

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 603

BY REPRESENTATIVE FALCONER

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

MOTOR VEHICLES: Increases charges collected by public license tag agents

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 6:969.18(A)(3), R.S. 9:3530(F)(1) and (2), and R.S.  
3 47:532.1(A)(7)(c), (C), and (D), relative to public license tag agents; to authorize a  
4 maximum convenience charge for certain transactions; to increase the convenience  
5 charges collected by public license tag agents; to authorize the collection of a  
6 convenience charge in addition to other authorized fees, sales taxes, and transactions;  
7 and to provide for related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 6:969.18(A)(3) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

10 §969.18. Documentation and compliance fees; notary fees; transfer of equity and  
11 other fees; disclosure

12 A.

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14 (3) The seller or extender of credit may additionally charge the consumer a  
15 convenience ~~fee~~ charge, as provided by R.S. 47:532.1(A)(7)(c), for services  
16 performed in obtaining a motor vehicle license or title on the consumer's behalf.

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18 Section 2. R.S. 9:3530(F)(1) and (2) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as  
19 follows:

1 §3530. Fees; origination; notary, documentation; over-the-credit-limit fee

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3 F.(1) A lender may ~~charge the consumer the~~ collect a convenience ~~fee~~ charge  
4 authorized by R.S. 47:532.1(C) for services performed by a public license tag agent  
5 as well as any E.L.T. fees pursuant to R.S. 32:707.2. Such fees shall not be charged  
6 to the consumer more than once.

7 (2) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, the convenience ~~fee~~  
8 charge authorized by R.S. 47:532.1(C) as well as any E.L.T. fees shall not be  
9 considered as interest, nor shall they be included in the calculation of interest.

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11 Section 3. R.S. 47:532.1(A)(7)(c), (C), and (D) are hereby amended and reenacted  
12 to read as follows:

13 §532.1. Public license tag agents; auto title companies; rules and regulations; surety  
14 bonds; fees

15 A.

16 \* \* \*

17 (7)

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19 (c) Public license tag agents shall also be authorized to provide information  
20 on the status of registration privileges and to process reinstatements of driving and  
21 motor vehicle registration privileges when these privileges were revoked due to the  
22 failure to maintain the compulsory motor vehicle liability security or the failure to  
23 provide proof of such security. Public license tag agents shall be authorized to  
24 ~~charge~~ collect a convenience ~~fee~~ charge not to exceed ~~eighteen~~ twenty-four dollars,  
25 to provide information on the status of registration privileges and a ~~fee~~ charge not  
26 to exceed ~~eighteen~~ twenty-four dollars per reinstatement, provided that the ~~fees~~  
27 charges are disclosed immediately to the consumer prior to the initiation of the



Present law authorizes public license tag agents to charge a convenience fee, not to exceed \$18, to provide information on the status of registration privileges and a fee, not to exceed \$18, per reinstatement, provided that the fees are disclosed immediately to the consumer prior to the initiation of the transaction and the fees are posted in a conspicuous manner in the office of the public license tag agent.

Proposed law retains present law and increases the specified maximum convenience charge from \$18 to \$24 for the provision of information on the status of registration privileges and reinstatement.

Present law authorizes the public license tag agents to collect a convenience fee in addition to the registration license tax not to exceed \$18 per license.

Proposed law modifies present law by increasing the charge from \$18 to \$24 for all vehicles except that the charge for motor carriers will not exceed \$18 and specifies that a public license tag agent is authorized to collect the convenience charge in addition to other authorized fees, sales taxes, and transactions.

Proposed law requires the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections, office of motor vehicles, to promulgate rules and regulations adjusting the La. Administrative Code to appropriately conform with the provisions of this Act.

(Amends R.S. 6:969.18(A)(3), R.S. 9:3530(F)(1) and (2), and R.S. 47:532.1(A)(7)(c), (C), and (D))

#### Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works to the original bill:

1. Make technical changes.
2. Decrease the convenience charge from \$28 to \$24 for the provision of information on the status of registration privileges and reinstatement.
3. Specify that the convenience charge for motor carriers must not exceed \$18.
4. Remove all provisions relative to contracts between the office of motor vehicles and public license tag agents.