

House Bill 3209

Sponsored by Representative BOICE, Senators GORSEK, PROZANSKI, Representative MCLAIN; Representatives HELM, LIVELY, Senator GOLDEN (at the request of Oregon Recreation and Park Association, Oregon Tow Truck Association, Central Oregon Cities) (Pre-session filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: The Act adds extra fees to the registration fees and of some vehicles, like campers or motor homes, and an extra fee for RV trip permits. The money taken in from this fee would go into a new fund. This fund would help the Department of Transportation pay for towing and getting rid of abandoned RVs. The new extra fees will last 10 years. (Flesch Readability Score: 74.0).

Imposes a surcharge on certain vehicle registration fees and recreational vehicle trip permits. Transfers proceeds of the surcharge to the Abandoned Recreational Vehicle Account. Authorizes the Department of Transportation to provide reimbursements for the costs of towing and disposing of abandoned recreational vehicles. Sunsets new surcharges after 10 years.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to motor vehicles; creating new provisions; amending ORS 803.420 and 803.645; and pro-
3 viding for revenue raising that requires approval by a three-fifths majority.

4 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

5 **SECTION 1. Sections 2, 3 and 4 of this 2025 Act are added to and made a part of the**
6 **Oregon Vehicle Code.**

7 **SECTION 2. Abandoned recreational vehicle disposal fees. (1) In addition to the regis-**
8 **tration fees required under ORS 803.420 (7), a person must pay the abandoned recreational**
9 **vehicle disposal fee for registering campers, travel trailers and motor homes each biennial**
10 **registration period. The additional fee is \$25 for each year of the registration period.**

11 **(2) In addition to the recreational vehicle trip permit fees prescribed under ORS 803.645,**
12 **a person must pay the abandoned recreational vehicle disposal fee of \$40.**

13 **(3) Notwithstanding ORS 366.512, the registration fees and recreational vehicle trip per-**
14 **mit fees charged and collected under this section must be deposited into the Abandoned**
15 **Recreational Vehicle Account established under section 3 of this 2025 Act.**

16 **(4) Each biennium, beginning July 1, 2027, the Department of Transportation shall adjust**
17 **the dollar amounts set forth in this section by the cumulative change in the Consumer Price**
18 **Index for All Urban Consumers, West Region (All Items), as published by the Bureau of La-**
19 **bor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor, or its successor index, since the**
20 **previous adjustment. The adjustments performed under this subsection shall be rounded to**
21 **the nearest whole dollar.**

22 **(5) The adjusted fees under subsection (2) of this section take effect on January 1 and**
23 **apply for the following two years.**

24 **(6) The Department of Transportation may adopt rules necessary to implement this sec-**
25 **tion.**

26 **SECTION 3. Abandoned Recreational Vehicle Account. (1) The Abandoned Recreational**

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 **Vehicle Account is established in the General Fund. Interest earned by the account shall be**
 2 **credited to the account.**

3 **(2) The account shall consist of:**

- 4 **(a) Moneys paid into the account under section 2 of this 2025 Act;**
- 5 **(b) Moneys appropriated to the account by the Legislative Assembly; and**
- 6 **(c) Other amounts deposited in the account from any source.**

7 **(3) Moneys in the account are continuously appropriated to the Department of Trans-**
 8 **portation to pay the expenses incurred under section 4 of this 2025 Act. Before awarding**
 9 **reimbursements, the department may withhold an amount not exceed five percent of the**
 10 **total amount appropriated or otherwise transferred or credited to the fund to pay for the**
 11 **administrative and operational expenses of the department under section 4 of this 2025 Act.**

12 **(4) Moneys in the Abandoned Recreational Vehicle Account that are derived from any**
 13 **revenues under Article IX, section 3a, of the Oregon Constitution, may be used only for**
 14 **purposes permitted by Article IX, section 3a, of the Oregon Constitution.**

15 **SECTION 4. Reimbursement of costs of disposing of abandoned recreational vehicle. (1)**
 16 **As used in this section and sections 2 and 3 of this 2025 Act:**

17 **(a) “Costs of disposing of a vehicle” includes the reasonable costs of:**

18 **(A) Hooking up for tow, towing, impounding, immobilizing, transporting, storing, ap-**
 19 **praising, dismantling, recycling or disposing of an abandoned recreational vehicle;**

20 **(B) Providing cleaning services necessary for the recycling or disposing of an abandoned**
 21 **recreational vehicle, including pest removal, drug abatement, asbestos removal or other en-**
 22 **vironmental or hazardous waste cleanup service; and**

23 **(C) Any other action associated with the removal or disposal of an abandoned recre-**
 24 **ational vehicle specified by the Department of Transportation by rule.**

25 **(b) “Person” includes a person as defined in ORS 174.100 and a public body as defined in**
 26 **ORS 174.109.**

27 **(2) A person that tows, stores or dismantles an abandoned recreational vehicle at the**
 28 **request of a local government, special district, or a state agency may request from the de-**
 29 **partment reimbursement of the person’s unrecovered costs of disposing of the vehicle. The**
 30 **request must be received by the department no later than 60 days following the date that**
 31 **an abandoned recreational vehicle is towed.**

32 **(3) The department may use funds available from the Abandoned Recreational Vehicle**
 33 **Account established in this 2025 Act to reimburse a person for up to 100 percent of the re-**
 34 **quested costs of disposing of a vehicle.**

35 **(4) A person may not receive reimbursement for the costs of disposing of a vehicle if, as**
 36 **determined by a court, local ordinance or agency rule:**

- 37 **(a) The person is liable for those costs;**
- 38 **(b) The costs of disposing of the vehicle are unreasonable or unlawful; or**
- 39 **(c) The towing or disposal was unlawful.**

40 **(5) After consultation with cities and counties, the department may establish a process**
 41 **for requesting reimbursement, set maximum reimbursement rates, distribute aid across the**
 42 **state, aid in the recovery of account expenses or otherwise administer this section.**

43 **SECTION 5. Sections 2 to 4 of this 2025 Act are repealed on January 2, 2036.**

44 **SECTION 6. Any balance in the Abandoned Recreational Vehicle Account that is unex-**
 45 **pendent and unobligated on the date of repeal of sections 2 to 4 of this 2025 Act by section 5**

1 of this 2025 Act, and all moneys that would have been deposited in the Abandoned Recreational Vehicle Account had sections 2 to 4 of this 2025 Act remained in effect, shall be
 2 transferred to and deposited in the State Highway Fund, and are appropriated for expenditure in the manner of other moneys in the State Highway Fund.
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5 **SECTION 7.** ORS 803.420 is amended to read:

6 803.420. (1) The vehicle registration fees imposed under this section shall be based on the classifications determined by the Department of Transportation by rule. The department may classify a
 7 vehicle to ensure that registration fees for the vehicle are the same as for other vehicles the department determines to be comparable.
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10 (2) Except as otherwise provided in this section, or unless the vehicle is registered quarterly, the fees described in this section are for an entire registration period for the vehicle as described
 11 under ORS 803.415. For a vehicle registered for a quarterly registration period under ORS 803.415, the department shall apportion any fee under this section to reflect the number of quarters registered.
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15 (3) Vehicle registration fees are due when a vehicle is registered and when the registered owner renews the registration.
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17 (4) In addition to the registration fees listed in this section, a county or a district may impose an additional registration fee as provided under ORS 801.041 and 801.042.
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19 (5) A rental or leasing company, as defined in ORS 221.275, that elects to initially register a vehicle for an annual or biennial registration period shall pay a fee of \$2 in addition to the vehicle
 20 registration fee provided under this section.
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22 (6) The registration fees for each year of the registration period for vehicles subject to biennial registration are as follows:
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24 (a) Passenger vehicles not otherwise provided for in this section or ORS 821.320, \$43.

25 (b) Utility trailers or light trailers, as those terms are defined by rule by the department, \$63.

26 (c) Mopeds and motorcycles, \$44.

27 (d) Low-speed vehicles, \$63.

28 (e) Medium-speed electric vehicles, \$63.

29 (7) The registration fees for vehicles that are subject to biennial registration and that are listed in this subsection are as follows:
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31 (a) State-owned vehicles registered under ORS 805.045 and undercover vehicles registered under ORS 805.060, \$10 upon registration or renewal.
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33 (b) Fixed load vehicles:

34 (A) If a declaration of weight described under ORS 803.435 is submitted establishing the weight of the vehicle at 3,000 pounds or less, \$61.
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36 (B) If no declaration of weight is submitted or if the weight of the vehicles is in excess of 3,000 pounds, \$82.
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38 (c) Travel trailers, special use trailers, campers and motor homes, based on length as determined under ORS 803.425:
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40 (A) Trailers or campers that are 6 to 10 feet in length, [~~\$81~~] **\$125**.

41 (B) Trailers or campers over 10 feet in length, [~~\$81~~] **\$125** plus \$7 a foot for each foot of length over the first 10 feet.
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43 (C) Motor homes that are 6 to 14 feet in length, [~~\$86~~] **\$132**.

44 (D) Motor homes over 14 feet in length, [~~\$126~~] **\$194** plus \$8 a foot for each foot of length over the first 10 feet.
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(8) The registration fee for trailers for hire that are equipped with pneumatic tires made of an elastic material and that are not travel trailers or trailers registered under permanent registration is \$30.

(9) The registration fees for vehicles subject to ownership registration are as follows:

(a) Government-owned vehicles registered under ORS 805.040, \$5.

(b) Vehicles registered with special registration for disabled veterans under ORS 805.100 or for former prisoners of war under ORS 805.110, \$15.

(c) School vehicles registered under ORS 805.050, \$5.

(10) The registration fees for vehicles subject to permanent registration are as follows:

(a) Antique vehicles registered under ORS 805.010, \$100.

(b) Vehicles of special interest registered under ORS 805.020, \$100.

(c) Racing activity vehicles registered under ORS 805.035, \$100.

(d) Trailers, \$10.

(e) State-owned vehicles registered under ORS 805.045 and undercover vehicles registered under ORS 805.060, \$10.

(11) The registration fee for trailers registered as part of a fleet under an agreement reached pursuant to ORS 802.500 is the same fee as the fee for vehicles of the same type registered under other provisions of the Oregon Vehicle Code.

(12) The registration fee for vehicles with proportional registration under ORS 826.009, or proportional fleet registration under ORS 826.011, is the same fee as the fee for vehicles of the same type under this section except that the fees shall be fixed on an apportioned basis as provided under the agreement established under ORS 826.007.

(13) In addition to any other registration fees charged for registration of vehicles in fleets under ORS 805.120, the department may charge the following fees:

(a) Service charge for each vehicle entered into a fleet, \$3.

(b) Service charge for each vehicle in the fleet at the time of renewal, \$2.

(14)(a) The registration fee for motor vehicles required to establish a registration weight under ORS 803.430 or 826.013, tow vehicles used to transport property for hire other than as described in ORS 822.210 and commercial buses is as provided in the following chart, based upon the weight submitted in the declaration of weight prepared under ORS 803.435 or 826.015:

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Weight in Pounds	Fee
8,000 or less	\$ 74
8,001 to 10,000	464
10,001 to 12,000	528
12,001 to 14,000	591
14,001 to 16,000	655
16,001 to 18,000	718
18,001 to 20,000	801
20,001 to 22,000	864
22,001 to 24,000	949
24,001 to 26,000	1,031
26,001 to 28,000	375
28,001 to 30,000	391

1	30,001	to	32,000	422
2	32,001	to	34,000	438
3	34,001	to	36,000	468
4	36,001	to	38,000	485
5	38,001	to	40,000	515
6	40,001	to	42,000	532
7	42,001	to	44,000	562
8	44,001	to	46,000	578
9	46,001	to	48,000	593
10	48,001	to	50,000	625
11	50,001	to	52,000	656
12	52,001	to	54,000	672
13	54,001	to	56,000	686
14	56,001	to	58,000	717
15	58,001	to	60,000	750
16	60,001	to	62,000	780
17	62,001	to	64,000	811
18	64,001	to	66,000	827
19	66,001	to	68,000	857
20	68,001	to	70,000	874
21	70,001	to	72,000	904
22	72,001	to	74,000	921
23	74,001	to	76,000	951
24	76,001	to	78,000	967
25	78,001	to	80,000	998
26	80,001	to	82,000	1,014
27	82,001	to	84,000	1,045
28	84,001	to	86,000	1,061
29	86,001	to	88,000	1,092
30	88,001	to	90,000	1,108
31	90,001	to	92,000	1,139
32	92,001	to	94,000	1,155
33	94,001	to	96,000	1,185
34	96,001	to	98,000	1,202
35	98,001	to	100,000	1,218
36	100,001	to	102,000	1,249
37	102,001	to	104,000	1,265
38	104,001	to	105,500	1,295

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41 (b)(A) The registration fee for motor vehicles with a registration weight of more than 8,000
 42 pounds that are described in ORS 825.015, that are operated by a charitable organization as defined
 43 in ORS 825.017 (13), is as provided in the following chart:

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	Weight in Pounds		Fee
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2	8,001	to 10,000	\$ 71
3	10,001	to 12,000	85
4	12,001	to 14,000	92
5	14,001	to 16,000	107
6	16,001	to 18,000	114
7	18,001	to 20,000	128
8	20,001	to 22,000	135
9	22,001	to 24,000	149
10	24,001	to 26,000	156
11	26,001	to 28,000	170
12	28,001	to 30,000	178
13	30,001	to 32,000	192
14	32,001	to 34,000	199
15	34,001	to 36,000	213
16	36,001	to 38,000	220
17	38,001	to 40,000	234
18	40,001	to 42,000	241
19	42,001	to 44,000	256
20	44,001	to 46,000	263
21	46,001	to 48,000	270
22	48,001	to 50,000	284
23	50,001	to 52,000	298
24	52,001	to 54,000	305
25	54,001	to 56,000	312
26	56,001	to 58,000	327
27	58,001	to 60,000	341
28	60,001	to 62,000	355
29	62,001	to 64,000	369
30	64,001	to 66,000	376
31	66,001	to 68,000	391
32	68,001	to 70,000	398
33	70,001	to 72,000	412
34	72,001	to 74,000	419
35	74,001	to 76,000	433
36	76,001	to 78,000	440
37	78,001	to 80,000	454
38	80,001	to 82,000	462
39	82,001	to 84,000	476
40	84,001	to 86,000	483
41	86,001	to 88,000	497
42	88,001	to 90,000	504
43	90,001	to 92,000	518
44	92,001	to 94,000	525
45	94,001	to 96,000	540

1	96,001	to	98,000	547
2	98,001	to	100,000	554
3	100,001	to	102,000	568
4	102,001	to	104,000	575
5	104,001	to	105,500	589

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8 (B) The registration fee for motor vehicles that are certified under ORS 822.205, unless the mo-
9 tor vehicles are registered under paragraph (a) of this subsection, or that are used exclusively to
10 transport manufactured structures, is as provided in the following chart:

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13	Weight in Pounds		Fee
14	8,000	or less	\$ 63
15	8,001	to 10,000	145
16	10,001	to 12,000	173
17	12,001	to 14,000	187
18	14,001	to 16,000	217
19	16,001	to 18,000	231
20	18,001	to 20,000	260
21	20,001	to 22,000	274
22	22,001	to 24,000	304
23	24,001	to 26,000	318
24	26,001	to 28,000	346
25	28,001	to 30,000	362
26	30,001	to 32,000	391
27	32,001	to 34,000	405
28	34,001	to 36,000	435
29	36,001	to 38,000	449
30	38,001	to 40,000	477
31	40,001	to 42,000	491
32	42,001	to 44,000	521
33	44,001	to 46,000	535
34	46,001	to 48,000	550
35	48,001	to 50,000	578
36	50,001	to 52,000	608
37	52,001	to 54,000	622
38	54,001	to 56,000	636
39	56,001	to 58,000	665
40	58,001	to 60,000	694
41	60,001	to 62,000	723
42	62,001	to 64,000	753
43	64,001	to 66,000	767
44	66,001	to 68,000	795
45	68,001	to 70,000	809

1	70,001	to	72,000	839
2	72,001	to	74,000	853
3	74,001	to	76,000	882
4	76,001	to	78,000	896
5	78,001	to	80,000	926
6	80,001	to	82,000	940
7	82,001	to	84,000	968
8	84,001	to	86,000	983
9	86,001	to	88,000	1,012
10	88,001	to	90,000	1,027
11	90,001	to	92,000	1,055
12	92,001	to	94,000	1,071
13	94,001	to	96,000	1,099
14	96,001	to	98,000	1,113
15	98,001	to	100,000	1,127
16	100,001	to	102,000	1,157
17	102,001	to	104,000	1,172
18	104,001	to	105,500	1,200

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21 (C) The owner of a vehicle described in subparagraph (A) or (B) of this paragraph must certify
22 at the time of initial registration, in a manner determined by the department by rule, that the motor
23 vehicle will be used exclusively to transport manufactured structures or exclusively as described in
24 ORS 822.210, unless the motor vehicle is registered under paragraph (a) of this subsection, or as
25 described in ORS 825.015 or 825.017 (13). Registration of a vehicle described in subparagraph (A) or
26 (B) of this paragraph is invalid if the vehicle is operated in any manner other than that described
27 in the certification under this subparagraph.

28 (c) Subject to paragraph (d) of this subsection, the registration fee for motor vehicles registered
29 as farm vehicles under ORS 805.300 is as provided in the following chart, based upon the registra-
30 tion weight given in the declaration of weight submitted under ORS 803.435:

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33	Weight in Pounds		Fee
34	8,000	or less	\$ 50
35	8,001	to 10,000	65
36	10,001	to 12,000	75
37	12,001	to 14,000	97
38	14,001	to 16,000	108
39	16,001	to 18,000	129
40	18,001	to 20,000	141
41	20,001	to 22,000	162
42	22,001	to 24,000	172
43	24,001	to 26,000	195
44	26,001	to 28,000	204
45	28,001	to 30,000	226

1	30,001	to	32,000	237
2	32,001	to	34,000	258
3	34,001	to	36,000	270
4	36,001	to	38,000	291
5	38,001	to	40,000	302
6	40,001	to	42,000	324
7	42,001	to	44,000	334
8	44,001	to	46,000	356
9	46,001	to	48,000	366
10	48,001	to	50,000	388
11	50,001	to	52,000	399
12	52,001	to	54,000	409
13	54,001	to	56,000	432
14	56,001	to	58,000	453
15	58,001	to	60,000	463
16	60,001	to	62,000	474
17	62,001	to	64,000	496
18	64,001	to	66,000	517
19	66,001	to	68,000	528
20	68,001	to	70,000	540
21	70,001	to	72,000	561
22	72,001	to	74,000	571
23	74,001	to	76,000	594
24	76,001	to	78,000	604
25	78,001	to	80,000	625
26	80,001	to	82,000	636
27	82,001	to	84,000	657
28	84,001	to	86,000	669
29	86,001	to	88,000	690
30	88,001	to	90,000	700
31	90,001	to	92,000	723
32	92,001	to	94,000	733
33	94,001	to	96,000	754
34	96,001	to	98,000	765
35	98,001	to	100,000	787
36	100,001	to	102,000	798
37	102,001	to	104,000	819
38	104,001	to	105,500	831

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41 (d) For any vehicle that is registered under a quarterly registration period, the registration fee
 42 is a minimum of \$15 for each quarter registered plus an additional fee of \$2.

43 (15) The registration and renewal fees for vehicles specified in this subsection that are required
 44 to establish a registration weight under ORS 803.430 or 826.013 are as follows:

45 (a) State-owned vehicles registered under ORS 805.045, \$10.

1 (b) Undercover vehicles registered under ORS 805.060, \$10.

2 **SECTION 8.** ORS 803.645 is amended to read:

3 803.645. Fees for trip permits issued under ORS 803.600 are as follows:

4 (1) For a heavy motor vehicle trip permit, \$43.

5 (2) For a heavy trailer trip permit, \$10.

6 (3) For a light vehicle trip permit, \$35.

7 (4) For a recreational vehicle trip permit, [~~\$35~~] **\$50**.

8 (5) For a registration weight trip permit, \$5.

9 (6) For a registered vehicle trip permit, \$7.50.

10 (7) For a 10-day trip permit issued under ORS 803.600 (2) by a person with a vehicle dealer
11 certificate or a towing business certificate, \$15.

12 **SECTION 9.** Section 10 of this 2025 Act is added to and made a part of the Oregon Vehicle
13 Code.

14 **SECTION 10.** (1) Each biennium, beginning July 1, 2027, the Department of Transporta-
15 tion shall adjust the dollar amounts set forth in ORS 803.420 (7)(c)(A), (B), (C) and (D) and
16 ORS 803.645 (4) by the cumulative change in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Con-
17 sumers, West Region (All Items), as published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the
18 United States Department of Labor, or its successor index, since the previous adjustment.
19 The adjustments performed under this subsection shall be rounded to the nearest whole
20 dollar.

21 (2) The adjusted fees under subsection (2) of this section take effect on January 1 and
22 apply for the following two years.

23 (3) The Department of Transportation may adopt rules necessary to implement this sec-
24 tion.

25 **SECTION 11.** Section 2 of this 2025 Act and the amendments to ORS 803.420 and 803.645
26 by sections 7 and 8 of this 2025 Act apply to fees imposed on or after the effective date of
27 this 2025 Act.

28 **SECTION 12.** The section captions used in this 2025 Act are provided only for the con-
29 venience of the reader and do not become part of the statutory law of this state or express
30 any legislative intent in the enactment of this 2025 Act.

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