AN ACT Relating to electric vehicle license fees; adding a new section to chapter 46.17 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. The legislature recognizes that the motor vehicle fuel tax is the primary source of funding for the state's transportation system. As the state's fleet changes from motor vehicles powered by traditional sources, such as gasoline and diesel, to those powered by electricity, the ability of the state to fund the maintenance and preservation of the transportation system is compromised. In order to mitigate the impacts of the diminishing motor vehicle fuel tax, and to create a system where each driver pays for a fair portion of his or her use of the road, an additional fee is imposed on electric vehicles.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 46.17 RCW to read as follows:

(1) Before accepting an application for a vehicle registration for an electric vehicle that uses propulsion units powered solely by electricity, the department, county auditor or other agent, or subagent
appointed by the director shall require the applicant to pay a one
hundred dollar fee in addition to any other fees and taxes required by
law. The one hundred dollar fee is due at the time of initial vehicle
registration and annual registration renewal.

(2) The fee under this section is imposed to provide funds to
mitigate the impact of vehicles on state roads and highways, and is
separate and distinct from other vehicle license fees. Proceeds from
the fee must be used for highway purposes, and must be deposited in the
motor vehicle fund created in RCW 46.68.070.

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