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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 57

BY RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO THE IDAHO STATE PARKS AND TRAILS PASSPORT PROGRAM; AMENDING SECTION 49-402, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR THE IDAHO STATE PARKS AND TRAILS PASSPORT, TO INCREASE PASSPORT FEES, AND TO ALLOCATE MONEYS INTO CERTAIN ACCOUNTS; AMENDING CHAPTER 71, TITLE 67, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 67-7134, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH THE NONMOTORIZED RECREATION FUND AND TO PROVIDE FOR APPROPRIATE USES OF MONEYS FROM THE FUND; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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 .....	\$69.00
Vehicles three (3) and four (4) years old .....	\$57.00
Vehicles five (5) and six (6) years old .....	\$57.00
Vehicles seven (7) and eight (8) years old .....	\$45.00
Vehicles over eight (8) years old .....	\$45.00

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 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

1 transporting children to or from school or in connection with school-ap-  
2 proved activities, the annual fee shall be twenty-four dollars (\$24.00) and  
3 shall be subject to staggered registration for the purpose of reregistration  
4 and notice of expiration.

5 (3) For all motorcycles and motor-driven cycles that comply with the  
6 federal motor vehicle safety standards, operated upon the public highways,  
7 the annual fee shall be nineteen dollars (\$19.00) and shall be subject to  
8 staggered registration for the purpose of reregistration and notice of ex-  
9 piration.

10 (4) For operation of an all-terrain vehicle, utility type vehicle or  
11 motorbike, excluding a motorbike with an engine displacement of fifty (50)  
12 cubic centimeters or less, on city, county or highway district roads or  
13 highways open to such use, a restricted vehicle license plate fee pursuant  
14 to section 49-450, Idaho Code, shall be paid. In addition, the certifi-  
15 cate of number fee specified in section 67-7122, Idaho Code, shall be paid  
16 as provided in section 67-7122, Idaho Code. The certificate of number and  
17 restricted vehicle license plate exemption provided in section 49-426(2),  
18 Idaho Code, applies to all-terrain vehicles, utility type vehicles, motor-  
19 bikes and motorcycles used for the purposes described in section 49-426(2),  
20 Idaho Code. Nonresidents shall be allowed to purchase a restricted vehicle  
21 license plate and validation sticker pursuant to section 67-7124, Idaho  
22 Code, for an all-terrain vehicle, utility type vehicle, or motorbike.

23 (5) For all motor homes, the fee shall be as specified in subsection (1)  
24 of this section and shall be in addition to the fees provided for in section  
25 49-445, Idaho Code.

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

27 (7) A financial institution or repossession service contracted to  
28 a financial institution repossessing vehicles under the terms of a secu-  
29 rity agreement shall move the vehicle from the place of repossession to the  
30 financial institution's place of business on a repossession plate. The  
31 repossession plate shall also be used for demonstrating the vehicle to a  
32 prospective purchaser for a period not to exceed ninety-six (96) hours. The  
33 registration fees for repossession plates shall be as required in subsection  
34 (1) of this section for a vehicle one (1) and two (2) years old. All other  
35 fees required under chapter 4, title 49, Idaho Code, shall be in addition to  
36 the registration fee. The repossession plate shall be subject to staggered  
37 registration for the purpose of reregistration and notice of expiration.

38 (8) A wrecker or towing business engaged in the process of towing motor-  
39 ized vehicles that have been wrecked, abandoned, salvaged or may be disabled  
40 may apply for a wrecker plate to be displayed on those vehicles being towed,  
41 provided the power unit is properly registered under this chapter. The reg-  
42 istration fees for wrecker plates shall be as required in subsection (1) of  
43 this section for a vehicle one (1) and two (2) years old. All other fees re-  
44 quired under chapter 4, title 49, Idaho Code, shall be in addition to the reg-  
45 istration fee and shall be subject to staggered registration for the purpose  
46 of reregistration and notice of expiration.

47 (9) In addition to the annual registration fee in this section, there  
48 shall be an initial program fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) and an an-  
49 nual program fee of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) for all special license plate  
50 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 49-415D, 49-417, 49-417A, 49-417B, 49-417C, 49-417D, 49-418A, 49-418B, 49-418C, 49-419, 49-419A, 49-419C, 49-419E, 49-420, 49-420A, 49-420B, 49-420C, 49-420D, 49-420E, 49-420J, 49-420K, 49-420L, 49-420M, 49-420N, 49-420O, 49-420P, 49-420Q, 49-420R, and 49-420S, 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) (a) In addition to annual registration fees as provided in this section, registrants may ~~pay a fee to~~ purchase an Idaho state parks and trails 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)~~ twenty dollars (\$20.00) for one (1) year and ~~twenty dollars (\$20.00)~~ forty dollars (\$40.00) 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.

(b) Sixteen dollars (\$16.00) from each one (1) year passport and thirty-two dollars (\$32.00) from each two (2) year passport shall be deposited into the park and recreation fund and shall be subject to appropriation. Four dollars (\$4.00) from each one (1) year passport and eight dollars (\$8.00) from each two (2) year passport shall be deposited into the nonmotorized recreation fund established in section 67-7134, Idaho Code.

SECTION 2. That Chapter 71, Title 67, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended by the addition thereto of a NEW SECTION, to be known and designated as Section 67-7134, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

67-7134. NONMOTORIZED RECREATION FUND -- ESTABLISHMENT OF FUND -- USE OF MONEYS IN FUND. (1) There is hereby established in the state treasury a fund to be known as the "nonmotorized recreation fund," into which the moneys specified in section 49-402(11), Idaho Code, shall be deposited.

(2) The department of parks and recreation shall administer the nonmotorized recreation fund. The moneys derived from this fund shall be used as follows:

1 (a) For the securing of special leases, use licenses, recreation ease-  
2 ments, or permits or for the actual purchase of land under private,  
3 state, or federal ownership to be used for public recreational nonmo-  
4 torized activity;

5 (b) For the securing, maintenance, construction, or development of  
6 trails and other public recreational facilities enhancing nonmotorized  
7 use on private, state, and federal lands;

8 (c) To finance the formulation and implementation, under the park and  
9 recreation board's direction, of a nonmotorized user education pro-  
10 gram;

11 (d) To acquire applicable matching federal funds;

12 (e) To enforce the laws and regulations governing nonmotorized recre-  
13 ational opportunities in the state of Idaho; and

14 (f) To distribute to governmental entities, Indian tribes, and non-  
15 governmental organizations through an annual grant process determined  
16 by the department. No more than fifty percent (50%) of moneys derived  
17 from the fund shall be used for the grants described in this paragraph.

18 (3) The department shall annually publish a report identifying the  
19 use of revenues generated from Idaho state parks and trails passport fees  
20 collected and allocated to nonmotorized recreation pursuant to section  
21 49-402(11), Idaho Code.

22 (4) Allocation of passport fees for nonmotorized recreation shall not  
23 impose any additional liability on the state of Idaho or any of its political  
24 subdivisions, and those entities and persons shall retain the limitations of  
25 liability provided by section 36-1604, Idaho Code, regardless of the use of  
26 such fees.

27 SECTION 3. An emergency existing therefor, which emergency is hereby  
28 declared to exist, this act shall be in full force and effect on and after  
29 July 1, 2025.