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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1752

Introduced by Assembly Member Melendez
(Coauthors: Assembly Members Gallagher, Harper, Olsen, Steinorth,
and Wagner)
(Coauthor: Senator Nielsen)

February 2, 2016

An act to amend Section 9250 of the Vehicle Code, relating to vehicles.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1752, as amended, Melendez. Vehicles: registration fees.

Existing law requires the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to charge a registration fee on every vehicle or trailer coach, as specified. Existing law also authorizes the imposition of certain additional fees and surcharges, including, among others, an additional fee, as specified, on all motor vehicles to fund local programs relating to vehicle theft crimes.

This bill would require the DMV to clearly identify the registration fee as the base registration fee on any application for ~~initial registration~~ ~~or~~ renewal of registration, and to aggregate any additional fees or surcharges added to the base registration fee as a separate and distinct line item on those applications. The bill would require the DMV to post on its Internet Web site a clear description of each additional fee or surcharge added to the base registration fee, including the statutory authority for that fee or surcharge. The bill would also require the DMV to provide with each application *for renewal of registration* the Internet Web site address where this information can be accessed.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 9250 of the Vehicle Code is amended to
2 read:
3 9250. (a) A registration fee of thirty-one dollars (\$31) shall
4 be paid to the department for the registration of every vehicle or
5 trailer coach of a type subject to registration under this code, except
6 those vehicles that are expressly exempted under this code from
7 the payment of registration fees. This subdivision applies to all of
8 the following:
9 (1) The initial or original registration, on or after January 1,
10 2004, but before July 1, 2011, of any vehicle not previously
11 registered in this state.
12 (2) The renewal of registration of any vehicle for which the
13 registration period expires on or after January 1, 2004, but before
14 July 1, 2011, regardless of whether a renewal application was
15 mailed to the registered owner prior to January 1, 2004.
16 (b) A registration fee of forty-three dollars (\$43) shall be paid
17 to the department for the registration of each vehicle or trailer
18 coach of a type subject to registration under this code, except those
19 vehicles that are expressly exempted under this code from the
20 payment of registration fees. This subdivision applies to all of the
21 following:
22 (1) The initial or original registration, on or after July 1, 2011,
23 of any vehicle not previously registered in this state.
24 (2) The renewal of registration of any vehicle for which the
25 registration period expires on or after July 1, 2011, regardless of
26 whether a renewal application was mailed to the registered owner
27 prior to July 1, 2011.
28 (c) The registration fee imposed under this section applies to
29 all vehicles described in Section 5004, whether or not special
30 identification plates are issued to that vehicle.
31 (d) Trailer coaches are subject to the registration fee provided
32 in subdivision (a) or (b) for each unit of the trailer coach.
33 (e) The amounts collected pursuant to the increase in the
34 registration fee as specified in subdivision (b) shall be used only

1 for costs incurred in connection with the regulation of vehicles,
2 including administrative costs for vehicle registration.

3 (f) (1) The department shall clearly identify the registration fee
4 required by this section as the “base registration fee” on any
5 application for ~~initial registration or renewal of registration.~~

6 (2) The department shall aggregate any additional fees or
7 surcharges as a separate and distinct line item on the ~~application.~~
8 *application for renewal of registration.*

9 (3) The department shall post on its Internet Web site a clear
10 description of each additional fee or surcharge added to the base
11 registration fee, including the purpose for each fee or surcharge
12 and the statutory authority for that fee or surcharge. The department
13 shall provide with each application *for renewal of registration* the
14 Internet Web site address where this information can be accessed.