

HB 775 -- MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSING

SPONSOR: Bromley

This bill modifies the provisions relating to motor vehicle licensing. Currently, the vehicle registration fee for vehicles other than commercial vehicles is based on the vehicle's horsepower. This bill would set a single fee for all noncommercial motor vehicles at \$25 and a registration fee for motorcycles, motor tricycles, and autocycles at \$10. Both fees include the railroad crossing safety fee.

The bill also allows the Department of Revenue (DOR) to stagger the collection of alternative fuel decal fees and issuance of the decals so that the issuance occurs at the time of vehicle registration and the decals are valid for the duration of the vehicle's registration period. The director can also issue a receipt showing payment of the alternative fuel decal fee instead of issuing a decal.

The bill increases the renewal period for removable windshield disability placards from four years to eight years and requires DOR to automatically renew current valid disabled placards for eight years or for the duration that correlates with the disabled person's current physician's statement expiration date, until all permanent disabled placards are on an eight-year renewal cycle.

Currently, vehicles manufactured as an even-numbered model year must be renewed each even-numbered calendar year and vehicles manufactured as an odd-numbered model year must be renewed each odd-numbered calendar year. The bill repeals this provision and specifies that any required safety or emissions inspection is required prior to renewal.

The bill removes an exemption for fees paid for the issuance of dealer plates or certificates of number from deposit in the "Motor Vehicle Commission Fund". The department must also issue a renewal tab to be placed in the lower right corner of dealer plates or certificates at a cost of \$25 for the first tab and \$6 for each additional tab.

The bill increases the number of vehicles a person can sell or display with the intent to sell without a license.

The effective date of the bill is contingent on the development and maintenance of DOR's modernized, integrated motor vehicle registration and driver licensing system.