

LEGISLATIVE BILL 191

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AN ACT relating to motor vehicle registration; to amend section 60-302, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2000; to provide for an additional fee; to create a fund; and to repeal the original section.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. Section 60-302, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2000, is amended to read:

60-302. (1) No motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, or cabin trailer, unless otherwise expressly provided, shall be operated or parked on the highways of this state unless the vehicle is registered in accordance with Chapter 60, article 3. There shall be a rebuttable presumption that any vehicle stored and kept more than thirty days in the state is being operated or parked on the highways of this state and shall be registered in accordance with Chapter 60, article 3, from the date of title of the motor vehicle or, if no transfer in ownership of the motor vehicle has occurred, from the expiration of the last registration period for which the motor vehicle was registered. Every owner of a vehicle required to be registered shall make application for registration to the county treasurer of the county in which the vehicle has situs as defined in section 60-3001. The application shall be a copy of a certificate of title or, in the case of a renewal of a registration, the application shall be the previous registration period's certificate. A salvage certificate of title as defined in section 60-129 and a nontransferable certificate of title provided for in section 60-131 shall not be valid for registration purposes.

(2) An application for registration of a motor vehicle shall be accompanied by proof of financial responsibility or evidence of insurance covering the motor vehicle. Proof of financial responsibility shall be evidenced by a copy of proof of financial responsibility filed pursuant to subdivision (2), (3), or (4) of section 60-528 bearing the seal of the Department of Motor Vehicles. Evidence of insurance shall give the effective dates of the automobile liability policy, which dates shall be evidence that the coverage is in effect on and following the date of registration, and shall designate, by explicit description or by appropriate reference, all motor vehicles covered. Evidence of insurance in the form of a certificate of insurance for fleet vehicles may include, as an appropriate reference, a designation that the insurance coverage is applicable to all vehicles owned by the named insured, or wording of similar effect, in lieu of an explicit description.

(3) Any nonresident owner who desires to register a vehicle or vehicles in this state shall register in the county where the vehicle is domiciled or where the owner conducts a bona fide business.

(4) Each new application shall contain, in addition to other information as may be required by the department, the name and post office address of the applicant and a description of the vehicle, including the color, the manufacturer, the identification number, and the weight of the vehicle required by Chapter 60, article 3. With the application the applicant shall pay the proper registration fee as provided in sections 60-305.08 to 60-339 and shall state whether the vehicle is propelled by alternative fuel as defined in section 66-686 and, if alternative fuel, the type of fuel. The form shall also contain a notice that bulk fuel purchasers may be subject to federal excise tax liability. The department shall prescribe a form, containing the notice, for supplying the information for vehicles to be registered. The county treasurer shall include the form in each mailing made pursuant to section 60-3003. The county treasurer or his or her agent shall notify the Motor Fuel Tax Enforcement and Collection Division of the Department of Revenue whenever a vehicle powered by an alternative fuel as defined in section 66-686 is registered. The notification shall include the name and address of the registrant, the date of registration, the type of motor vehicle registered, and the type of alternative fuel used to propel the vehicle as indicated on the registration application.

(5) The county treasurer or his or her agent shall collect, in addition to the registration fees, one dollar and fifty cents for each certificate issued and shall remit one dollar and fifty cents of each additional fee collected to the State Treasurer for credit to the Department

of Motor Vehicles Cash Fund.

(6) The county treasurer or his or her agent shall collect, in addition to other registration fees, fifty cents for each certificate issued and shall remit the fee to the State Treasurer for credit to the Nebraska Emergency Medical System Operations Fund.

(7) The county treasurer or his or her agent shall collect, in addition to other registration fees, one dollar and fifty cents for each certificate issued and shall remit the fee to the State Treasurer for credit to the State Recreation Road Fund.

~~(7)~~ (8) If a citation is issued to an owner or operator of a vehicle for a violation of this section and the owner properly registers and licenses the vehicle not in compliance and pays all taxes and fees due and the owner or operator provides proof of such registration to the prosecuting attorney within ten days after the issuance of the citation, no prosecution for the offense cited shall occur.

~~(8)~~ (9) If a county board consolidates services under the office of a designated county official other than the county treasurer pursuant to section 23-186, the powers and duties of the county treasurer relating to registration under sections 60-301 to 60-347 shall be performed by the designated county official.

~~(9)~~ (10) A county treasurer or county official or his or her agent may accept credit cards, charge cards, or debit cards as a means of payment for registration pursuant to section 13-609.

Sec. 2. There is hereby created the Nebraska Emergency Medical System Operations Fund. The fund may receive gifts, bequests, grants, fees, or other contributions or donations from public or private entities. The fund shall be used to carry out the purposes of the Statewide Trauma System Act and the Emergency Medical Services Act, including activities related to the design, maintenance, or enhancement of the statewide trauma system, support of emergency medical services programs, and support for the emergency medical services programs for children. The Director of Regulation and Licensure shall annually, on or before January 1, submit a report to the Legislature which includes a general accounting of the income and expenditures of the fund. Any money in the fund available for investment shall be invested by the state investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act.

Sec. 3. Original section 60-302, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2000, is repealed.