GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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Short Title: Electric/Plug-In Hybrid Vehicle Reg. Fees. (Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO REVISE THE ELECTRIC VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEES; TO AUTHORIZE
A REGISTRATION FEE FOR PLUG-IN HYBRID VEHICLES; AND TO PROVIDE FOR
ANNUAL ADJUSTMENTS TO ELECTRIC AND PLUG-IN HYBRID VEHICLE
REGISTRATION FEES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

ELECTRIC VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEE

SECTION 1. Effective January 1, 2020, and applicable to initial registrations and
registrations due for renewal on or after that date, G.S. 20-87(13) reads as rewritten:

"(13) Additional fee for certain electric vehicles. – At the time of an initial
registration or registration renewal, the owner of a plug-in electric vehicle that
is not a low-speed vehicle and that does not rely on a nonelectric source of
power shall pay a fee in the amount of one hundred thirty dollars ($130.00)
two hundred thirty dollars ($230.00) in addition to any other required
registration fees."

HYBRID VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEE

SECTION 2. Effective January 1, 2020, and applicable to initial registrations and
registrations due for renewal on or after that date, G.S. 20-87 is amended by adding a new
subdivision to read:

"(14) Additional fee for plug-in hybrid vehicles. – At the time of an initial
registration or registration renewal, the owner of a plug-in hybrid vehicle shall
pay a fee in the amount of one hundred fifteen dollars ($115.00) in addition to
any other required registration fees. For purposes of this subdivision, a plug-in
hybrid vehicle is one that is capable of being propelled solely by electricity
drawn from a battery that can be recharged from an external source of
electricity but is also capable of using motor fuel to propel the vehicle."

ANNUAL ADJUSTMENT FOR ELECTRIC AND PLUG-IN HYBRID VEHICLE
REGISTRATION FEES

SECTION 3. (a) G.S. 20-4.02 reads as rewritten:

"§ 20-4.02. Quadrennial adjustment. Adjustment of certain fees and rates.
(a) Quadrennial Adjustment for Inflation. – Beginning July 1, 2020, and every four years
thereafter, the Division shall adjust the fees and rates imposed pursuant to the statutes listed in
this subsection for inflation in accordance with the Consumer Price Index computed by the
Bureau of Labor Statistics. The adjustment for per transaction rates in subdivision (8a) of this
subsection shall be rounded to the nearest cent and all other adjustments under this subsection
shall be rounded to the nearest twenty-five cents (25¢):

... (11) G.S. 20-87, except for the additional fee set forth in G.S. 20-87(6) for private
motorcycles, motorcycles, G.S. 20-87(13) for electric vehicles, and
G.S. 20-87(14) for plug-in hybrid vehicles.

... (b1) Annual Adjustment of Registration Fees for Electric and Hybrid Vehicles. –
Beginning January 1, 2021, and every year thereafter, the Division shall adjust the registration
fee imposed by G.S. 20-87(13) and G.S. 20-87(14) pursuant to the following formula. The
registration fee shall be the amount for the preceding calendar year, multiplied by a percentage.
The percentage is one hundred percent (100%) plus or minus the sum of the following:

(1) The percentage change in population for the applicable calendar year, as
estimated under G.S. 143C-2-2, multiplied by seventy-five percent (75%).

(2) The annual percentage change in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban
Consumers, multiplied by twenty-five percent (25%). For purposes of this
subdivision, "Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers" means the
United States city average for energy index contained in the detailed report
released in the October prior to the applicable calendar year by the Bureau of
Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor, or data determined
by the Secretary to be equivalent.

... (d) Consultation and Publication. – At least 90 days prior to making an adjustment
pursuant to subsection (a) and subsection (b1) of this section, and notwithstanding any provision
of G.S. 12-3.1 to the contrary, the Division shall (i) consult with the Joint Legislative
Commission on Governmental Operations, (ii) provide a report to the chairs of the Senate
Appropriations Committee on Department of Transportation and the House of Representatives
Appropriations Committee on Transportation, and (iii) publish notice of the fees that will be in
effect in the offices of the Division and on the Division’s Web site.

"..."

SECTION 3.(b) This section becomes effective July 1, 2020.

EFFECTIVE DATE

SECTION 4. Except as otherwise provided, this act becomes effective January 1,
2020.