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Subject: Fees imposed by motor vehicle sellers for titling a retail transaction

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MTR VEHICLE/DEALERS Provides relative to an annual automatic adjustment to a fee for motor vehicle dealers based on the Consumer Price Index

Current law allows a motor vehicle seller to charge a fee up to \$425 for a credit investigation, compliance with federal and state laws, preparation of documents necessary to perfect or satisfy a lien on the items sold, and other functions incidental to the titling of the retail sale. This bill allows the base maximum fee to be adjusted annually to the lesser of two amounts: (1) the \$425 base fee adjusted by the cumulative percentage change in the annual average Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) from 2024, or (2) the previous year's adjusted fee increased by 3%. If the CPI-U shows a negative change, the fee will remain unchanged. The Division of Administration will calculate and verify the adjustment, and the updated fee will be published on the Louisiana Motor Vehicle Commission's website by February 1 each year. Proposed legislation provides if the adjustment is less than 50 cents, it is rounded down to the nearest whole dollar; if it is 50 cents or more, it is rounded up.

EXPENDITURES	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
REVENUES	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental expenditures as a result of this measure. Currently, a motor vehicle seller may charge a fee, of up to \$425, in connection with a retail sale for services such as credit checks, compliance with federal and state laws, preparation of documents to perfect or satisfy a lien on the vehicle, and other tasks related to titling the sale. This bill allows the base maximum fee to be adjusted annually to the lesser of two amounts: (1) the \$425 base fee adjusted by the cumulative percentage change in the annual average Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) from 2024, or (2) the previous year's adjusted fee increased by 3%. If the CPI-U shows a negative change, the fee will remain unchanged.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure.

Senate <u>Dual Referral Rules</u>	<u>House</u>	
13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}	\bigcirc 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}	Johnes Momor
13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}	6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}	Patrice Thomas Deputy Fiscal Officer