

Senate, April 16, 1998. The Committee on Appropriations reported through SEN. CRISCO, 17th DIST., Chairman of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING UNUSED PORTIONS OF MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 14-49 of
2 the general statutes is repealed and the following
3 is substituted in lieu thereof:

4 (a) For the registration of each passenger
5 motor vehicle, other than an electric motor
6 vehicle, the fee shall be [sixty-two dollars every
7 two years, and on and after July 1, 1992,] seventy
8 dollars every two years, provided any individual
9 who is sixty-five years of age or older on or
10 after January 1, 1981, may, at his discretion,
11 renew the registration of such passenger motor
12 vehicle owned by him for either a one-year or
13 two-year period. The fee for one year shall be
14 [thirty-one dollars, and on and after July 1,
15 1992,] thirty-five dollars, and the fee for two
16 years shall be [sixty-two dollars, and on and
17 after July 1, 1992,] seventy dollars; provided the
18 biennial fee for any motor vehicle for which
19 special license plates have been issued under the
20 provisions of section 14-20 shall be [sixty-two
21 dollars, and on and after July 1, 1992, seventy
22 dollars. The commissioner shall refund one-half of

23 the registration fee for any passenger
24 registration when the number plate or plates and
25 registration certificate are returned on or after
26 January 1, 1995, with one year or more remaining
27 until the expiration of such registration] SEVENTY
28 DOLLARS. The provisions of this subsection
29 relative to the biennial fee charged for the
30 registration of each antique, rare or special
31 interest motor vehicle for which special license
32 plates have been issued under section 14-20 shall
33 not apply to an antique fire apparatus or transit
34 bus owned by a nonprofit organization and
35 maintained primarily for use in parades,
36 exhibitions or other public events but not for
37 purposes of general transportation.

38 Sec. 2. Section 14-49 of the general
39 statutes, as amended by section 6 of public act
40 97-309 and section 7 of public act 97-322, is
41 amended by adding subsection (bb) as follows:

42 (NEW) (bb) The commissioner shall refund
43 one-half of the registration fee for (1) any
44 passenger registration when the number plate or
45 plates and registration certificate are returned
46 on or after January 1, 1995, or (2) any all
47 terrain, combination, early american farm,
48 handicapped, motorcycle, snowmobile and vanpool
49 registration when the number plate or plates and
50 registration certificate are returned on or after
51 July 1, 1999, with one year or more remaining
52 until the expiration of such registration.

53 TRA COMMITTEE VOTE: YEA 23 NAY 0 JFS C/R FIN
54 APP COMMITTEE VOTE: YEA 50 NAY 0 JFS

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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT - BILL NUMBER sSB 302

STATE IMPACT Cost (Transportation Fund), see explanation below

MUNICIPAL IMPACT None

STATE AGENCY(S) Department of Motor Vehicles

	Current FY	1998-99	1999-2000
State Cost	:	:	:
(savings)	:	:	: 330,000 :
St Revenue	:	:	:
(loss)	:	:	:
Net St Cost	:	:	:
(savings)	:	:	:
Municipal	:	:	:
Impact	:	:	:

EXPLANATION OF ESTIMATES:

It is anticipated that the number of registration refunds within the categories listed in the legislation could be approximately 5,645. Therefore, refunds could total \$330,000 annually beginning July 1, 1999.

The funding level already budgeted in sHB 5021 (the Appropriations bill) for the Refunds of Payments account to refund one-half of passenger registrations when one year or more remain until expiration is \$1.8 million. The actual expenditure in this account for FY 1997 was \$1.7 million.

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OLR BILL ANALYSIS

sSB 302

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SUMMARY: Beginning July 1, 1999, this bill requires the Department of Motor Vehicles to refund one half of the registration fee for several additional registration classifications when the license plates and registration certificate are returned with at least one year remaining in the registration period. The additional registration classifications are: (1) "combinations" (vehicles used for both passenger and commercial purposes), (2) motorcycles, (3) all-terrain vehicles, (4) snowmobiles, (5) vehicles with handicapped parking license plates, (6) vanpool vehicles, and (7) early-American farm vehicles.

Currently, only passenger vehicle registrations are subject to the refund when more than half of the registration period remains.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 1998

COMMITTEE ACTION

Transportation Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute Change of Reference
Yea 23 Nay 0

Appropriations Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute
Yea 50 Nay 0