



## Fiscal Note

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## HB 25-1189: MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION REFORM & FEES

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### Summary Information

**Overview.** The bill adjusts fees and policies related to titling and registration for the Department of Revenue and local governments.

**Types of impacts.** The bill is projected to affect the following areas on an ongoing basis:

- State Expenditures
- Local Government

**Appropriations.** No appropriation is required.

**Table 1**  
**State Fiscal Impacts**

Type of Impact	Budget Year FY 2025-26	Out Year FY 2026-27
State Revenue	\$0	\$0
State Expenditures (Cash Funds)	\$0	\$33,717
Transferred Funds	\$0	\$0
Change in TABOR Refunds	\$0	\$0
Change in State FTE	0.0 FTE	0.0 FTE

## **Summary of Legislation**

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Beginning July 1, 2027, the bill makes changes to various vehicle titling and registration fees and policies.

### **County Clerk Fees**

The bill requires the Department of Revenue (DOR) to increase the county clerk staffing fee annually for inflation, but not by more than 5 percent per year.

### **Vehicle Registration Expiration Dates**

The bill allows vehicle owners, for any reason, to choose the month of their vehicle's expiration during initial registration or registration renewal. Under current law, this is only available for owners of multiple vehicles so that each vehicle expires on the same month.

### **Shipping Fees for Motor Vehicle Documents**

The bill allows county clerks to set fees for the shipping and handling of all motor vehicle documents. These fees must be published on or before October 15 if the fees apply to the registration period beginning January 1 of the following year.

### **Rebuilder's Title for Vehicles as Collector's Items**

For a vehicle considered a collector's item, the bill allows the DOR or a county clerk to issue a rebuilder's title if the applicant is able to provide evidence of ownership. If the vehicle is later made roadworthy, the owner may receive a title by surrendering the previous ownership document or title.

### **Salvage Vehicles**

The bill requires the DOR to include a statement of salvage disclosure on the title of salvage vehicles. The disclosure must include the reason the vehicle is salvage, a statement from the owner on the determination of the vehicle as a salvage vehicle, and the signature of the seller and buyer to sell the salvage vehicle.

## **State Expenditures**

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The Department of Revenue requires \$33,717 in FY 2026-27 for DRIVES programming to develop, program, and test for initial fee modifications and annual inflation adjustments, and allow customers to choose their month of expiration. These programming costs are paid from the DRIVES Cash Fund and include \$26,100 for 100 hours of programming at a rate of \$261 per hour, plus \$7,617 for ISD development, Office of Information Technology support, and additional testing.

The bill also minimally increases workload at the DOR to calculate and publish certain fees and issue statements of salvage disclosure on the title of certain vehicles. This workload increase is absorbable with existing resources.

## Local Government

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The bill increases revenue to county clerks in two areas. First, the \$4 staff hiring fee will be adjusted for inflation in future years. Second, county clerks will receive additional fee revenue related to shipping and handling of all motor vehicle documents. This revenue must go toward recovering direct shipping and handling costs. The exact revenue impact will vary by county.

## Effective Date

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The bill takes effect July 1, 2027, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

## State and Local Government Contacts

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Revenue

Counties

Local Affairs

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The revenue and expenditure impacts in this fiscal note represent changes from current law under the bill for each fiscal year. For additional information about fiscal notes, please visit the [General Assembly website](#).