

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 510

BY TRANSPORTATION AND DEFENSE COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION; AMENDING SECTION 49-402, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE A CODE REFERENCE; AMENDING CHAPTER 4, TITLE 49, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 49-420L, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR A NATIONAL MOTTO LICENSE PLATE PROGRAM.

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:

Vehicles one (1) and two (2) years old	\$48.00
Vehicles three (3) and four (4) years old	\$36.00
Vehicles five (5) and six (6) years old	\$36.00
Vehicles seven (7) and eight (8) years old	\$24.00
Vehicles over eight (8) years old	\$24.00

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 plate system of Idaho 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 approved activities, the annual fee shall be twenty-four dollars (\$24.00).

1 (3) For all motorcycles and motor-driven cycles which comply with the
2 federal motor vehicle safety standards, operated upon the public highways
3 the annual fee shall be nine dollars (\$9.00).

4 (4) For operation of an all-terrain vehicle, utility type vehicle or
5 motorbike, excluding a motorbike with an engine displacement of fifty (50)
6 cubic centimeters or less, on city, county or highway district roads or
7 highways open to such use, a restricted vehicle license plate fee pursuant
8 to section 49-450, Idaho Code, shall be paid. In addition, the registration
9 fee specified in section 67-7122, Idaho Code, shall be paid as provided in
10 section 67-7122, Idaho Code. The registration and restricted vehicle li-
11 cense plate exemption provided in section 49-426(2), Idaho Code, applies
12 to all-terrain vehicles, utility type vehicles, motorbikes and motorcycles
13 used for the purposes described in subsection (2) of section 49-426, Idaho
14 Code. Nonresidents shall be allowed to purchase a restricted vehicle li-
15 cense plate and sticker for an all-terrain vehicle, utility type vehicle or
16 motorbike.

17 (5) For all motor homes the fee shall be as specified in subsection (1)
18 of this section and shall be in addition to the fees provided for in section
19 49-445, Idaho Code.

20 (6) Registration fees shall not be subject to refund.

21 (7) A financial institution or repossession service contracted to
22 a financial institution repossessing vehicles under the terms of a secu-
23 rity agreement shall move the vehicle from the place of repossession to the
24 financial institution's place of business on a repossession plate. The
25 repossession plate shall also be used for demonstrating the vehicle to a
26 prospective purchaser for a period not to exceed ninety-six (96) hours. The
27 registration fees for repossession plates shall be as required in subsection
28 (1) of this section for a vehicle one (1) and two (2) years old. All other
29 fees required under chapter 4, title 49, Idaho Code, shall be in addition to
30 the registration fee. The repossession plate shall be issued on an annual
31 basis by the department.

32 (8) A wrecker or towing business engaged in the process of towing motor-
33 ized vehicles, which have been wrecked, abandoned, salvaged or may be dis-
34 abled, may apply for a wrecker plate to be displayed on those vehicles being
35 towed, provided the power unit is properly registered under this chapter.
36 The registration fees for wrecker plates shall be as required in subsection
37 (1) of this section for a vehicle one (1) and two (2) years old. All other
38 fees required under chapter 4, title 49, Idaho Code, shall be in addition to
39 the registration fee. The wrecker plate shall be issued on an annual basis by
40 the department.

41 (9) In addition to the annual registration fee in this section, there
42 shall be an initial program fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) and an an-
43 nual program fee of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) for all special license plate
44 programs for those license plates issued pursuant to sections 49-404A,
45 49-407, 49-408, 49-409, 49-414, 49-416, 49-418 and 49-418D, Idaho Code. For
46 special plates issued pursuant to sections 49-406 and 49-406A, Idaho Code,
47 there shall be an initial program fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) but
48 there shall be no annual renewal fee. For special plates issued pursuant
49 to sections 49-415C, 49-415D, 49-415E, 49-416A, 49-416B, 49-416C, 49-416D,
50 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, ~~and 49-420K and 49-420L~~, 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. 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.

SECTION 2. That Chapter 4, Title 49, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended by the addition thereto of a NEW SECTION, to be known and designated as Section 49-420L, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

49-420L. NATIONAL MOTTO PLATES. (1) Any person who is the owner of a vehicle registered pursuant to the provisions of section 49-402, Idaho Code, or registered under any other provision of law for which the purchase of a special license plate is allowed, may apply for and upon department approval receive special national motto license plates in lieu of regular license plates. The provisions of this section shall not apply to any vehicle with a registered maximum gross weight over twenty-six thousand (26,000) pounds. Availability of national motto license plates for other vehicles shall be subject to the rules, policies and procedures of the department.

(2) In addition to the regular registration fee required in chapter 4, title 49, Idaho Code, the applicant shall be charged a fee of thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) for the initial issuance of plates, and twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) upon each succeeding annual registration. Thirteen dollars (\$13.00) of the initial fee and thirteen dollars (\$13.00) of the renewal fee shall be deposited in the state highway account and shall be first used to fund the cost of administration of this special license plate program. Twenty-two dollars (\$22.00) of each initial fee and twelve dollars (\$12.00) of each renewal fee shall be transferred by the state treasurer for deposit to the American heritage foundation, inc., and shall be used exclusively for lawful activities necessary and proper to carry out the purposes of that corporation, including:

(a) To help educate the public:

(i) Regarding the powerful legacy bestowed upon every citizen through the foundational principles and history of the United States of America;

(ii) On the comments, writing and views of the founding fathers and other important Americans;

(iii) On those matters in history that remain important but that are not widely known or well remembered, such as the national motto; and

(iv) Regarding the freedom made available to them through the limited government required by and rights to private property protected by the United States constitution.

1 (b) To promote good and virtuous citizenship, patriotism and service to
2 the United States of America.

3 (c) To promote honor and respect for positions of public service and au-
4 thority, including military service and veterans, law enforcement, ed-
5 ucators, firefighters, first responders and elected offices.

6 (d) To encourage reasoned and principled discourse on the foregoing.

7 (e) To collect and create curricula and other documentation available
8 for educating the public regarding the foregoing and, as resources al-
9 low, distribute those materials at reduced cost or without cost.

10 (3) Whenever title or interest in a vehicle registered under the pro-
11 visions of this section is transferred or assigned, the owner may transfer
12 the special plates to another vehicle upon payment of the required transfer
13 fees. The owner may display the plates on another vehicle only upon receipt
14 of the new registration from the department.

15 (4) The national motto license plate shall be of a color and design in
16 accordance with the provisions of section 49-402C, Idaho Code. The design
17 and any slogan on the plate shall be acceptable to the American heritage
18 foundation, inc., and shall be approved by the department utilizing a num-
19 bering system as determined by the department. Initial costs of the plate
20 program, including costs of plate design, shall be paid by the American her-
21 itage foundation, inc.

22 (5) Sample national motto license plates may be purchased for a fee of
23 thirty dollars (\$30.00), thirteen dollars (\$13.00) of which shall be trans-
24 ferred to the state highway account and seventeen dollars (\$17.00) of which
25 shall be transferred to the American heritage foundation, inc.