IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 312

BY WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

1	AN ACT
2	RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION; AMENDING SECTION 49-402, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE
3	REGISTRATION FEES; AMENDING SECTION 49-434, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR
4	ADDITIONAL REGISTRATION FEES; AND AMENDING CHAPTER 4, TITLE 49, IDAHO
5	CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 49-457, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE A
6	FEE FOR ELECTRIC AND HYBRID VEHICLES AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE DEPOSIT OF
7	FEES.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

SECTION 1. That Section 49-402, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

49-402. ANNUAL REGISTRATION. (1) The annual fee for operating each pickup truck, each neighborhood electric vehicle and each other motor vehicle having a maximum gross weight not in excess of eight thousand (8,000) pounds and that complies with the federal motor vehicle safety standards as defined in section 49-107, Idaho Code, shall be:

There shall be twelve (12) registration periods, starting in January for holders of validation registration stickers numbered 1, and proceeding consecutively through December for holders of validation registration stickers numbered 12, each of which shall start on the first day of a calendar month and end on the last day of the twelfth month from the first day of the beginning month. Registration periods shall expire midnight on the last day of the registration period in the year designated by the validation registration sticker. The numeral digit on the validation registration stickers shall, as does the registration card, fix the registration period under the staggered registration system for the purpose of reregistration and notice of expiration.

A vehicle that has once been registered for any of the above designated periods shall, upon reregistration, be registered for the period bearing the same number, and the registration card shall show and be the exclusive proof of the expiration date of registration and licensing. Vehicles may be initially registered for less than a twelve (12) month period, or for more than a twelve (12) month period, and the fee prorated on a monthly basis if the fractional registration tends to fulfill the purpose of the monthly series registration system.

(2) For all school buses operated either by a nonprofit, nonpublic school or operated pursuant to a service contract with a school district for transporting children to or from school or in connection with school ap-

proved activities, the annual fee shall be twenty-four dollars (\$24.00) and shall be subject to staggered registration for the purpose of reregistration and notice of expiration.

- (3) For all motorcycles and motor-driven cycles which comply with the federal motor vehicle safety standards, operated upon the public highways, the annual fee shall be $\frac{1}{2}$ fifteen dollars (\$915.00) and shall be subject to staggered registration for the purpose of reregistration and notice of expiration.
- (4) For operation of an all-terrain vehicle, utility type vehicle or motorbike, excluding a motorbike with an engine displacement of fifty (50) cubic centimeters or less, on city, county or highway district roads or highways open to such use, a restricted vehicle license plate fee pursuant to section 49-450, Idaho Code, shall be paid. In addition, the registration fee specified in section 67-7122, Idaho Code, shall be paid as provided in section 67-7122, Idaho Code. The registration and restricted vehicle license plate exemption provided in section 49-426(2), Idaho Code, applies to all-terrain vehicles, utility type vehicles, motorbikes and motorcycles used for the purposes described in subsection (2) of section 49-426, Idaho Code. Nonresidents shall be allowed to purchase a restricted vehicle license plate and sticker for an all-terrain vehicle, utility type vehicle or motorbike.
- (5) For all motor homes the fee shall be as specified in subsection (1) of this section and shall be in addition to the fees provided for in section 49-445, Idaho Code.
 - (6) Registration fees shall not be subject to refund.
- (7) A financial institution or repossession service contracted to a financial institution repossessing vehicles under the terms of a security agreement shall move the vehicle from the place of repossession to the financial institution's place of business on a repossession plate. The repossession plate shall also be used for demonstrating the vehicle to a prospective purchaser for a period not to exceed ninety-six (96) hours. The registration fees for repossession plates shall be as required in subsection (1) of this section for a vehicle one (1) and two (2) years old. All other fees required under chapter 4, title 49, Idaho Code, shall be in addition to the registration fee. The repossession plate shall be subject to staggered registration for the purpose of reregistration and notice of expiration.
- (8) A wrecker or towing business engaged in the process of towing motorized vehicles, which have been wrecked, abandoned, salvaged or may be disabled, may apply for a wrecker plate to be displayed on those vehicles being towed, provided the power unit is properly registered under this chapter. The registration fees for wrecker plates shall be as required in subsection (1) of this section for a vehicle one (1) and two (2) years old. All other fees required under chapter 4, title 49, Idaho Code, shall be in addition to the registration fee and shall be subject to staggered registration for the purpose of reregistration and notice of expiration.
- (9) In addition to the annual registration fee in this section, there shall be an initial program fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) and an annual program fee of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) for all special license plate programs for those license plates issued pursuant to sections 49-404A, 49-407, 49-408, 49-409, 49-414, 49-416, 49-418 and 49-418D, Idaho Code. For

special plates issued pursuant to sections 49-406 and 49-406A, Idaho Code, there shall be an initial program fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) but there shall be no annual renewal fee. For special plates issued pursuant to sections 49-415C, 49-415D, 49-415E, 49-416A, 49-416B, 49-416C, 49-416D, 49-416E, 49-417, 49-417A, 49-417B, 49-417C, 49-417D, 49-417E, 49-418A, 49-418B, 49-418C, 49-418E, 49-419, 49-419A, 49-419B, 49-419C, 49-419D, 49-419E, 49-420, 49-420A, 49-420B, 49-420C, 49-420D, 49-420E, 49-420G, 49-420H, 49-420I, 49-420J, 49-420K, 49-420L and 49-420M, Idaho Code, and any new special plate program effective on and after January 1, 2013, pursuant to section 49-402D, Idaho Code, there shall be an initial program fee of thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) and an annual program fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00). The fees contained in this subsection shall be applicable to all new special plate programs and shall be subject to staggered registration for the purpose of reregistration and notice of expiration. The initial program fee and the annual program fee shall be deposited in the state highway account and shall be used to fund the cost of administration of special license plate programs, unless otherwise specified by law.

- (10) Any vehicle that does not meet federal motor vehicle safety standards shall not be registered and shall not be permitted to operate on public highways of the state, as defined in section 40-117, Idaho Code, unless otherwise specifically authorized.
- (11) In addition to annual registration fees as provided in this section, registrants may pay a fee to purchase an Idaho state parks passport authorizing resident motor vehicle entry into all Idaho state parks. Registrants may pay the fee for a one (1) year or two (2) year period of time. The fee shall be ten dollars (\$10.00) for one (1) year and twenty dollars (\$20.00) for two (2) years. All fees collected pursuant to this subsection shall be deposited into the park and recreation fund and shall be subject to appropriation. Fees collected pursuant to this subsection shall not be considered a motor vehicle registration fee as provided in section 17, article VII, of the constitution of the state of Idaho.

SECTION 2. That Section 49-434, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

49-434. OPERATING FEES. (1) There shall be paid on all commercial vehicles, noncommercial vehicles, and on all farm vehicles having a maximum gross weight not in excess of sixty thousand (60,000) pounds, an annual registration fee or a staggered registration fee for the purpose of reregistration and notice of expiration in accordance with the following schedule.

8	Unladen Weight for Wreckers	Annual Registration Fee			
9	Maximum Gross Weight	Noncommercial and	Commercial		
10	For Other Vehicles (Pounds)	Farm Vehicles	Vehicles		
11			and Wreckers		
12	8,001-16,000 inc	\$ 48.00	\$ 48.00		
13	16,001-26,000 inc	61.08	143.40		
14	26,001-30,000 inc	91.68	223.80		
15	30,001-40,000 inc	130.08	291.60		
16	40,001-50,000 inc	188.28	360.00		
17	50,001-60,000 inc	311.88	515.40		

<u>In addition to the registration fees provided for in this subsection, there</u> shall be an additional registration fee imposed of fifteen dollars (\$15.00).

- (2) There shall be paid on all commercial vehicles, irrespective of body type, and on all farm vehicles having a maximum gross weight in excess of sixty thousand (60,000) pounds, an annual registration fee in the amount prescribed by subsection (8) of this section, as applicable.
 - (3) In addition, the annual registration fee for trailers shall be:
 - (a) Trailer or semitrailer in a combination of vehicles\$15.00
 - (b) Rental utility trailer with a gross weight of two thousand (2,000) pounds or less\$8.00
 - (c) Rental utility trailer with a gross weight over two thousand (2,000) pounds\$15.00
- (4) As an option to the trailer and semitrailer and rental utility trailer annual registrations issued pursuant to subsection (3) of this section, the department may provide a nonexpiring plate and registration for trailers and semitrailers, and an optional, extended registration for rental utility trailers.
 - (a) For trailers and semitrailers, the nonexpiring registration fee shall be ninety-nine dollars (\$99.00). The license plate shall remain on the trailer or semitrailer until the registration is canceled or revoked. No part of the fee is subject to refund. However, the registrant may transfer the nonexpiring plate and registration to another trailer or semitrailer titled to the registrant if the original registration date is prior to July 1, 2009. The registration document shall be the official record of the status of the nonexpiring registration and no registration fee shall be required after the initial registration is paid. No validation sticker shall be required or issued for such nonexpiring license plate.

- (i) Registration of a trailer or semitrailer based in another jurisdiction may be issued when the registrant provides a valid jurisdiction title or ownership document and certification statement, and no title transfer will be required.
- (ii) Periodic verification will be made to confirm ownership status. Failure of the owner to comply with the verification request to confirm ownership within thirty (30) days, shall result in cancellation of the permanent plate registration.
- (b) Idaho based trailer manufacturers may purchase trailer and semitrailer registration from the department. The manufacturer may issue the annual registration to foreign-based purchasers utilizing a manufacturer's certificate of origin or manufacturer's statement of origin as proof of ownership. If the foreign-based purchaser subsequently obtains an Idaho nonexpiring registration as provided in paragraph (a) of this subsection prior to annual registration expiration, the amount of the annual registration fee shall be applied to the nonexpiring registration fee provided that the customer acquires a title for such vehicle.
- (c) For rental utility trailers, the registrant may prepay the annual registration for an additional one (1), two (2), three (3) or four (4) years, but in no event shall the optional registration period extend beyond five (5) years. The fee shall be as specified in subsection (3) (b) or (c) of this section. A pressure-sensitive sticker shall be used to validate the license plate. The license plate shall become void if the owner's interest in the rental utility trailer changes during the five (5) year period. If the owner fails to enter the rental utility trailer on the annual renewal application during the five (5) year period, the registration record shall be purged. Any unrenewed plate shall be returned to the department if it is not entered on the renewal application.
- (5) A fleet registration option is available to owners who have twenty-five (25) or more commercial or farm vehicles or any combination thereof. Such owners may register all of their company vehicles with the department in lieu of registering with a county assessor. To qualify the fleet must be owned and operated under the unified control of one (1) person and the vehicles must be physically garaged and maintained in two (2) or more counties. Fleet registration shall not include fleets of rental vehicles. The department shall provide a registration application to the owner and the owner shall provide all information that the department determines is necessary. The department shall devise a special license plate numbering system for fleet-registered vehicles as an alternative to county license plates. The fleet registration application and all subsequent registration renewals shall include the physical address where a vehicle is principally used, garaged and maintained. The fleet owner shall report the physical address to the department upon initial registration, on each renewal, and at any time a vehicle registered under this option is permanently transferred to another location.
- (6) If the ownership of a vehicle changes during the registration period, the original owner may transfer the plate to another vehicle. The remaining fee shall be credited against the cost of the new registration. Re-

funds may be given for any unexpired portion of the vehicle registration fee if the plate is not transferred by the owner to another vehicle. Any request for refund shall include surrender of the license plate, validation sticker and registration document. Owners of vehicles registered under the international registration plan may request a refund of the unexpired portion of the Idaho vehicle registration fee by presenting evidence from the base jurisdiction that the license plate, validation sticker and registration document have been surrendered. A license plate shall not be transferred to another owner when the ownership of a vehicle changes. The owner shall obtain a replacement plate, validation sticker if required, and a registration document when a plate is lost, destroyed or becomes illegible.

- (7) An administrative fee of four dollars (\$4.00) shall be paid and deposited to the state highway account on all registrations completed by the department under subsection (1) or (8) (a) of this section. Vehicles registered under subsection (8) (b) of this section shall pay the fee provided in section 49-435(2), Idaho Code.
- (8) There shall be paid on all commercial and farm vehicles having a maximum gross weight in excess of sixty thousand (60,000) pounds, a registration fee based upon the maximum gross weight of a vehicle as declared by the owner and the total number of miles driven on roads and highways in the state, county, city and highway district systems in Idaho, and if registered under the international registration plan (IRP), in all other jurisdictions. The appropriate registration fee shall be determined as follows:
 - (a) If the owner registers vehicles under the international registration plan (IRP), the appropriate mileage column shall be determined by the total miles an owner operated a fleet of vehicles on roads and highways in the state, county, city and highway district systems in Idaho and in all other jurisdictions in the preceding year, as defined in section 49-117, Idaho Code, and by the maximum gross weight of each vehicle within a fleet.
 - (b) If the owner registers vehicles under the international registration plan and determines that the average international registration plan fleet miles, calculated by dividing the total IRP fleet miles in all jurisdictions by the number of registered vehicles, is less than fifty thousand one (50,001) miles, the owner may apply to the department for refund of a portion of the registration fees paid, consistent with the fee schedules set forth in this section. The department shall provide an application for the refund. An owner making application for refund under this section shall be subject to auditing as provided in section 49-439, Idaho Code.
 - (c) If the owner is not registering vehicles under the international registration plan, the appropriate mileage column shall be determined by the total miles the owner operated each of the vehicles to be registered on roads and highways in the state, county, city and highway district systems in Idaho in the preceding year and by the maximum gross weight of each vehicle.

1	Maximum Gross						
2 3	Weight of Vehicle (Pounds)	Total Miles Driven					
4	(1 to	7,501 to			0	
<i>,</i> 5		7,500	20,000	20,001 to 35,000	35,001 to 50,000	Over 50,000	
6	60,001-62,000	\$223	\$ 511	\$ 789	\$1,068	\$1,560	
7	62,001-64,000	\$251	\$ 576	\$ 890	\$1,000	\$1,760	
8	64,001-66,000	\$280	\$ 642	\$ 992	\$1,342	\$1,760	
9	66,001-68,000	\$309	\$ 707	\$1,093	\$1,479	\$2,160	
10	68,001-70,000	\$337	\$ 773	\$1,194	\$1,615	\$2,360	
11	70,001-72,000	\$366	\$ 838	\$1,295	\$1,752	\$2,560	
12	72,001-74,000	\$394	\$ 904	\$1,396	\$1,889	\$2,760	
13	74,001-76,000	\$423	\$ 969	\$1,498	\$2,026	\$2,960	
14	76,001-78,000	\$451	\$1,035	\$1,599	\$2,163	\$3,160	
15	78,001-80,000	\$480	\$1,100	\$1,700	\$2,300	\$3,360	
16	80,001-82,000	\$494	\$1,133	\$1,751	\$2,368	\$3,460	
17	82,001-84,000	\$509	\$1,165	\$1,801	\$2,437	\$3,560	
18	84,001-86,000	\$523	\$1,198	\$1 , 852	\$2 , 505	\$3 , 660	
19	86,001-88,000	\$537	\$1 , 231	\$1,902	\$2 , 574	\$3 , 760	
20	88,001-90,000	\$551	\$1 , 264	\$1 , 953	\$2 , 642	\$3 , 860	
21	90,001-92,000	\$566	\$1 , 296	\$2,004	\$2 , 711	\$3 , 960	
22	92,001-94,000	\$580	\$1 , 329	\$2 , 054	\$2 , 779	\$4,060	
23	94,001-96,000	\$594	\$1 , 362	\$2 , 105	\$2 , 848	\$4,160	
24	96,001-98,000	\$609	\$1 , 395	\$2 , 155	\$2 , 916	\$4,260	
25	98,001-100,000	\$623	\$1 , 427	\$2 , 206	\$2 , 985	\$4,360	
26	100,001-102,000	\$637	\$1,460	\$2 , 257	\$3 , 053	\$4,460	
27	102,001-104,000	\$651	\$1,493	\$2,307	\$3,121	\$4,560	
28	104,001-106,000	\$666	\$1 , 526	\$2,358	\$3 , 190	\$4,660	
29	106,001-108,000	\$680	\$1,558	\$2,408	\$3,258	\$4 , 760	
30	108,001-110,000	\$694	\$1,591	\$2,459	\$3 , 327	\$4,860	
31	110,001-112,000	\$709	\$1 , 624	\$2,510	\$3 , 395	\$4,960	
32	112,001-114,000	\$723	\$1 , 657	\$2 , 560	\$3,464	\$5 , 060	
33	114,001-116,000	\$737	\$1,689	\$2,611	\$3 , 532	\$5,160	
34	116,001-118,000	\$751	\$1 , 722	\$2,661	\$3,601	\$5 , 260	
35	118,001-120,000	\$766	\$1 , 755	\$2,712	\$3 , 669	\$5 , 360	
36	120,001-122,000	\$780	\$1 , 788	\$2 , 763	\$3 , 738	\$5 , 460	
37	122,001-124,000	\$794	\$1 , 820	\$2,813	\$3 , 806	\$5 , 560	
38	124,001-126,000	\$809	\$1 , 853	\$2,864	\$3 , 874	\$5 , 660	
39	126,001-128,000	\$823	\$1,886	\$2,914	\$3 , 943	\$5 , 760	
40	128,001-129,000	\$837	\$1,918	\$2 , 965	\$4,011	\$5 , 860	

In addition to the registration fees provided for in this subsection, there shall be an additional registration fee imposed of fifteen dollars (\$15.00).

- (d) In addition to the fees set forth in paragraphs (a) and (c) of this subsection (8), an owner or operator may purchase a temporary permit as provided in section 49-432(2), Idaho Code, for operation of a vehicle at a weight in excess of the current, valid, registered maximum gross vehicle weight. The permit so issued shall be specific to the motor vehicle to which it is issued. No permit or fee shall be transferable or apportionable to any other vehicle, nor shall any such fee be refundable.
- (e) Any commercial or farm vehicle registered for more than sixty thousand (60,000) pounds up to one hundred six thousand (106,000) pounds traveling fewer than two thousand five hundred (2,500) miles annually on roads and highways in the state, county, city and highway district systems in Idaho shall pay an annual registration fee of two hundred fifty-five dollars (\$255). The provisions of section 49-437(2), Idaho Code, shall not apply to vehicles registered under this subsection (8) (e).
- (9) (a) During the first registration year that the fee schedule in subsection (8) (c) of this section is in use, an owner shall use the mileage data from the records used to report the mileage use fee in the immediately preceding year as the basis for determining the appropriate registration fee schedule.
- (b) Any owner who registers a motor vehicle for the first time and who has no mileage history for the vehicle shall estimate the miles to determine the appropriate fee schedule in subsection (8)(c) of this section. When estimating the miles, the owner shall provide a statement on the application of the method used to arrive at the estimated miles.
- (c) Any owner using any fee schedule other than the highest fee schedule under subsection (8)(c) of this section, shall certify at the time of registration that the miles operated in the preceding year do not exceed the schedule applied for. Any owner using a fee schedule under subsection (8)(c) of this section that is less than the highest schedule shall maintain records to substantiate the use of the schedule as required by section 49-439, Idaho Code.
- (10) An owner registering under subsection (8) (a) or (8) (c) of this section may elect to pay the full annual registration fee at the time of registration or renewal of registration, or an owner may pay at least one-quarter (1/4) of the annual registration fee due. The remainder of the annual Idaho registration fee shall be paid in three (3) equal installments on dates as billed by the department.
- (11) An owner registering or renewing a registration under subsection (8) (a) of this section electing to use installment payments as provided in subsection (10) of this section, shall pay all of the fees due to other IRP jurisdictions in addition to one-quarter (1/4) of the Idaho fee due at the time of registration or reregistration. The remainder of the annual Idaho registration fee shall be paid in three (3) equal installments on dates as billed by the department.
- (12) If any vehicle or combinations of vehicles haul nonreducible loads, as authorized under the provisions of section 49-1004, Idaho Code, and weigh less than the starting weights per axle configuration listed in

column 1 of subsection (2), section 49-1004, Idaho Code, then and in that event there shall be paid for that vehicle, in addition to the other fees required in this section, an additional use fee of 2.1 mills per mile for each two thousand (2,000) pounds or fraction thereof of the maximum gross weight in excess of those set forth in section 49-1001, Idaho Code.

- SECTION 3. That Chapter 4, Title 49, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended by the addition thereto of a $\underline{\text{NEW SECTION}}$, to be known and designated as Section 49-457, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:
- 49-457. ELECTRIC VEHICLE FEE -- HYBRID VEHICLE FEE. (1) An electric vehicle fee of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150) shall be collected in addition to all other registration fees assessed pursuant to this chapter on each electric vehicle registered.
- (2) A hybrid vehicle fee of one hundred dollars (\$100) shall be collected in addition to all other registration fees assessed pursuant to this chapter on each hybrid vehicle registered.
- (3) All fees provided for in this section shall be deposited to the highway distribution account as established in section 40-701, Idaho Code, and shall be apportioned as provided for in that section.