

Department of Planning and Budget 2006 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB 723

House of Origin ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron: Houck

3. Committee: Senate Finance

4. Title: Fees for registration of certain motor vehicles; dedication of proceeds.

5. Summary/Purpose: This bill converts Virginia's existing registration fee structure from a flat fee to a weight-based registration fee system. The proposed fee structure is as follows:

Less than 2,499 pounds – same as today - \$23
Between 2,500 and 3,599 pounds - \$8 increase to \$31
Between 3,600 and 3,999 pounds - \$18 increase to \$41
Above 3,999 pounds - \$13 increase to \$41 (pay \$28 today)

6. Fiscal Impacts are: Preliminary

Revenue Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2005-06			
2006-07	\$72,800,000		NGF
2007-08	\$73,700,000		NGF
2008-09	\$74,440,000		NGF
2009-10	\$75,180,000		NGF

7. Budget amendment necessary: Yes. Governor Kaine has submitted related budget amendments to appropriate the funds anticipated through this proposal in the Department of Transportation.

8. Fiscal implications:

The impact of the change in registration fees proposed under this legislation can be shown with the following examples:

Vehicle Type	Weight (lbs)	Current Base Registration Fee*	Proposed Base Registration Fee*
Ford Escape-SUV	3346	\$ 23	\$ 31
Ford Explorer-SUV	4615	\$ 28	\$ 41
Ford Expedition-SUV	5562	\$ 28	\$ 41
Ford Focus	2647	\$ 23	\$ 31
Ford Taurus	3306	\$ 23	\$ 31
Ford Crown Victoria	4101	\$ 28	\$ 41

*Does not include \$6.50 in additional fees charged at time of registration.

Other states have the following related registration fees:

- Maryland's fees are \$128 for less than 3,700 pounds and \$180 for more;
- Pennsylvania's fee is \$36.00;
- District of Columbia's fees are \$72 for less than 3,499 pounds, \$115 for less than 4,999 pounds, and \$155 for more than 5,000 pounds;
- North Carolina's fees are \$28 for the state, with additional local fee for passenger vehicles; trucks vary by weight with \$51.50 for between 5,000 and 6,000 pounds;
- Kentucky is \$15 for less than 6,000 pounds; and,
- West Virginia's fee is \$30 a year for less than 8,000 pounds.

The revenues generated from this proposal will be deposited into the Priority Transportation Fund for additional activities or projects that leverage local cost-sharing for transportation purposes.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Department of Transportation;
Department of Motor Vehicles

10. Technical amendment necessary: There is an amendment to delete a section that was incorrectly included in the bill ([46.2-694](#) C1).

11. Other comments: None

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