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Referred to Committee on Planning and Development

Introduced by:
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***AN ACT CONCERNING FEES IMPOSED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF
MOTOR VEHICLES ON MUNICIPALITIES REPORTING PERSONS
WHO ARE DELINQUENT IN PAYING PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES.***

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 14-33 of the general statutes, as
2 amended by section 5 of public act 03-264 and section 102 of public act
3 03-1 of the June 30 special session, is repealed and the following is
4 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2004*):

5 (a) If any property tax, or any installment thereof, laid by any city,
6 town, borough or other taxing district upon a registered motor vehicle
7 or snowmobile remains unpaid, the tax collector of such city, town,
8 borough or other taxing district shall notify the Commissioner of
9 Motor Vehicles of such delinquency in accordance with listings and
10 schedules of dates established by the commissioner and on forms
11 prescribed and furnished by the commissioner, specifying the name
12 and address of the person against whom such tax has been assessed,
13 the date when such tax was due and the registration number, if known
14 to the collector. Such forms shall be submitted to the commissioner
15 together with payment of a fee. [of fifty cents for each such vehicle or

16 snowmobile.] The amount of the fee shall be determined in accordance
17 with a schedule based on annual population estimates for
18 municipalities by the Department of Public Health. Such fee shall be
19 deposited into the General Fund. The commissioner shall not issue
20 registration for such motor vehicle or snowmobile for the next
21 registration period if, according to the commissioner's records, it is
22 then owned by the person against whom such tax has been assessed or
23 by any person to whom such vehicle has not been transferred by bona
24 fide sale. Unless notice has been received by the commissioner under
25 the provisions of section 14-33a, no such registration shall be issued
26 until a receipt evidencing the payment of such tax or certificate of
27 abatement of such tax or other satisfactory evidence that the tax
28 obligation has been legally discharged has been presented to the
29 commissioner; nor shall the commissioner register any other motor
30 vehicle or snowmobile in the name of such person until a receipt
31 evidencing the payment of such tax or a certificate of abatement of
32 such tax or other satisfactory evidence that the tax obligation has been
33 legally discharged has been presented to the commissioner, except that
34 the commissioner may continue to register other vehicles owned by a
35 leasing or rental firm licensed pursuant to section 14-15, if the
36 commissioner is satisfied that arrangements have been made to
37 discharge such tax obligation, and may issue such registration to any
38 private owner of three or more paratransit vehicles in direct
39 proportion to the percentage of total tax due on such vehicles which
40 has been paid and notice of payment on which has been received. The
41 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may immediately suspend all motor
42 vehicle or snowmobile registrations issued in the name of any person
43 (1) who has been reported as delinquent and whose registration was
44 renewed through an error or through the production of false evidence
45 that the delinquent tax had been paid, or (2) who has been reported by
46 a tax collector as having paid a property tax on a motor vehicle or
47 snowmobile with a check which was dishonored by a bank and such
48 tax remains unpaid. Any person aggrieved by any action of the
49 commissioner under this section may appeal therefrom in the manner

50 provided in section 14-134. For the purposes of this subsection,
51 "paratransit vehicle" means a motor bus, taxicab or motor vehicle in
52 livery service operated under a certificate of convenience and necessity
53 issued by the Department of Transportation or by a transit district and
54 which is on call or demand or used for the transportation of
55 passengers for hire.

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| This act shall take effect as follows: | |
| Section 1 | <i>October 1, 2004</i> |

Statement of Purpose:

To require the Department of Motor Vehicles to establish a fee schedule to impose on municipalities reporting persons who are delinquent in paying personal property taxes on registered motor vehicles or snowmobiles.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]