

IN THE SENATE

SENATE BILL NO. 1249

BY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1 RELATING TO LICENSE PLATES; AMENDING SECTION 49-402, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE
2 A CODE REFERENCE; AND AMENDING CHAPTER 4, TITLE 49, IDAHO CODE, BY THE
3 ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 49-420R, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR CHOOSE
4 LIFE LICENSE PLATES.
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6 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

7 SECTION 1. That Section 49-402, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
8 amended to read as follows:

9 49-402. ANNUAL REGISTRATION. (1) The annual fee for operating each
10 pickup truck, each neighborhood electric vehicle and each other motor ve-
11 hicle having a maximum gross weight not in excess of eight thousand (8,000)
12 pounds and that complies with the federal motor vehicle safety standards as
13 defined in section 49-107, Idaho Code, shall be:

- 14 Vehicles one (1) and two (2) years old\$69.00
- 15 Vehicles three (3) and four (4) years old\$57.00
- 16 Vehicles five (5) and six (6) years old\$57.00
- 17 Vehicles seven (7) and eight (8) years old\$45.00
- 18 Vehicles over eight (8) years old\$45.00

19 There shall be twelve (12) registration periods, starting in January
20 for holders of validation registration stickers numbered 1, and proceed-
21 ing consecutively through December for holders of validation registration
22 stickers numbered 12, each of which shall start on the first day of a calendar
23 month and end on the last day of the twelfth month from the first day of the
24 beginning month. Registration periods shall expire midnight on the last day
25 of the registration period in the year designated by the validation regis-
26 tration sticker. The numeral digit on the validation registration stickers
27 shall, as does the registration card, fix the registration period under the
28 staggered registration system for the purpose of reregistration and notice
29 of expiration.

30 A vehicle that has once been registered for any of the above-designated
31 periods shall, upon reregistration, be registered for the period bearing the
32 same number, and the registration card shall show and be the exclusive proof
33 of the expiration date of registration and licensing. Vehicles may be ini-
34 tially registered for less than a twelve (12) month period, or for more than a
35 twelve (12) month period, and the fee prorated on a monthly basis if the frac-
36 tional registration tends to fulfill the purpose of the monthly series reg-
37 istration system.

38 (2) For all school buses operated either by a nonprofit, nonpublic
39 school or operated pursuant to a service contract with a school district for
40 transporting children to or from school or in connection with school-ap-
41 proved activities, the annual fee shall be twenty-four dollars (\$24.00) and

1 shall be subject to staggered registration for the purpose of reregistration
2 and notice of expiration.

3 (3) For all motorcycles and motor-driven cycles that comply with the
4 federal motor vehicle safety standards, operated upon the public highways,
5 the annual fee shall be nineteen dollars (\$19.00) and shall be subject to
6 staggered registration for the purpose of reregistration and notice of ex-
7 piration.

8 (4) For operation of an all-terrain vehicle, utility type vehicle or
9 motorbike, excluding a motorbike with an engine displacement of fifty (50)
10 cubic centimeters or less, on city, county or highway district roads or
11 highways open to such use, a restricted vehicle license plate fee pursuant
12 to section 49-450, Idaho Code, shall be paid. In addition, the registration
13 fee specified in section 67-7122, Idaho Code, shall be paid as provided in
14 section 67-7122, Idaho Code. The registration and restricted vehicle li-
15 cense plate exemption provided in section 49-426(2), Idaho Code, applies
16 to all-terrain vehicles, utility type vehicles, motorbikes and motorcycles
17 used for the purposes described in section 49-426(2), Idaho Code. Nonres-
18 idents shall be allowed to purchase a restricted vehicle license plate and
19 sticker for an all-terrain vehicle, utility type vehicle or motorbike.

20 (5) For all motor homes, the fee shall be as specified in subsection (1)
21 of this section and shall be in addition to the fees provided for in section
22 49-445, Idaho Code.

23 (6) Registration fees shall not be subject to refund.

24 (7) A financial institution or repossession service contracted to
25 a financial institution repossessing vehicles under the terms of a secu-
26 rity agreement shall move the vehicle from the place of repossession to the
27 financial institution's place of business on a repossession plate. The
28 repossession plate shall also be used for demonstrating the vehicle to a
29 prospective purchaser for a period not to exceed ninety-six (96) hours. The
30 registration fees for repossession plates shall be as required in subsection
31 (1) of this section for a vehicle one (1) and two (2) years old. All other
32 fees required under chapter 4, title 49, Idaho Code, shall be in addition to
33 the registration fee. The repossession plate shall be subject to staggered
34 registration for the purpose of reregistration and notice of expiration.

35 (8) A wrecker or towing business engaged in the process of towing motor-
36 ized vehicles, which have been wrecked, abandoned, salvaged or may be dis-
37 abled, may apply for a wrecker plate to be displayed on those vehicles being
38 towed, provided the power unit is properly registered under this chapter.
39 The registration fees for wrecker plates shall be as required in subsection
40 (1) of this section for a vehicle one (1) and two (2) years old. All other
41 fees required under chapter 4, title 49, Idaho Code, shall be in addition to
42 the registration fee and shall be subject to staggered registration for the
43 purpose of reregistration and notice of expiration.

44 (9) In addition to the annual registration fee in this section, there
45 shall be an initial program fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) and an an-
46 nual program fee of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) for all special license plate
47 programs for those license plates issued pursuant to sections 49-404A,
48 49-407, 49-408, 49-409, 49-414, 49-416, 49-418 and 49-418D, Idaho Code. For
49 special plates issued pursuant to sections 49-406 and 49-406A, Idaho Code,
50 there shall be an initial program fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) but

1 there shall be no annual renewal fee. For special plates issued pursuant
 2 to sections 49-415D, 49-417, 49-417A, 49-417B, 49-417C, 49-417D, 49-418A,
 3 49-418B, 49-418C, 49-419, 49-419A, 49-419C, 49-419E, 49-420, 49-420A,
 4 49-420B, 49-420C, 49-420D, 49-420E, 49-420J, 49-420K, 49-420L, 49-420M,
 5 49-420N, 49-420O, 49-420P, and 49-420Q, and 49-420R, Idaho Code, and any
 6 new special plate program effective on and after January 1, 2013, pursuant
 7 to section 49-402D, Idaho Code, there shall be an initial program fee of
 8 thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) and an annual program fee of twenty-five dol-
 9 lars (\$25.00). The fees contained in this subsection shall be applicable to
 10 all new special plate programs and shall be subject to staggered registra-
 11 tion for the purpose of reregistration and notice of expiration. The initial
 12 program fee and the annual program fee shall be deposited in the state high-
 13 way account and shall be used to fund the cost of administration of special
 14 license plate programs, unless otherwise specified by law.

15 (10) Any vehicle that does not meet federal motor vehicle safety stan-
 16 dards shall not be registered and shall not be permitted to operate on public
 17 highways of the state, as defined in section 40-117, Idaho Code, unless oth-
 18 erwise specifically authorized.

19 (11) In addition to annual registration fees as provided in this sec-
 20 tion, registrants may pay a fee to purchase an Idaho state parks passport
 21 authorizing resident motor vehicle entry into all Idaho state parks. Reg-
 22 istrants may pay the fee for a one (1) year or two (2) year period of time.
 23 The fee shall be ten dollars (\$10.00) for one (1) year and twenty dollars
 24 (\$20.00) for two (2) years. All fees collected pursuant to this subsection
 25 shall be deposited into the park and recreation fund and shall be subject to
 26 appropriation. Fees collected pursuant to this subsection shall not be con-
 27 sidered a motor vehicle registration fee as provided in section 17, article
 28 VII, of the constitution of the state of Idaho.

29 SECTION 2. That Chapter 4, Title 49, Idaho Code, be, and the same is
 30 hereby amended by the addition thereto of a NEW SECTION, to be known and des-
 31 ignated as Section 49-420R, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

32 49-420R. CHOOSE LIFE LICENSE PLATES. (1) Effective January 1, 2021,
 33 any person who is the owner of a vehicle registered under the provisions of
 34 section 49-402, Idaho Code, or registered under any other section of law for
 35 which the purchase of special plates is allowed, may apply for and, upon de-
 36 partment approval, receive choose life license plates in lieu of regular li-
 37 cense plates. The provisions of this section shall not apply to any vehi-
 38 cle with a registered maximum gross weight over twenty-six thousand (26,000)
 39 pounds. Availability of choose life license plates for other vehicles shall
 40 be subject to the rules, policies, and procedures of the department.

41 (2) In addition to the regular registration fee required in this chap-
 42 ter, the applicant shall be charged a fee of thirty-five dollars (\$35.00)
 43 for the initial issuance of plates, and twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) upon
 44 each succeeding annual registration. Thirteen dollars (\$13.00) of the ini-
 45 tial fee and thirteen dollars (\$13.00) of the renewal fee shall be deposited
 46 in the state highway account and shall be used to fund the cost of adminis-
 47 tration of this special license plate program. Twenty-two dollars (\$22.00)
 48 of each initial fee and twelve dollars (\$12.00) of each renewal fee shall be
 49 transferred by the state treasurer to Choose Life Idaho, Inc., and shall be

1 used in Idaho to provide grant dollars to support life-affirming pregnancy
2 resource centers in order to help pregnant women choose life for their babies
3 and to encourage adoption as a positive choice for women with unplanned preg-
4 nancies.

5 (3) Whenever title or interest in a vehicle registered under the pro-
6 visions of this section is transferred or assigned, the owner may transfer
7 the special plates to another vehicle upon payment of the required transfer
8 fees. The owner may display the plates on another vehicle only upon receipt
9 of the new registration from the department.

10 (4) The choose life license plate shall be of a color and design in ac-
11 cordance with the provisions of section 49-402C, Idaho Code. The design and
12 any slogan on the plate shall be acceptable to Choose Life Idaho, Inc., and
13 shall be approved by the Idaho transportation department utilizing a number-
14 ing system as determined by the department. Initial costs of the plate pro-
15 gram, including costs of plate design, shall be paid by Choose Life Idaho,
16 Inc.

17 (5) Sample choose life license plates may be purchased for a fee of
18 thirty dollars (\$30.00), thirteen dollars (\$13.00) of which shall be de-
19 posited in the state highway account and seventeen dollars (\$17.00) of which
20 shall be transferred to Choose Life Idaho, Inc., to be used for the purpose
21 stated in subsection (2) of this section.