

1 HOUSE BILL NO. 439

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ASSESSING A GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT FEE FOR

5 PERMANENT REGISTRATION OF ELECTRIC VEHICLES AND PLUG-IN HYBRID ELECTRIC VEHICLES;

6 PROVIDING FOR DEPOSIT OF THE GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT PERMANENT REGISTRATION FEE IN

7 THE HIGHWAY RESTRICTED ACCOUNT AS PROVIDED IN ARTICLE VIII, SECTION 6, OF THE MONTANA

8 CONSTITUTION; AMENDING SECTION 61-3-562, MCA; AND PROVIDING A DELAYED EFFECTIVE DATE."

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10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

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12 **NEW SECTION. Section 1. Gross vehicle weight permanent registration fee -- electric vehicles**

13 **-- plug-in hybrid electric vehicles.** (1) The permanent registration fee for an electric vehicle is based on

14 unladen gross vehicle weight as follows:

- 15 (a) for a class 1 vehicle, \$260;
- 16 (b) for a class 2 vehicle, \$380;_;
- 17 ~~(c) for a class 3 vehicle, \$680;~~
- 18 ~~(d) for a class 4 vehicle, \$2,200.~~

19 (2) The permanent registration fee for a plug-in hybrid electric vehicle is based on gross vehicle

20 weight as follows:

- 21 (a) for a class 1 vehicle, \$140;
- 22 (b) for a class 2 vehicle, \$200;_;
- 23 ~~(c) for a class 3 vehicle, \$420;~~
- 24 ~~(d) for a class 4 vehicle, \$1,400.~~

25 (3) As used in in this section, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, the following

26 definitions apply:

- 27 (a) "Class 1 vehicle" means a vehicle having an unladen gross weight of less than 6,000 pounds.
- 28 (b) "Class 2 vehicle" means a vehicle having an unladen gross weight of at least 6,000 pounds but

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1 not more than 10,000 pounds.

2 ~~(c) "Class 3 vehicle" means a vehicle having an unladen gross weight of more than 10,000 pounds~~
3 ~~but not more than 26,000 pounds.~~

4 ~~(d) "Class 4 vehicle" means a vehicle having an unladen gross weight in excess of 26,000 pounds.~~

5 ~~(e)(c)~~ (i) "Electric vehicle" means a vehicle that:

6 (A) is originally equipped with a 100% electric motor that draws propulsion energy solely from a
7 battery with at least 20 kilowatt hours of capacity that can be recharged from an external source of electricity;

8 (B) has at least four wheels; and

9 (C) is manufactured primarily for use on public streets, roads, and highways.

10 (ii) The term does not include

11 (A) a low-speed electric vehicle; or

12 (B) a medium-speed electric vehicle.

13 ~~(f)(d)~~ "Plug-in hybrid electric vehicle" means a vehicle that:

14 (i) is originally equipped so that the vehicle draws propulsion from an internal combustion engine
15 and a battery with at least 5 kilowatt hours of capacity that can be recharged from an external source of
16 electricity;

17 (ii) has at least four wheels; and

18 (iii) is manufactured primarily for use on public streets, roads, and highways.

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20 **Section 2.** Section 61-3-562, MCA, is amended to read:

21 **"61-3-562. Permanent registration -- transfer of light vehicle ownership -- rules.** (1) (a) The
22 owner of a light vehicle 11 years old or older subject to the registration fee, as provided in 61-3-321(2), may
23 permanently register the light vehicle upon payment of ~~a~~an \$87.50 registration fee, the applicable registration
24 and license fees under 61-3-412, if applicable, the administrative fee and the annual one-time-only donation fee
25 for a generic specialty license plate under 61-3-480 or collegiate license plates under 61-3-465, the fee
26 provided for in [section 1] for an electric vehicle or a plug-in hybrid electric vehicle, if applicable, and an amount
27 equal to five times the local option motor vehicle tax or flat fee on vehicles under 61-3-537 and, as applicable,
28 either: