

**35TH LEGISLATURE
2ND REGULAR SESSION**

(ADMIN/BY REQ)

**S.B. NO.
IN THE SENATE**

INTRODUCED BY: Sen. Gaoteote Palaie Tofau, D-4

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON:

SUBJECT:

HIGHWAYS AND MOTOR VEHICLES—VEHICLE LICENSING AND REGISTRATION

SUMMARY:

This bill amends the registration of vehicles to annually require fees based on weight.

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT AMENDING THE
5 REGISTRATIONS OF VEHICLES TO ANNUALLY REQUIRE FEES BASED
6 ON WEIGHT; AMENDING SECTION 22.1002 A.S.C.A."

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8 Preamble:

9 WHEREAS, weight was added to registration fees in 1980; and

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11 WHEREAS, fees based on weight are levied in over 13 states; and

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13 WHEREAS, due to increase use of the roads, inflation, costs to run the
14 government, and the cost to repair roads these fees must be updated; and

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16 WHEREAS, heavier motor vehicles place more wear and tear on our roads; and

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18 WHEREAS, road repairs and construction come at a huge cost and these fees will
19 help cover a portion of those expenses.

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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF AMERICAN SAMOA:

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23 Section 1. 22.1002 is amended to read:

24 "22.1002 Application for and issuance of license—Fees.

25 (a) Application for a motor vehicle license shall be made to the
26 Commissioner on forms as the Commissioner may prescribe.

27 (b) No motor vehicle license may be issued without:

28 (1) payment of the prescribed motor vehicle license fee;

(2) presentation of a valid inspection certificate issued pursuant to 22.1201 et seq.;

(3) certification of insurance coverage as required by 22.2001 et seq., provided that such coverage will be effective for the period of the license;

(4) issuance of a valid motor vehicle registration.

(c) Upon satisfactory compliance with the provisions of this section the Commissioner shall issue 2 decals to the applicant which decals denominate the period for which registration is effective and are to be placed on the license tags.

(d) The following vehicle license registration fees are established:

(1) motor vehicle, including private vehicles, cargo vehicles, buses, motorcycles, taxis, trailers, tractors and rentals, \$32.00; plus per ton of weight, or fraction thereof, \$12.00;

(2) bicycle, \$2.00;

(3) renewal for motor vehicle, \$32.00; plus per ton of weight, or fraction thereof, \$12.00;

(4) Legal Ownership Certificates and Titles, \$10.00;

(5) Transfers, \$10.00;

(6) Shipments, \$10.00;

(7) Conversions, \$12.00;

(8) Duplicate titles, \$10.00;

(9) Late penalties, \$9.00.

(e) For the purposes of subsection (d), the definitions in 22.0101 apply.

(f) The Commissioner shall issue 2 license tags to each applicant:

(1) registering a vehicle not registered in the Territory in the preceding 5 years; or

(2) whose tags have been lost or stolen, upon proof of same. The fee for replacing lost or stolen tags or plates shall be \$22.00.

(g) For purposes of this section only, a total of \$7.00 from each fee paid shall be placed in a revenue fund for the Department of Public Safety for law

1 enforcement costs and maintenance and supplies for production of driver licenses
2 and vehicle registrations.

3 (h) Half (50%) of tonnage fees collected under A.S.C.A. 22.1002(d)(1)(3)
4 shall be placed in a road maintenance fund to be used for road repair.”

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6 Sec 2. Effective date.

7 In accordance with Article II, Section 19 of the Revised Constitution of
8 American Samoa and subject to the implementation dates set out above, this bill
9 shall become effective 60 days after the end of the session at which it has been
10 passed.

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