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1 AN ACT Relating to providing permanent registration for vintage
2 snowmobiles; amending RCW 46.17.350 and 46.10.400; adding a new
3 section to chapter 46.16A RCW; adding a new section to chapter 46.68
4 RCW; prescribing penalties; and providing an effective date.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 46.16A
7 RCW to read as follows:

8 (1) A vintage snowmobile in good working order that is used only
9 for participation in club activities, exhibitions, tours, and
10 parades, and for occasional pleasure use, may be issued a permanent
11 vintage registration. To be eligible to receive a permanent vintage
12 registration, the registered owner of the vintage snowmobile must:

13 (a) Apply for a permanent vintage registration with the
14 department, county auditor or other agent, or subagent appointed by
15 the director; and

16 (b) Pay the permanent vintage snowmobile fee required under RCW
17 46.17.350.

18 (2) A vintage snowmobile with a permanent vintage registration
19 under this section is exempt from annual registration renewal under
20 RCW 46.10.400.

1 (3) The permanent vintage registration under this section expires
2 when the vintage snowmobile changes ownership, is permanently removed
3 from the state, or is otherwise disposed of.

4 (4) A person in violation of this section is subject to a traffic
5 infraction with a maximum fine of \$150 including all other applicable
6 assessments and fees.

7 (5) A vintage snowmobile with a permanent vintage registration
8 under this section must display vintage snowmobile decals, assigned
9 by the department, as provided in RCW 46.10.440.

10 (6) For purposes of this section, "occasional pleasure use" means
11 use that is not general or daily, but seasonal or sporadic and not
12 more than once per week on average. "Occasional pleasure use" does
13 not mean: (a) Being held for rent to the public; or (b) use for
14 commercial or business purposes.

15 (7) The department may adopt rules to implement this section.

16 **Sec. 2.** RCW 46.17.350 and 2019 c 44 s 4 are each amended to read
17 as follows:

18 (1) Before accepting an application for a vehicle registration,
19 the department, county auditor or other agent, or subagent appointed
20 by the director shall require the applicant, unless specifically
21 exempt, to pay the following vehicle license fee by vehicle type:

VEHICLE TYPE	INITIAL FEE	RENEWAL FEE	DISTRIBUTED UNDER
(a) Auto stage, six seats or less	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.030
(b) Camper	\$ 4.90	\$ 3.50	RCW 46.68.030
(c) Commercial trailer	\$ 34.00	\$ 34.00	RCW 46.68.035
(d) For hire vehicle, six seats or less	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.030
(e) Mobile home (if registered)	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.030
(f) Moped	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.030
(g) Motor home	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.030
(h) Motorcycle	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.030
(i) Off-road vehicle	\$ 18.00	\$ 18.00	RCW 46.68.045
(j) Passenger car	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.030

1	(k) Private use single-axle	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00	RCW 46.68.035
2	trailer			
3	(l) Snowmobile	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	RCW 46.68.350
4	(m) Snowmobile,	<u>\$ 70.00</u>		<u>Section 4 of this act</u>
5	<u>permanent vintage</u>			
6	(n) Snowmobile, vintage	\$ 12.00	\$ 12.00	RCW 46.68.350
7	((n)) (o) Sport utility	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.030
8	vehicle			
9	((o)) (p) Tow truck	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.030
10	((p)) (q) Trailer, over 2000	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.030
11	pounds			
12	((q)) (r) Travel trailer	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.030
13	((r)) (s) Wheeled all-	\$ 12.00	\$ 12.00	RCW 46.09.540
14	terrain vehicle, on-			
15	road use			
16	((s)) (t) Wheeled all-	\$ 18.00	\$ 18.00	RCW 46.09.510
17	terrain vehicle, off-			
18	road use			

19 (2) The vehicle license fee required in subsection (1) of this
20 section is in addition to the filing fee required under RCW
21 46.17.005, and any other fee or tax required by law.

22 **Sec. 3.** RCW 46.10.400 and 2010 c 161 s 228 are each amended to
23 read as follows:

24 (1) The application for an original snowmobile registration has
25 the same requirements as described for original vehicle registrations
26 in RCW 46.16A.040 and must be accompanied by the annual snowmobile
27 registration fee required under RCW 46.17.350, in addition to any
28 other fees and taxes due at the time of application.

29 (2) The application for renewal of a snowmobile registration has
30 the same requirements as described for the renewal of vehicle
31 registrations in RCW 46.16A.110 and must be accompanied by the annual
32 snowmobile registration fee required under RCW 46.17.350, in addition
33 to any other fees or taxes due at the time of application.

34 (3) ~~((The))~~ Except as provided in section 1 of this act, the
35 snowmobile registration is valid for one year and must be renewed
36 each year thereafter as determined by the department.

1 (4) A person who acquires a snowmobile that has a valid
2 snowmobile registration must:

3 (a) Apply to the department, county auditor or other agent, or
4 subagent appointed by the director for a transfer of the snowmobile
5 registration within ten days of taking possession of the snowmobile;
6 and

7 (b) Pay the snowmobile registration transfer fee required under
8 RCW 46.17.420, in addition to any other fees or taxes due at the time
9 of application.

10 (5) The department shall issue a snowmobile registration and
11 snowmobile decals upon receipt of:

12 (a) A properly completed application for an original snowmobile
13 registration; and

14 (b) The payment of all fees and taxes due at the time of
15 application.

16 (6) The snowmobile registration must be carried on the vehicle
17 for which it was issued at all times during its operation in this
18 state.

19 (7) Snowmobile decals must be affixed to the snowmobile as
20 provided in RCW 46.10.440.

21 (8) Snowmobile registration fees provided in this section and in
22 RCW 46.17.350 are in lieu of any personal property or excise tax
23 imposed on snowmobiles by this state or any political subdivision. A
24 state agency, city, county, or other municipality may not impose
25 other registration fees on a snowmobile in this state.

26 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 46.68
27 RCW to read as follows:

28 The permanent vintage snowmobile fee imposed under RCW 46.17.350
29 must be distributed as follows:

30 (1) \$35.76 of each fee must be deposited in the snowmobile
31 account under RCW 46.68.350;

32 (2) \$8.91 of each fee must be distributed as provided in RCW
33 46.68.400;

34 (3) \$23.84 of each fee must be deposited in the capital vessel
35 replacement account under RCW 47.60.322, unless the fee was collected
36 by a subagent in which case the fee must be retained by the subagent;

37 (4) \$0.99 of each fee must be deposited in the department of
38 licensing services account under RCW 46.68.220; and

1 (5) \$0.50 of each fee must be deposited in the license plate
2 technology account under RCW 46.68.370.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** This act takes effect October 1, 2024.

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