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A *BILL to amend and reenact §§ 46.2-214.3 and 46.2-332 of the Code of Virginia, relating to Department of Motor Vehicles; service charges for in-person transactions.*

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Referred to Committee on Transportation

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That §§ 46.2-214.3 and 46.2-332 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 46.2-214.3. Discount for multiyear registration.

A. In addition to any other fee imposed and collected by the Department, the Department shall impose and collect a service charge upon each person who carries out the registration renewal of a vehicle in any of the Department's Customer Service Centers if such registration can be conducted (i) by mail or telephone or by using an electronic medium using a format prescribed by the Commissioner, or (ii) through an agent of the Department that has entered into an agreement with the Department to perform certain services as described in subsection B of § ~~46.2-205~~. The service charge shall not apply (a) if concurrently with the registration of the vehicle, the person undertakes another transaction at a Customer Service Center, which other transaction cannot be conducted through a means described in clause (i) or (ii), (b) to the registration of any vehicle for which no registration fee is otherwise required by law, or (c) to any registration conducted by a motor vehicle dealer subject to the provisions of § ~~46.2-1530.2~~.

B. The service charge shall equal \$5 per vehicle registration renewal that is carried out in any Customer Service Center of the Department. The Department shall include information regarding such service charge in all vehicle registration renewal notices sent to vehicle owners.

C. All service charges imposed and collected by the Commissioner under this section shall be paid into the state treasury and shall be set aside as a special fund to be used to meet the expenses of the Department.

D. Pursuant to subsection C of § 46.2-646, for each motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer registered, the Commissioner may offer, at his discretion, a discount for multiyear registrations of such vehicles. The discount shall be equal to \$1 for each year of the multiyear registration or fraction thereof. The discount shall not be applicable to any motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer registered (i) under the International Registration Plan or (ii) as an uninsured motor vehicle. When this option is offered and chosen by the registrant, all annual and 12-month fees due at the time of registration shall be multiplied by the number of years or fraction thereof that the vehicle will be registered.

E. ~~B.~~ In addition to the discount authorized in subsection D, A, for the renewal of registration of each motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer pursuant to § 46.2-646, the Commissioner shall offer a discount for renewal when such registration renewal is conducted using the Internet. The discount shall be equal to \$1. The discount shall not apply to any motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer registered (i) under the International Registration Plan or (ii) as an uninsured motor vehicle.

§ 46.2-332. Fees.

~~On and after January 1, 1990, the~~ The fee for each driver's license other than a commercial driver's license shall be \$2.40 per year. If the license is a commercial driver's license or seasonal restricted commercial driver's license, the fee shall be \$6 per year. Persons 21 years old or older may be issued a scenic driver's license, learner's permit, or commercial driver's license for an additional fee of \$5. For any one or more driver's license endorsements or classifications, except a motorcycle classification, there shall be an additional fee of \$1 per year; for a motorcycle classification, there shall be an additional fee of \$2 per year. For any and all driver's license classifications, there shall be an additional fee of \$1 per year. For any revalidation of a seasonal restricted commercial driver's license, the fee shall be \$5. A fee of \$10 shall be charged to extend the validity period of a driver's license pursuant to subsection B of § 46.2-221.2.

In addition to any other fee imposed and collected by the Department, the Department shall impose and collect a service charge of \$5 upon each person who carries out the renewal of a driver's license or special identification card in any of the Department's Customer Service Centers if such renewal can be conducted by mail or telephone or by using an electronic medium in a format prescribed by the Commissioner. Such service charge shall not apply if, concurrently with the renewal of the driver's license or special identification card, the person undertakes another transaction at a Customer Service

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59 Center that cannot be conducted by mail or telephone or by using an electronic medium in a format
60 prescribed by the Commissioner. Such service charge shall be paid by the Commissioner into the state
61 treasury and shall be set aside as a special fund to be used to meet the expenses of the Department.

62 A reexamination fee of \$2 shall be charged for each administration of the knowledge portion of the
63 driver's license examination taken by an applicant who is 18 years of age or older if taken more than
64 once within a 15-day period. The reexamination fee shall be charged each time the examination is
65 administered until the applicant successfully completes the examination, if taken prior to the fifteenth
66 day.

67 An applicant who is less than 18 years of age who does not successfully complete the knowledge
68 portion of the driver's license examination shall not be permitted to take the knowledge portion more
69 than once in 15 days.

70 A fee of \$50 shall be charged each time an applicant for a commercial driver's license fails to keep a
71 scheduled skills test appointment, unless such applicant cancels his appointment with the assigned
72 driver's license examiner at least 24 hours in advance of the scheduled appointment. The Commissioner
73 may, on a case-by-case basis, waive such fee for good cause shown. All such fees shall be paid by the
74 Commissioner into the state treasury and set aside as a special fund to be used to meet the necessary
75 expenses incurred by the Department.

76 If the applicant for a driver's license is an employee of the Commonwealth, or of any county, city, or
77 town who drives a motorcycle or a commercial motor vehicle solely in the line of his duty, he shall be
78 exempt from the additional fee otherwise assessable for a motorcycle classification or a commercial
79 motor vehicle endorsement. The Commissioner may prescribe the forms as may be requisite for
80 completion by persons claiming exemption from additional fees imposed by this section.

81 No additional fee above \$2.40 per year shall be assessed for the driver's license or commercial
82 driver's license required for the operation of a school bus.

83 Excluding the \$2 reexamination fee, \$1.50 of all fees collected for each original or renewal driver's
84 license shall be paid into the driver education fund of the state treasury and expended as provided by
85 law. Unexpended funds from the driver education fund shall be retained in the fund and be available for
86 expenditure in ensuing years as provided therein.

87 All fees for motorcycle classifications shall be distributed as provided in § 46.2-1191.

88 This section shall supersede conflicting provisions of this chapter.