,
37 2020.