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HOUSE BILL 1790

Short Title: Historic Vehicles – Reduced Registration Fee. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Allred.

Referred to: Finance.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT TO REDUCE THE ANNUAL REGISTRATION FEE FOR HISTORIC
VEHICLES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 20-87 reads as rewritten:

"§ 20-87. Passenger vehicle registration fees.

These shall be paid to the Division annually, as of the first day of January, for the registration and licensing of passenger vehicles, fees according to the following classifications and schedules:

- (1) For-Hire Passenger Vehicles. – The fee for a passenger vehicle that is operated for compensation and has a capacity of 15 passengers or less is seventy-eight dollars (\$78.00). The fee for a passenger vehicle that is operated for compensation and has a capacity of more than 15 passengers is one dollar and forty cents (\$1.40) per hundred pounds of empty weight of the vehicle.
- (2) U-Drive-It Vehicles. – U-drive-it vehicles shall pay the following tax:

Motorcycles:	1-passenger capacity	\$18.00
	2-passenger capacity	22.00
	3-passenger capacity	26.00
Automobiles:	15 or fewer passengers	\$41.00
Buses:	16 or more passengers	\$1.40
		per hundred pounds of empty weight
Trucks under 7,000 pounds that do not haul products for hire:	4,000 pounds	\$41.50
	5,000 pounds	\$51.00
	6,000 pounds	\$61.00.
- (3) Repealed by Session Laws 1981, c. 976, s. 3.

- 1 (4) Limousine Vehicles. – For-hire passenger vehicles on call or demand
2 which do not solicit passengers indiscriminately for hire between
3 points along streets or highways, shall be taxed at the same rate as
4 for-hire passenger vehicles under G.S. 20-87(1) but shall be issued
5 appropriate registration plates to distinguish such vehicles from
6 taxicabs.
- 7 (5) Private Passenger Vehicles. – There shall be paid to the Division
8 annually, as of the first day of January, for the registration and
9 licensing of private passenger vehicles, fees according to the following
10 classifications and schedules:
11 Private passenger vehicles of not more than fifteen
12 passengers \$20.00
13 Private passenger vehicles over fifteen passengers \$23.00
14 Provided, that a fee of only one dollar (\$1.00) shall be charged for any
15 vehicle given by the federal government to any veteran on account of
16 any disability suffered during war so long as such vehicle is owned by
17 the original donee or other veteran entitled to receive such gift under
18 Title 38, section 252, United States Code Annotated.
- 19 (6) Private Motorcycles. – The base fee on private passenger motorcycles
20 shall be nine dollars (\$9.00); except that when a motorcycle is
21 equipped with an additional form of device designed to transport
22 persons or property, the base fee shall be sixteen dollars (\$16.00). An
23 additional fee of three dollars (\$3.00) is imposed on each private
24 motorcycle registered under this subdivision in addition to the base
25 fee. The revenue from the additional fee, in addition to any other funds
26 appropriated for this purpose, shall be used to fund the Motorcycle
27 Safety Instruction Program created in G.S. 115D-72.
- 28 (7) Dealer License Plates. – The fee for a dealer license plate is the regular
29 fee for each of the first five plates issued to the same dealer and is
30 one-half the regular fee for each additional dealer license plate issued
31 to the same dealer. The "regular fee" is the fee set in subdivision (5) of
32 this section for a private passenger motor vehicle of not more than 15
33 passengers.
- 34 (8) Driveaway Companies. – Any person engaged in the business of
35 driving new motor vehicles from the place of manufacture to the place
36 of sale in this State for compensation shall pay a fee of one-half of the
37 amount that would otherwise be payable under this section for each set
38 of plates.
- 39 (9) House Trailers. – In lieu of other registration and license fees levied on
40 house trailers under this section or G.S. 20-88, the registration and
41 license fee on house trailers shall be seven dollars (\$7.00) for the
42 license year or any portion thereof.
- 43 (10) Special Mobile Equipment. – The fee for special mobile equipment for
44 the license year or any part of the license year is two times the fee in

- 1 subdivision (5) for a private passenger motor vehicle of not more than
2 15 passengers.
- 3 (11) Any vehicle fee determined under this section according to the weight
4 of the vehicle shall be increased by the sum of three dollars (\$3.00) to
5 arrive at the total fee.
- 6 (12) Low-Speed Vehicles. – The fee for a low-speed vehicle is the same as
7 the fee for private passengers vehicles of not more than 15 passengers.
- 8 (13) 'Historic Vehicle Owner' Vehicles. – The annual fee for a vehicle
9 bearing a 'Historic Vehicle Owner' special registration plate as defined
10 in G.S. 20-79.4(17) shall be ten dollars (\$10.00)."

11 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.