

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 540, As Amended

BY TRANSPORTATION AND DEFENSE COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO LICENSE PLATES; AMENDING SECTION 49-402, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE A CODE REFERENCE; AND AMENDING CHAPTER 4, TITLE 49, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 49-420P, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR PET FRIENDLY LICENSE PLATES.

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 transporting children to or from school or in connection with school-approved activities, the annual fee shall be twenty-four dollars (\$24.00) and

1 shall be subject to staggered registration for the purpose of reregistration
2 and notice of expiration.

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

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

20 (5) For all motor homes, the fee shall be as specified in subsection (1)
21 of this section and shall be in addition to the fees provided for in section
22 49-445, Idaho Code.

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

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

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

44 (9) In addition to the annual registration fee in this section, there
45 shall be an initial program fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) and an an-
46 nual program fee of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) for all special license plate
47 programs for those license plates issued pursuant to sections 49-404A,
48 49-407, 49-408, 49-409, 49-414, 49-416, 49-418 and 49-418D, Idaho Code. For
49 special plates issued pursuant to sections 49-406 and 49-406A, Idaho Code,
50 there shall be an initial program fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) but

1 there shall be no annual renewal fee. For special plates issued pursuant
 2 to sections 49-415D, 49-417, 49-417A, 49-417B, 49-417C, 49-417D, 49-418A,
 3 49-418B, 49-418C, 49-419, 49-419A, 49-419C, 49-419E, 49-420, 49-420A,
 4 49-420B, 49-420C, 49-420D, 49-420E, 49-420J, 49-420K, 49-420L, 49-420M,
 5 49-420N, and 49-4200 and 49-420P, Idaho Code, and any new special plate pro-
 6 gram effective on and after January 1, 2013, pursuant to section 49-402D,
 7 Idaho Code, there shall be an initial program fee of thirty-five dollars
 8 (\$35.00) and an annual program fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00). The fees
 9 contained in this subsection shall be applicable to all new special plate
 10 programs and shall be subject to staggered registration for the purpose of
 11 reregistration and notice of expiration. The initial program fee and the
 12 annual program fee shall be deposited in the state highway account and shall
 13 be used to fund the cost of administration of special license plate programs,
 14 unless otherwise specified by law.

15 (10) Any vehicle that does not meet federal motor vehicle safety stan-
 16 dards shall not be registered and shall not be permitted to operate on public
 17 highways of the state, as defined in section 40-117, Idaho Code, unless oth-
 18 erwise specifically authorized.

19 (11) In addition to annual registration fees as provided in this sec-
 20 tion, registrants may pay a fee to purchase an Idaho state parks passport
 21 authorizing resident motor vehicle entry into all Idaho state parks. Reg-
 22 istrants may pay the fee for a one (1) year or two (2) year period of time.
 23 The fee shall be ten dollars (\$10.00) for one (1) year and twenty dollars
 24 (\$20.00) for two (2) years. All fees collected pursuant to this subsection
 25 shall be deposited into the park and recreation fund and shall be subject to
 26 appropriation. Fees collected pursuant to this subsection shall not be con-
 27 sidered a motor vehicle registration fee as provided in section 17, article
 28 VII, of the constitution of the state of Idaho.

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

32 49-420P. PET FRIENDLY LICENSE PLATES. (1) Any person who is the owner
 33 of a vehicle registered under the provisions of section 49-402, Idaho Code,
 34 or registered under any other section of law for which the purchase of spe-
 35 cial plates is allowed, may apply for and, upon department approval, receive
 36 pet friendly license plates in lieu of regular license plates. The provi-
 37 sions of this section shall not apply to any vehicle with a registered maxi-
 38 mum gross weight over twenty-six thousand (26,000) pounds. Availability of
 39 pet friendly license plates for other vehicles shall be subject to the rules,
 40 policies and procedures of the department.

41 (2) In addition to the regular registration fee required in chapter 4,
 42 title 49, Idaho Code, the applicant shall be charged a fee of thirty-five
 43 dollars (\$35.00) for the initial issuance of plates, and twenty-five dol-
 44 lars (\$25.00) upon each succeeding annual registration. Thirteen dollars
 45 (\$13.00) of the initial fee and thirteen dollars (\$13.00) of the renewal fee
 46 shall be deposited in the state highway account and shall be used to fund the
 47 cost of administration of this special license plate program. Twenty-two
 48 dollars (\$22.00) of each initial fee and twelve dollars (\$12.00) of each re-

1 newal fee shall be deposited in the Idaho humane society's pet lovers fund
2 and used in accordance with the provisions of subsection (5) of this section.

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

8 (4) The pet friendly license plate shall be of a color and design in ac-
9 cordance with the provisions of section 49-402C, Idaho Code. The design and
10 any slogan on the plate shall be acceptable to the Idaho humane society and
11 shall be approved by the Idaho transportation department utilizing a number-
12 ing system as determined by the department. Initial costs of the plate pro-
13 gram, including costs of plate design, shall be paid by the Idaho humane so-
14 ciety.

15 (5) Sample pet friendly license plates may be purchased for a fee of
16 thirty dollars (\$30.00), thirteen dollars (\$13.00) of which shall be de-
17 posited in the state highway account and seventeen dollars (\$17.00) of which
18 shall be deposited in the Idaho humane society's pet lovers fund. A commit-
19 tee of five (5) members shall be appointed by the board of directors of the
20 Idaho humane society to designate recipients of disbursements from the fund.
21 The committee members shall serve two (2) year terms and shall include one
22 (1) licensed Idaho veterinarian, one (1) certified veterinarian technician
23 and three (3) representatives of the rescue, sheltering and animal welfare
24 community unaffiliated with the Idaho humane society. Subsequent appoint-
25 ments to the committee shall be made by the committee. The committee shall
26 meet once per year to designate recipients of moneys from the Idaho humane
27 society's pet lovers fund, which recipients may include Idaho licensed
28 veterinarians, Idaho animal shelters or Idaho nonprofit organizations.
29 At the direction of the committee, moneys in the fund shall be disbursed
30 to recipients designated by the committee and used to provide assistance
31 with canine and feline spay and neuter services to low-income residents of
32 Idaho. The Idaho humane society, the committee members and any organization
33 represented by a serving committee member shall be ineligible to receive
34 disbursements from the fund.