

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 645

BY REPRESENTATIVE FREIBERG

TRANSPORTATION DEPT: Moves responsibility for the collection of the electric and hybrid vehicle fee from the Department of Revenue to the office of motor vehicles

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 32:461(A)(1) and (2), (B)(3) and (4), and (C), relative to road  
3 usage fee collection; to provide for collection and administration of the road usage  
4 fee on hybrid and electric vehicles; to provide certain definitions; to provide for the  
5 rate of fees; to provide for a special effective date; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 32:461(A)(1) and (2), (B)(3) and (4), and (C) are hereby amended  
8 and reenacted to read as follows:

9 §461. Imposition of road usage fee; electric vehicles; hybrid vehicles;  
10 administration and collection; use of proceeds

11 A.(1) There is hereby levied a road usage fee of not to exceed one hundred  
12 ten dollars per year on each electric vehicle which is operated upon the highways of  
13 this state and which is required to be registered in accordance with the provisions of  
14 ~~Chapter 4 of Subtitle II of Title 47 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as~~  
15 ~~amended~~ the registration license tax.

16 (2) There is hereby levied a road usage fee ~~not to exceed~~ of sixty dollars per  
17 year on each hybrid vehicle which is operated upon the highways of this state and  
18 which is required to be registered in accordance with the provisions of ~~Chapter 4 of~~  
19 ~~Subtitle II of Title 47 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended~~ the  
20 registration license tax.

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2 B. For purposes of this Section, the following terms shall have the following  
3 meanings unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

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5 (3) ~~"Owner" shall have the same meaning as defined by R.S. 47:451~~  
6 "Registration license tax" shall have the meaning provided for in Chapter 4 of  
7 Subtitle II of Title 47 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended.

8 (4) ~~"Secretary" shall mean the secretary of the Louisiana Department of~~  
9 ~~Revenue.~~

10 C. Administration and collection of the road usage fee.

11 (1) ~~The fees imposed by Subsection A of this Section shall be paid by the~~  
12 ~~owner of the electric vehicle and the owner of the hybrid vehicle on a calendar year~~  
13 ~~basis. The fee shall be due on or before May 15th for the preceding year in which~~  
14 ~~the electric vehicle or hybrid vehicle was operated upon the highways of this state~~  
15 The commissioner of the office of motor vehicles or an agent authorized to collect  
16 the registration license tax pursuant to R.S. 47:532.1, shall collect the fee levied  
17 pursuant to the provisions of this Section at the same time, for the same period, and  
18 in the same manner as the registration license tax.

19 (2) ~~The secretary shall administer and is authorized to collect the fees~~  
20 ~~imposed by Subsection A of this Section with all the duties and powers authorized~~  
21 ~~by Chapter 18 of Subtitle II of Title 47 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950,~~  
22 ~~as amended~~ The commissioner of the office of motor vehicles may promulgate rules  
23 in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act to provide for collection and  
24 administrative procedures that the commissioner determines necessary to administer  
25 this Section, including procedures for the collection of the road usage fee applicable  
26 to vehicles first registered in the state during calendar year 2024.

27 (3) ~~In consultation with the secretary of the Department of Transportation~~  
28 ~~and Development, the secretary shall promulgate rules in accordance with the~~  
29 ~~Administrative Procedure Act relative to the following:~~



Proposed law eliminates the not to exceed provision and identifies the fee as \$110 and \$60, respectively.

Present law defines terms used in present law.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides for the secretary of the La. Department of Revenue to collect the road usage fee in present law.

Proposed law repeals present law.

Proposed law designates the commissioner or an authorized agent to collect the road usage fee at the same time and in the same manner as the registration license tax.

Proposed law allows the commissioner to promulgate rules in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act necessary to administer and collect fees authorized in this Section.

Present law provides the secretary must promulgate rules in consultation with the Dept. of Transportation and Development to develop a prorated fee schedule for electric and hybrid vehicles and to prescribe methods to report and remit the fee levied by this Section and to provide collection and administrative procedures to administer this Section.

Proposed law repeals present law.

Present law provides for the proceeds of the fees collected under this Section to be allocated in specified ways.

Proposed law retains present law.

Applies the provisions of this Act to hybrid and electric vehicles subject to the registration license tax on or after July 1, 2025.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 32:461(A)(1) and (2), (B)(3) and (4), and (C))