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1 AN ACT Relating to a hybrid or alternative fuel vehicle fee
2 rebate; amending RCW 46.17.324; and adding a new section to chapter
3 46.17 RCW.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 46.17
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 (1)(a) The registered owner of a hybrid or alternative fuel
8 vehicle that is required to pay the fee established in RCW
9 46.17.324(2) and has been driven fewer than six thousand miles in a
10 registration year based on the odometer reading may be eligible for a
11 low mileage hybrid or alternative fuel vehicle registration renewal
12 rebate.

13 (b) To be eligible for the low mileage hybrid or alternative fuel
14 vehicle registration renewal rebate, the registered owner of a hybrid
15 or alternative fuel vehicle shall provide to the department the
16 odometer reading of the vehicle as of the first day of the
17 registration year in a form and manner specified by the department.

18 (c) Upon vehicle registration renewal, the department shall
19 determine the mileage increase for the vehicle over the course of the
20 previous registration year based upon the new reading of the
21 odometer. If the mileage increase is less than six thousand miles,

1 the department shall rebate thirty dollars of the registration
2 renewal fee of the fee established in RCW 46.17.324(2) paid for the
3 previous registration year.

4 (2) The department must provide information about the rebate
5 program to hybrid or alternative fuel vehicle owners.

6 (3) The department must adopt rules necessary to carry out this
7 section.

8 **Sec. 2.** RCW 46.17.324 and 2019 c 287 s 23 are each amended to
9 read as follows:

10 To realize the environmental benefits of electrification of the
11 transportation system it is necessary to support the adoption of
12 electric vehicles and other electric technology in the state by
13 incentivizing the purchase of these vehicles, building out the
14 charging infrastructure, developing greener transit options, and
15 supporting clean alternative fuel infrastructure. Therefore, it is
16 the intent of the legislature to support these activities through the
17 imposition of new transportation electrification fees in this
18 section.

19 (1) A vehicle that both (a) uses at least one method of
20 propulsion that is capable of being reenergized by an external source
21 of electricity and (b) is capable of traveling at least thirty miles
22 using only battery power, is subject to an annual seventy-five dollar
23 transportation electrification fee to be collected by the department,
24 county auditor, or other agent or subagent appointed by the director,
25 in addition to any other fees and taxes required by law. For
26 administrative efficiencies, the transportation electrification fee
27 must be collected at the same time as vehicle registration renewals
28 and may only be collected for vehicles that are renewing an annual
29 vehicle registration.

30 (2) Beginning October 1, 2019, in lieu of the fee in subsection
31 (1) of this section for a hybrid or alternative fuel vehicle that is
32 not required to pay the fees established in RCW 46.17.323 (1) and
33 (4), the department, county auditor, or other agent or subagent
34 appointed by the director must require that the applicant for the
35 annual vehicle registration renewal of such hybrid or alternative
36 fuel vehicle pay a seventy-five dollar hybrid vehicle transportation
37 electrification fee, in addition to any other fees and taxes required
38 by law. The department, county auditor, or other agent or subagent

1 must also implement the hybrid or alternative fuel vehicle rebate
2 program established under section 1 of this act.

3 (3) The fees required under this section must be deposited in the
4 electric vehicle account created in RCW 82.44.200, until July 1,
5 2025, when the fee must be deposited in the motor vehicle account.

6 (4) This section only applies to a vehicle that is designed to
7 have the capability to drive at a speed of more than thirty-five
8 miles per hour.

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