
SENATE BILL 6377

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1 AN ACT Relating to electric vehicle licensing fees; adding a new
2 section to chapter 46.16 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature recognizes that the motor
5 vehicle fuel tax is the primary source of funding for the state's
6 transportation system. As the state's fleet changes from motor
7 vehicles powered by traditional sources, such as gasoline and diesel,
8 to those powered by electricity, the ability of the state to fund the
9 maintenance and preservation of the transportation system is
10 compromised. In order to mitigate the impacts of the diminishing motor
11 vehicle fuel tax, and to create a system where each driver pays for a
12 fair portion of his or her use of the road, an additional fee is
13 imposed on electric vehicles.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 46.16 RCW
15 to read as follows:

16 (1) In addition to other fees for the licensing of motor vehicles,
17 an additional fee of one hundred dollars is imposed on electric

1 vehicles that use propulsion units powered solely by electricity, and
2 is due at the time of initial vehicle registration and annual
3 registration renewal.

4 (2) The fee under this section is imposed to provide funds to
5 mitigate the impact of vehicles on state roads and highways, and is
6 separate and distinct from other vehicle registration fees. Proceeds
7 from the fee must be used for highway purposes, and must be deposited
8 in the motor vehicle fund created in RCW 46.68.070.

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