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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEE REDUCTION.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Act 162 of 2011  
2 amended section 249-31, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to double the  
3 state vehicle registration fee, thus placing an undue financial  
4 burden on the citizens of Hawaii. This remarkable increase was  
5 the result of an administration initiative to make up for the  
6 extreme reduction in general fund and capital improvement  
7 project budget allocations to the state highway fund from 2005  
8 through 2010. Hawaii taxpayers already suffer from a  
9 significant tax and fee burden. The doubling of registration  
10 fees during an economic downturn showed a lack of fiscal  
11 discipline in the State's leadership, as well as indifference to  
12 the financial burdens of the people of Hawaii.

13           The legislature also finds that the total cost of vehicle  
14 registration in Hawaii, including the vehicle weight tax and  
15 county taxes and fees, is among the three most expensive in the  
16 United States.



1           The purpose of this Act is to return the vehicle  
2 registration fee to the 2010 level, thus reducing the cost per  
3 vehicle by \$20.

4           SECTION 2. Section 249-31, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
5 amended to read as follows:

6           "**§249-31 State registration fee.** (a) All vehicles and  
7 motor vehicles in the State as defined in section 249-1,  
8 including antique motor vehicles, except as otherwise provided  
9 in sections 249-4 and 249-6, shall be subject to a [~~\$45~~] \$25  
10 annual vehicle registration fee. The fee shall be paid each  
11 year together with all other taxes and fees levied by this  
12 chapter on a staggered basis as established by each county as  
13 authorized by section 286-51, and the state registration for  
14 that county shall likewise be staggered so that the state  
15 registration fee is due and payable at the same time and shall  
16 be collected together with the county fee. The state  
17 registration fee shall be deemed delinquent if not paid with the  
18 county registration fee. The respective counties shall collect  
19 this fee together with the vehicle registration tax collected  
20 for the county and shall transfer the moneys collected under  
21 this section to the State.



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1 (b) From each annual motor vehicle registration fee, the  
 2 director shall deposit [~~\$40~~] \$20 into the state highway fund and  
 3 \$5 into the emergency medical services special fund."

4 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
 5 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

6 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2015.

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**Report Title:**

Motor Vehicles; Annual Registration Fee

**Description:**

Reduces the vehicle registration fee and maintains allocation of the fee to the state highway fund and emergency medical services special fund.

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