



Senate

General Assembly

File No. 678

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 601

Senate, April 28, 2004

The Committee on Transportation reported through SEN. CIOTTO of the 9th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING ELECTRONIC PAYMENT OF CERTAIN COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE FEES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) As used in this section,
2 "electronic payment" means the use of electronic ordering or the use of
3 payment mechanisms via interactive electronic mechanisms, such as
4 the Internet, to effect remote payment for goods or services.

5 (b) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, the Commissioner of
6 Transportation and the Commissioner of Revenue Services shall allow
7 the payment of any fee for credentials for commercial motor vehicles,
8 as defined in section 14-1 of the general statutes, by means of an
9 electronic payment, shall not charge a service charge for any payment
10 made by electronic payment and shall accept as full payment of such
11 fee the amount of such fee less any cost of the electronic payment. For
12 purposes of this section, "credentials for commercial motor vehicles"
13 includes any fees for registration, permits, fuel taxes, decals or any

- 14 other fee required to be paid for a commercial motor vehicle to operate
- 15 legally in this state.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>

TRA *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 05 \$	FY 06 \$
Transportation, Dept.; Motor Vehicle Dept.; Revenue Serv., Dept.	TF - Cost	(3,300,000)	(3,300,000)

Note: TF=Transportation Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill is anticipated to result in a Transportation Fund revenue loss of approximately \$3.3 million per year beginning in FY 05. The state would experience a loss because credit card fees (usually between 2.0 to 2.5% of the amount) will be deducted from payments made by credit card.

OLR Bill Analysis

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AN ACT CONCERNING ELECTRONIC PAYMENT OF CERTAIN COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE FEES**SUMMARY:**

The bill requires the motor vehicles, transportation, and revenue services commissioners to allow commercial motor vehicle owners and operators to pay required operating fees and taxes electronically, through the Internet or other electronic remote ordering and payment mechanisms. It bars the commissioners from adding service charges to electronic payments and requires them to accept as full payment the fee amount minus any cost for the electronic payment.

The bill covers fees for registrations, permits, fuel taxes, decals, and any other required commercial motor vehicle operating fee.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

BACKGROUND***Legislative History***

The Senate referred the original bill (File 522) to the Transportation Committee on April 14. The committee amended the bill to specify that full electronic payment of a commercial motor vehicle operating fee is the fee amount minus the cost of the electronic payment, instead of the fee amount plus that cost.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee

Joint Favorable Report
Yea 33 Nay 12

Transportation Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute
Yea 17 Nay 6