

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 192

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO LICENSE PLATES; AMENDING SECTION 49-402, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE A CODE REFERENCE AND TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CORRECTION; AND AMENDING CHAPTER 4, TITLE 49, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 49-420N, 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 .....\$48.00
- Vehicles three (3) and four (4) years old .....\$36.00
- Vehicles five (5) and six (6) years old .....\$36.00
- Vehicles seven (7) and eight (8) years old .....\$24.00
- Vehicles over eight (8) years old .....\$24.00

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 which comply with the  
4 federal motor vehicle safety standards, operated upon the public highways,  
5 the annual fee shall be nine dollars (\$9.00) and shall be subject to stag-  
6 gered registration for the purpose of reregistration and notice of expira-  
7 tion.

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 subsection (2) of section 49-426, Idaho  
18 Code. Nonresidents shall be allowed to purchase a restricted vehicle li-  
19 cense plate and sticker for an all-terrain vehicle, utility type vehicle or  
20 motorbike.

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

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

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

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

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

1 there shall be an initial program fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) but  
 2 there shall be no annual renewal fee. For special plates issued pursuant  
 3 to sections 49-415C, 49-415D, 49-415E, 49-416A, 49-416B, 49-416C, 49-416D,  
 4 49-416E, 49-417, 49-417A, 49-417B, 49-417C, 49-417D, 49-417E, 49-418A,  
 5 49-418B, 49-418C, 49-418E, 49-419, 49-419A, 49-419B, 49-419C, 49-419D,  
 6 49-419E, 49-420, 49-420A, 49-420B, 49-420C, 49-420D, 49-420E, 49-420G,  
 7 49-420H, 49-420I, 49-420J, 49-420K, 49-420L, and 49-420M and 49-420N, Idaho  
 8 Code, and any new special plate program effective on and after January 1,  
 9 2013, pursuant to section 49-402D, Idaho Code, there shall be an initial  
 10 program fee of thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) and an annual program fee of  
 11 twenty-five dollars (\$25.00). The fees contained in this subsection shall  
 12 be applicable to all new special plate programs and shall be subject to stag-  
 13 gered registration for the purpose of reregistration and notice of expira-  
 14 tion. The initial program fee and the annual program fee shall be deposited  
 15 in the state highway account and shall be used to fund the cost of administra-  
 16 tion of special license plate programs, unless otherwise specified by law.

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

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

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

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

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

1 dollars (\$22.00) of each initial fee and twelve dollars (\$12.00) of each re-  
2 newal fee shall be transferred by the state treasurer for deposit with Help-  
3 ing Idaho Dogs, Inc., and shall be distributed by Helping Idaho Dogs, Inc.,  
4 as administrator of the funds, to provide assistance with canine and feline  
5 spay and neuter services to low-income residents of Idaho. The goals of the  
6 program are to improve the lives of dogs and cats in low-income households  
7 throughout the state of Idaho, enable veterinarians in low-income areas to  
8 assist and connect with pet owners, provide relief to Idaho animal shelters  
9 and impound facilities by decreasing pet overpopulation and unwanted lit-  
10 ters, and provide pet care information to underserved communities.

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

16 (4) The pet friendly license plate shall be of a color and design in ac-  
17 cordance with the provisions of section 49-402C, Idaho Code. The design and  
18 any slogan on the plate shall be acceptable to Helping Idaho Dogs, Inc., and  
19 shall be approved by the Idaho transportation department utilizing a number-  
20 ing system as determined by the department. Initial costs of the plate pro-  
21 gram, including costs of plate design, shall be paid by Helping Idaho Dogs,  
22 Inc.

23 (5) Sample pet friendly license plates may be purchased for a fee of  
24 thirty dollars (\$30.00), thirteen dollars (\$13.00) of which shall be de-  
25 posited in the state highway account and seventeen dollars (\$17.00) of which  
26 shall be transferred to the office of Helping Idaho Dogs, Inc., in Boise,  
27 Idaho, and shall be used for purposes as provided in subsection (2) of this  
28 section.