

Assembly Bill No. 2393

CHAPTER 292

An act to amend Section 9250.19 of the Vehicle Code, relating to vehicle registration fees, and making an appropriation therefor.

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AB 2393, Levine. Vehicle registration fees.

Existing law authorizes a county, upon the adoption of a resolution by its board of supervisors, to impose a fee of \$1 on all motor vehicles, except as provided, in addition to other fees imposed for the registration of a vehicle. Existing law requires registered owners of a commercial vehicle in a county that has so imposed that \$1 fee to pay an additional \$2 fee. Existing law requires the county, after deducting administrative costs, to pay those fees to the Controller quarterly. Existing law continuously appropriates the money generated by these fees to the Controller for disbursement to each county that has adopted a resolution as described above, and limits the expenditure of the money so disbursed to certain purposes related to law enforcement.

This bill would additionally authorize a county, that has adopted the resolution to impose the \$1 fee, to increase that fee to \$2 in the same manner that it imposed the initial \$1 fee. The bill would alternatively authorize a county that has not adopted a \$1 fee to impose an initial \$2 fee in the same manner that it is authorized to impose a \$1 fee. If a county imposes a \$2 fee pursuant to these provisions, the bill would increase the additional \$2 fee on commercial vehicles to \$4. The bill would require the county to submit resolutions to impose or increase fees pursuant to these provisions to the Department of Motor Vehicles at least 6 months prior to the operative date of the fee.

This bill makes an appropriation by authorizing a county to increase the amount of fees that are continuously appropriated to the Controller.

Appropriation: yes.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 9250.19 of the Vehicle Code is amended to read:
9250.19. (a) (1) In addition to any other fees specified in this code and the Revenue and Taxation Code, upon the adoption of a resolution pursuant to this subdivision by any county board of supervisors, a fee of one dollar (\$1) shall be paid at the time of registration, renewal, or supplemental application for apportioned registration pursuant to Article 4 (commencing

with Section 8050) of Chapter 4 of every vehicle, except vehicles described in subdivision (a) of Section 5014.1, registered to an address within that county except those expressly exempted from payment of registration fees. The fees, after deduction of the administrative costs incurred by the department in carrying out this section, shall be paid quarterly to the Controller.

(2) (A) If a county has adopted a resolution to impose a one-dollar (\$1) fee pursuant to paragraph (1), the county may increase the fee specified in paragraph (1) to two dollars (\$2) in the same manner as the imposition of the initial fee pursuant to paragraph (1). The two dollars (\$2) shall be paid at the time of registration or renewal of registration of a vehicle, and quarterly to the Controller, as provided in paragraph (1).

(B) If a county has not adopted a resolution to impose a one-dollar (\$1) fee pursuant to paragraph (1), the county may instead adopt a fee of two dollars (\$2) in the manner prescribed in paragraph (1).

(C) A resolution to impose a fee of two dollars (\$2) pursuant to subparagraph (A) or (B) shall be submitted to the department at least six months prior to the operative date of the fee increase.

(3) In addition to the one-dollar (\$1) service fee, and upon the implementation of the permanent trailer identification plate program, and as part of the Commercial Vehicle Registration Act of 2001, all commercial motor vehicles subject to Section 9400.1 registered to an owner with an address in the county that established a service authority under this section, shall pay an additional service fee of two dollars (\$2).

(4) (A) If a county imposes a service fee of two dollars (\$2) by adopting a resolution pursuant to subparagraph (A) or (B) of paragraph (2), the fee specified in paragraph (3) shall be increased to four dollars (\$4). The four dollars (\$4) shall be paid at the time of registration or renewal of registration of a vehicle, and quarterly to the Controller as provided in paragraph (1).

(B) A resolution adopted pursuant to subparagraph (A) or (B) of paragraph (2) shall be submitted to the department at least six months prior to the operative date of the fee.

(5) A resolution adopted pursuant to paragraph (1) or (2) shall include findings as to the purpose of, and the need for, imposing the additional registration fee.

(b) Notwithstanding Section 13340 of the Government Code, the money paid to the Controller pursuant to subdivision (a) is continuously appropriated, without regard to fiscal years, for disbursement by the Controller to each county that has adopted a resolution pursuant to subdivision (a), based upon the number of vehicles registered, or whose registration is renewed, to an address within that county, or supplemental application for apportioned registration, and for the administrative costs of the Controller incurred under this section.

(c) Money allocated to a county pursuant to subdivision (b) shall be expended exclusively to fund programs that enhance the capacity of local law enforcement to provide automated mobile and fixed location fingerprint identification of individuals who may be involved in driving under the

influence of alcohol or drugs in violation of Section 23152 or 23153, or vehicular manslaughter in violation of Section 191.5 of the Penal Code or subdivision (c) of Section 192 of the Penal Code, or any combination of those and other vehicle-related crimes, and other crimes committed while operating a motor vehicle.

(d) The data from a program funded pursuant to subdivision (c) shall be made available by the local law enforcement agency to a local public agency that is required by law to obtain a criminal history background of persons as a condition of employment with that local public agency. A local law enforcement agency that provides the data may charge a fee to cover its actual costs in providing that data.

(e) (1) Money collected pursuant to this section shall not be used to offset a reduction in any other source of funds for the purposes authorized under this section.

(2) Funds collected pursuant to this section, upon recommendation of local or regional Remote Access Network Boards to the board of supervisors, shall be used exclusively for the purchase, by competitive bidding procedures, and the operation of equipment that is compatible with the Department of Justice's Cal-ID master plan, as described in Section 11112.2 of the Penal Code, and the equipment shall interface in a manner that is in compliance with the requirement described in the Criminal Justice Information Services, Electronic Fingerprint Transmission Specification, prepared by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and dated August 24, 1995.

(f) Every county that has authorized the collection of the fee pursuant to subdivision (a) shall issue a fiscal yearend report to the Controller on or before November 1 of each year, summarizing all of the following with respect to those fees:

(1) The total revenues received by the county for the fiscal year.

(2) The total expenditures and encumbered funds by the county for the fiscal year. For purposes of this subdivision, "encumbered funds" means funding that is scheduled to be spent pursuant to a determined schedule and for an identified purchase consistent with this section.

(3) Any unexpended or unencumbered fee revenues for the county for the fiscal year.

(4) The estimated annual cost of the purchase, operation, and maintenance of automated mobile and fixed location fingerprint equipment, related infrastructure, law enforcement enhancement programs, and personnel created or utilized in accordance with this section for the fiscal year. The listing shall detail the make and model number of the equipment, and include a succinct description of the related infrastructure items, law enforcement enhancement programs, and the classification or title of any personnel.

(5) How the use of the funds benefits the motoring public.

(g) For each county that fails to submit the report required pursuant to subdivision (f) by November 1 of each year, the Controller shall notify the Department of Motor Vehicles to suspend the fee for that county imposed pursuant to subdivision (a) for one year.

(h) If any funds received by a county pursuant to subdivision (a) are not expended or encumbered in accordance with this section by the close of the fiscal year in which the funds were received, the Controller shall notify the Department of Motor Vehicles to suspend the fee for that county imposed pursuant to subdivision (a) for one year. For purposes of this subdivision, “encumbered funds” means funding that is scheduled to be spent pursuant to a determined schedule and for an identified purchase consistent with this section.