

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 540

BY TRANSPORTATION AND DEFENSE COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1 RELATING TO LICENSE PLATES; AMENDING SECTION 49-402, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE  
2 A CODE REFERENCE; AMENDING CHAPTER 4, TITLE 49, IDAHO CODE, BY THE AD-  
3 DITION OF A NEW SECTION 49-420P, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR PET FRIENDLY  
4 LICENSE PLATES; AND AMENDING CHAPTER 8, TITLE 57, IDAHO CODE, BY THE AD-  
5 DITION OF A NEW SECTION 57-825, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH A PET LOVERS  
6 FUND.  
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8 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

9 SECTION 1. That Section 49-402, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby  
10 amended to read as follows:

11 49-402. ANNUAL REGISTRATION. (1) The annual fee for operating each  
12 pickup truck, each neighborhood electric vehicle and each other motor ve-  
13 hicle having a maximum gross weight not in excess of eight thousand (8,000)  
14 pounds and that complies with the federal motor vehicle safety standards as  
15 defined in section 49-107, Idaho Code, shall be:

- 16 Vehicles one (1) and two (2) years old .....\$69.00
- 17 Vehicles three (3) and four (4) years old .....\$57.00
- 18 Vehicles five (5) and six (6) years old .....\$57.00
- 19 Vehicles seven (7) and eight (8) years old .....\$45.00
- 20 Vehicles over eight (8) years old .....\$45.00

21 There shall be twelve (12) registration periods, starting in January  
22 for holders of validation registration stickers numbered 1, and proceed-  
23 ing consecutively through December for holders of validation registration  
24 stickers numbered 12, each of which shall start on the first day of a calendar  
25 month and end on the last day of the twelfth month from the first day of the  
26 beginning month. Registration periods shall expire midnight on the last day  
27 of the registration period in the year designated by the validation regis-  
28 tration sticker. The numeral digit on the validation registration stickers  
29 shall, as does the registration card, fix the registration period under the  
30 staggered registration system for the purpose of reregistration and notice  
31 of expiration.

32 A vehicle that has once been registered for any of the above-designated  
33 periods shall, upon reregistration, be registered for the period bearing the  
34 same number, and the registration card shall show and be the exclusive proof  
35 of the expiration date of registration and licensing. Vehicles may be ini-  
36 tially registered for less than a twelve (12) month period, or for more than a  
37 twelve (12) month period, and the fee prorated on a monthly basis if the frac-  
38 tional registration tends to fulfill the purpose of the monthly series reg-  
39 istration system.

40 (2) For all school buses operated either by a nonprofit, nonpublic  
41 school or operated pursuant to a service contract with a school district for  
42 transporting children to or from school or in connection with school-ap-

1 proved activities, the annual fee shall be twenty-four dollars (\$24.00) and  
2 shall be subject to staggered registration for the purpose of reregistration  
3 and notice of expiration.

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

9 (4) For operation of an all-terrain vehicle, utility type vehicle or  
10 motorbike, excluding a motorbike with an engine displacement of fifty (50)  
11 cubic centimeters or less, on city, county or highway district roads or  
12 highways open to such use, a restricted vehicle license plate fee pursuant  
13 to section 49-450, Idaho Code, shall be paid. In addition, the registration  
14 fee specified in section 67-7122, Idaho Code, shall be paid as provided in  
15 section 67-7122, Idaho Code. The registration and restricted vehicle li-  
16 cense plate exemption provided in section 49-426(2), Idaho Code, applies  
17 to all-terrain vehicles, utility type vehicles, motorbikes and motorcycles  
18 used for the purposes described in section 49-426(2), Idaho Code. Nonres-  
19 idents shall be allowed to purchase a restricted vehicle license plate and  
20 sticker for an all-terrain vehicle, utility type vehicle or 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 49-415D, 49-417, 49-417A, 49-417B, 49-417C, 49-417D, 49-418A,  
 4 49-418B, 49-418C, 49-419, 49-419A, 49-419C, 49-419E, 49-420, 49-420A,  
 5 49-420B, 49-420C, 49-420D, 49-420E, 49-420J, 49-420K, 49-420L, 49-420M,  
 6 49-420N, and 49-420O and 49-420P, Idaho Code, and any new special plate pro-  
 7 gram effective on and after January 1, 2013, pursuant to section 49-402D,  
 8 Idaho Code, there shall be an initial program fee of thirty-five dollars  
 9 (\$35.00) and an annual program fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00). The fees  
 10 contained in this subsection shall be applicable to all new special plate  
 11 programs and shall be subject to staggered registration for the purpose of  
 12 reregistration and notice of expiration. The initial program fee and the  
 13 annual program fee shall be deposited in the state highway account and shall  
 14 be used to fund the cost of administration of special license plate programs,  
 15 unless otherwise specified by law.

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

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

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

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

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

1 newal fee shall be deposited in the pet lovers fund established by section  
2 57-825, Idaho Code, and shall be used as provided in that 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 pet lovers fund established by section 57-825,  
19 Idaho Code, and shall be used as provided in that section.

20 SECTION 3. That Chapter 8, Title 57, Idaho Code, be, and the same is  
21 hereby amended by the addition thereto of a NEW SECTION, to be known and des-  
22 ignated as Section 57-825, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

23 57-825. PET LOVERS FUND. There is hereby established in the state  
24 treasury the "Pet Lovers Fund." Moneys in the fund shall consist of all  
25 moneys deposited pursuant to section 49-420P, Idaho Code, and any moneys  
26 donated or appropriated to the fund. All idle moneys in the fund shall be  
27 invested by the state treasurer in a like manner as provided for in section  
28 67-1210, Idaho Code, with respect to other surplus or idle moneys in the  
29 state treasury. Interest earned on the investments shall be returned to the  
30 fund. At the direction of the board of directors of the Idaho humane society,  
31 moneys in the fund shall be used for the following purposes:

32 (1) To provide assistance with canine and feline spay and neuter ser-  
33 vices to low-income residents of Idaho;

34 (2) To improve the lives of people in low-income households throughout  
35 the state of Idaho;

36 (3) To enable veterinarians in low-income areas to assist and connect  
37 with pet owners;

38 (4) To provide relief to Idaho animal shelters and impound facilities  
39 by decreasing pet overpopulation and unwanted litters; and

40 (5) To provide pet care information to underserved communities.