REGISTRATION FEE INCREASES

Agency: Secretary of State

Date: December 2016

Effective January 1, 2017 – Registration Fee Hikes

NEW VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEES BEGIN JANUARY 1, 2017

Public Act 174 of 2015 amends the Michigan Vehicle Code to raise the following vehicle registration fees by 20% effective January 1, 2017:

- Ad valorem fees
- GVW fees

No other registration fees (empty weight commercial, motorcycle, trailer, etc.) are impacted other than hybrid and electrical vehicles.

Original, renewal, and renewal/transfer registration transactions for vehicles purchased before January 1, 2017 are assessed the 2016 registration fees. Those purchased on or after January 1st are assessed 20% higher fees.

ADDED FEES FOR ELECTRIC AND HYBRID VEHICLES

Effective January 1, 2017, electric and hybrid passenger vehicle registrants will be required to pay 20% higher registration fees and an additional fee in the following amounts:

- Electric vehicles pay an added $135 (not prorated):
  $100 electric fee + $35 electric gasoline tax fee = $135

- Hybrid vehicles pay an added $47 (not prorated):
  $30 hybrid fee + $17 hybrid gasoline tax fee = $47

An electric vehicle is defined as one propelled solely by electrical energy and is not capable of using gasoline, diesel, or another fuel for propulsion. Vehicles fall within this definition because its power train is exclusively electric. As an example, a vehicle with a gas engine which does not propel the wheels but only powers the generator for the electric motor(s) to power the wheels meets the definition of an electrical vehicle.
A **hybrid vehicle** is defined as one propelled at least in part by electrical energy and uses a battery storage system but is also capable of using gasoline, diesel, or another fuel to propel the vehicle.

**REGISTRATION FEE EFFECTIVE DATES**

- 2016 registration fees are charged for vehicle dealers who complete a sale before January 1, 2017 but submit the RD-108 after January the 1st. Use the Purchase Date in the upper left corner of the RD-108 to determine the effective date of the registration fees. As an example, if the purchase date indicates a December 31, 2016 purchase, then apply the 2016 registration fee.

- Vehicles purchased on or after January 1, 2017 will be assessed the 2017 increased registration fees.

**PLATE FEE INFORMATION**

The Department will post a new plate fee calculator on its website and new plate fee charts in updates to the Michigan Dealer Manual. This will include:

- Ad Valorem Fee Charts
- GVW Plate Fee Charts

**CONTACT INFORMATION FOR QUESTIONS**

Comments regarding the fee increase can be sent directly to the Secretary of State via the following link:

[http://www.michigan.gov/sos/0,4670,7-127-13162-25634--,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/sos/0,4670,7-127-13162-25634--,00.html)

Questions may be directed to the Department of State Information Center toll-free number at (888) 767-6424 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.