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SENATE BILL NO. 675

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A BILL to amend and reenact § 46.2-694, as it is currently effective and as it may become effective, of the Code of Virginia, relating to special fund for emergency medical services; distribution of certain funds to localities.

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Referred to Committee on General Laws and Technology

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 46.2-694, as it is currently effective and as it may become effective, of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 46.2-694. (Contingent expiration date) Fees for vehicles designed and used for transportation of passengers; weights used for computing fees; burden of proof.

A. The annual registration fees for motor vehicles, trailers, and semitrailers designed and used for the transportation of passengers on the highways in the Commonwealth are:

1. a. Twenty-three dollars for each private passenger car if the passenger car weighs 4,000 pounds or less, provided that it is not used for the transportation of passengers for compensation and is not kept or used for rent or for hire, or is not operated under a lease without a chauffeur; however, the fee provided under this subdivision shall apply to a private passenger car that weighs 4,000 pounds or less and is used as a TNC partner vehicle as defined in § 46.2-2000.

b. Thirty-three dollars for each motor home if the motor home weighs 4,000 pounds or less, provided that it is not used for the transportation of passengers for compensation and is not kept or used for rent or for hire, or is not operated under a lease without a chauffeur.

2. a. Twenty-eight dollars for each private passenger car that weighs more than 4,000 pounds, provided that it is not used for the transportation of passengers for compensation and is not kept or used for rent or for hire, or is not operated under a lease without a chauffeur; however, the fee provided under this subdivision shall apply to a private passenger car that weighs more than 4,000 pounds and is used as a TNC partner vehicle as defined in § 46.2-2000.

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3. Thirty cents per 100 pounds or major fraction thereof for a private motor vehicle other than a motorcycle with a normal seating capacity of more than 10 adults, including the driver, if the private motor vehicle is not used for the transportation of passengers for compensation and is not kept or used for rent or for hire or is not operated under a lease without a chauffeur. In no case shall the fee be less than \$23 if the vehicle weighs 4,000 pounds or less or \$28 if the vehicle weighs more than 4,000 pounds.

4. Thirty cents per 100 pounds or major fraction thereof for a school bus. In no case shall the fee be less than \$23 if the vehicle weighs 4,000 pounds or less or \$28 if the vehicle weighs more than 4,000 pounds.

5. Twenty-three dollars for each trailer or semitrailer designed for use as living quarters for human beings.

6. Thirteen dollars plus \$0.30 per 100 pounds or major fraction thereof for each motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer used as a common carrier of passengers, operating either intrastate or interstate. Interstate common carriers of interstate passengers may elect to be licensed and pay the fees prescribed in subdivision 7 on submission to the Commissioner of a declaration of operations and equipment as he may prescribe. An additional \$5 shall be charged if the motor vehicle weighs more than 4,000 pounds.

7. Thirteen dollars plus \$0.70 per 100 pounds or major fraction thereof for each motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer used as a common carrier of interstate passengers if election is made to be licensed under this subsection. An additional \$5 shall be charged if the motor vehicle weighs more than 4,000 pounds. In lieu of the foregoing fee of \$0.70 per 100 pounds, a motor carrier of passengers, operating two or more vehicles both within and outside the Commonwealth and registered for insurance purposes with the Surface Transportation Board of the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, may apply to the Commissioner for prorated registration. Upon the filing of such application, in such form as the Commissioner may prescribe, the Commissioner shall apportion the registration fees provided in this subsection so that the total registration fees to be paid for such vehicles of such carrier shall be that proportion of the total fees, if there were no apportionment, that the total number of miles traveled by such vehicles of such carrier within the Commonwealth bears to the total number of miles traveled by such vehicles within and outside the Commonwealth. Such total mileage in each instance is the estimated total

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59 mileage to be traveled by such vehicles during the license year for which such fees are paid, subject to the
60 adjustment in accordance with an audit to be made by representatives of the Commissioner at the end of such
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63 each such vehicle shall not be less than \$33. For the purpose of determining such apportioned registration
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65 shall be subject to inclusion in determining the apportionment provided for herein.

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67 semitrailer kept or used for rent or for hire or operated under a lease without a chauffeur for the transportation
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69 subdivision does not apply to vehicles used as common carriers or as TNC partner vehicles as defined in
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71 9. Twenty-three dollars for a taxicab or other vehicle which is kept for rent or hire operated with a
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76 10. Fourteen dollars for a motorcycle, with or without a sidecar. To this fee shall be added a surcharge of
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78 10a. Twelve dollars for a moped, to be paid into the state treasury and set aside as a special fund to be
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88 the \$4.25 fee shall be paid into the state treasury and shall be set aside as a special fund to be used only for
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90 distributed as follows:

91 a. Two percent shall be distributed to the State Department of Health to provide funding to the Virginia
92 Association of Volunteer Rescue Squads to be used solely for the purpose of conducting volunteer
93 recruitment, retention, and training activities;

94 b. Thirty percent shall be distributed to the State Department of Health to support (i) emergency medical
95 services training programs (excluding advanced life support classes); (ii) advanced life support training; (iii)
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101 stipulated in § 32.1-111.3; (vi) technology and radio communication enhancements; and (vii) improved
102 emergency preparedness and response. Any funds set aside for distribution under this provision and
103 remaining undistributed at the end of any fiscal year shall revert to the Rescue Squad Assistance Fund;

104 c. Thirty-two percent shall be distributed to the Rescue Squad Assistance Fund;

105 d. Ten percent shall be available to the State Department of Health's Office of Emergency Medical
106 Services for use in emergency medical services; and

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131 B. All motor vehicles, trailers, and semitrailers registered as provided in subsection B of § 46.2-646 shall
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 134 months in the registration period for such motor vehicles, trailers, and semitrailers.

135 C. The manufacturer's shipping weight or scale weight shall be used for computing all fees required by
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