

SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE BILL 275

56TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2023

AN ACT

RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES; AMENDING SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 66,
ARTICLE 6 NMSA 1978 TO RAISE THE REGISTRATION FEES FOR
PASSENGER VEHICLES, TRUCKS, TRUCK TRACTORS, ROAD TRACTORS,
BUSES, ELECTRIC VEHICLES, ELECTRIC TRUCKS, ELECTRIC TRUCK
TRACTORS, ELECTRIC ROAD TRACTORS AND ELECTRIC BUSES; ENACTING A
SURCHARGE ON REGISTRATION FEES FOR CERTAIN ELECTRIC AND PLUG-IN
HYBRID VEHICLES; PROVIDING FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF SURCHARGE
FEES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. Section 66-6-2 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1978,
Chapter 35, Section 337, as amended) is amended to read:

"66-6-2. PASSENGER VEHICLES--REGISTRATION FEES.--For the
registration of motor vehicles and motor vehicles that derive
all or part of the vehicle's power from electricity stored in a

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1 battery other than motorcycles, trucks, buses and tractors, the
2 division shall collect the following fees for each twelve-month
3 registration period:

4 A. for a vehicle whose gross factory shipping
5 weight is not more than two thousand pounds, [~~twenty-seven~~
6 ~~dollars (\$27.00)~~] from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2025,
7 thirty-one dollars fifty cents (\$31.50), and on or after July
8 1, 2025, thirty-four dollars (\$34.00); provided, however, that
9 after five years of registration, calculated from the date when
10 the vehicle was first registered in this or another state, the
11 fee is, [~~twenty-one dollars (\$21.00)~~] from July 1, 2023 through
12 June 30, 2025, twenty-four dollars (\$24.00), and on or after
13 July 1, 2025, twenty-seven dollars (\$27.00);

14 B. for a vehicle whose gross factory shipping
15 weight is more than two thousand but not more than three
16 thousand pounds, [~~thirty-nine dollars (\$39.00)~~] from July 1,
17 2023 through June 30, 2025, forty-four dollars (\$44.00), and on
18 or after July 1, 2025, forty-nine dollars (\$49.00); provided,
19 however, that after five years of registration, calculated from
20 the date when the vehicle was first registered in this or
21 another state, the fee is, [~~thirty-one dollars (\$31.00)~~] from
22 July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2025, thirty-five dollars
23 (\$35.00), and on or after July 1, 2025, thirty-nine dollars
24 (\$39.00);

25 C. for a vehicle whose gross factory shipping

1 weight is more than three thousand pounds, [~~fifty-six dollars~~
 2 ~~(\$56.00)~~] from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2025, sixty-three
 3 dollars (\$63.00), and on or after July 1, 2025, seventy dollars
 4 (\$70.00); provided, however, that after five years of
 5 registration, calculated from the date when the vehicle was
 6 first registered in this or another state, the fee is, [~~forty-~~
 7 ~~five dollars (\$45.00)~~] from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2025,
 8 fifty dollars fifty cents (\$50.50), and on or after July 1,
 9 2025, fifty-six dollars (\$56.00); and

10 D. for a vehicle registered pursuant to the
 11 provisions of this section, a tire recycling fee of one dollar
 12 fifty cents (\$1.50)."

13 SECTION 2. Section 66-6-4 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1978,
 14 Chapter 35, Section 339, as amended) is amended to read:

15 "66-6-4. REGISTRATION FEES--TRUCKS, TRUCK TRACTORS, ROAD
 16 TRACTORS AND BUSES, INCLUDING ELECTRIC TRUCKS, ELECTRIC TRUCK
 17 TRACTORS, ELECTRIC ROAD TRACTORS AND ELECTRIC BUSES.--

18 A. Within their respective jurisdictions, the motor
 19 vehicle division and the [~~motor transportation~~] New Mexico
 20 state police division of the department of public safety shall
 21 charge registration fees for trucks, truck tractors, road
 22 tractors and buses, including electric trucks, electric truck
 23 tractors, electric road tractors and electric buses except as
 24 otherwise provided by law, according to the schedule of
 25 Subsection B of this section.

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1	B. Declared Gross	<u>Fee July 1, 2023</u>	Fee <u>On or After</u>
2	Weight	<u>to June 30, 2025</u>	<u>July 1, 2025</u>
3	001 to 4,000	<u>\$45</u>	[\$40] <u>\$50</u>
4	4,001 to 6,000	<u>62</u>	[55] <u>69</u>
5	6,001 to 8,000	<u>77.50</u>	[69] <u>86</u>
6	8,001 to 10,000	<u>94.50</u>	[84] <u>105</u>
7	10,001 to 12,000	<u>111.50</u>	[99] <u>124</u>
8	12,001 to 14,000	<u>127</u>	[113] <u>141</u>
9	14,001 to 16,000	<u>144</u>	[128] <u>160</u>
10	16,001 to 18,000	<u>161</u>	[143] <u>179</u>
11	18,001 to 20,000	<u>176.50</u>	[157] <u>196</u>
12	20,001 to 22,000	<u>193.50</u>	[172] <u>215</u>
13	22,001 to 24,000	<u>210.50</u>	[187] <u>234</u>
14	24,001 to 26,000	<u>226</u>	[201] <u>251</u>
15	26,001 to 48,000	<u>133</u>	[118] <u>148</u>
16	48,001 and over	<u>193.50</u>	[172] <u>215.</u>

17 C. All trucks and electric trucks whose declared
 18 gross weight or whose gross vehicle weight is less than twenty-
 19 six thousand pounds, after five years of registration,
 20 calculated from the date when the vehicle was first registered
 21 in this or another state, shall be charged registration fees at
 22 eighty percent of the rate set out in Subsection B of this
 23 section.

24 D. All trucks with a gross vehicle weight of more
 25 than twenty-six thousand pounds and all truck tractors and road

1 tractors used to tow freight trailers shall be registered on
2 the basis of gross combination vehicle weight.

3 E. All trucks and electric trucks with a gross
4 vehicle weight of twenty-six thousand pounds or less shall be
5 registered on the basis of gross vehicle weight. A trailer,
6 semitrailer, ~~[or]~~ pole trailer, electric trailer, electric
7 semitrailer or electric pole trailer towed by a truck of such
8 gross vehicle weight shall be classified as a utility trailer
9 for registration purposes unless otherwise provided by law.

10 F. All farm vehicles and electric farm vehicles
11 having a declared gross weight of more than six thousand pounds
12 shall be charged registration fees of two-thirds of the rate of
13 the respective fees provided in this section and shall be
14 issued distinctive registration plates. As used in this
15 subsection, "farm vehicle" means a vehicle owned by a person
16 whose principal occupation is farming or ranching and which
17 vehicle is used principally in the transportation of farm and
18 ranch products to market and farm and ranch supplies and
19 livestock from the place of purchase to farms and ranches in
20 this state; provided that the vehicle is not used for hire. As
21 used in this subsection, "electric farm vehicle" means a motor
22 vehicle that derives all or part of the vehicle's power from
23 electricity stored in a battery that is owned by a person whose
24 principal occupation is farming or ranching and which vehicle
25 is used principally in the transportation of farm and ranch

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1 products to market and farm and ranch supplies and livestock
2 from the place of purchase to farms and ranches in this state;
3 provided that the vehicle is not used for hire.

4 G. In addition to other registration fees imposed by
5 this section, [~~beginning July 1, 1994~~] an annual tire recycling
6 fee of one dollar fifty cents (\$1.50) is imposed at the time of
7 registration on each vehicle and electric vehicle subject to a
8 registration fee pursuant to this section, except for vehicles
9 with a declared gross weight of greater than twenty-six
10 thousand pounds upon which registration fees are imposed by
11 Subsection B of this section.

12 H. Three percent of registration fees of trucks and
13 electric trucks having from twenty-six thousand one pounds to
14 forty-eight thousand pounds declared gross vehicle weight is to
15 be transferred to the recycling and illegal dumping fund
16 pursuant to the provisions of Section 66-6-23 NMSA 1978.

17 I. Three and seventy-five hundredths percent of
18 registration fees of trucks and electric trucks in excess of
19 forty-eight thousand pounds declared gross vehicle weight is to
20 be transferred to the recycling and illegal dumping fund
21 pursuant to the provisions of Section 66-6-23 NMSA 1978."

22 SECTION 3. A new Section 66-6-4.1 NMSA 1978 is enacted to
23 read:

24 "66-6-4.1. [NEW MATERIAL] SURCHARGES--ELECTRIC AND PLUG-
25 IN HYBRID VEHICLES.--

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1 A. A surcharge shall be collected for registration of
2 an electric vehicle with a gross vehicle weight of twenty-six
3 thousand pounds or less registered pursuant to Section 66-6-2
4 or 66-6-4 NMSA 1978 in the following amounts:

5 (1) sixty dollars (\$60.00) from July 1, 2023
6 through June 30, 2025; and

7 (2) one hundred twenty dollars (\$120) on or
8 after July 1, 2025.

9 B. A surcharge shall be collected for registration of
10 a plug-in hybrid vehicle with a gross vehicle weight of twenty-
11 six thousand pounds or less registered pursuant to Section
12 66-6-2 or 66-6-4 NMSA 1978 in the following amounts:

13 (1) thirty dollars (\$30.00) from July 1, 2023
14 through June 30, 2025; and

15 (2) sixty dollars (\$60.00) on or after July 1,
16 2025.

17 C. Fees collected pursuant to this section shall be
18 paid to the state treasurer to the credit of the motor vehicle
19 suspense fund with distribution in accordance with Section
20 66-6-23 NMSA 1978."

21 **SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.**--The effective date of the
22 provisions of this act is July 1, 2023.