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HOUSE BILL NO. 924

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BY REPRESENTATIVE BOYD AND SENATOR CARTER

TRANSPORTATION: Increases the fee charged for trucks and trailers statewide

AN ACT

| 2 | To amend and reenact R.S. 47:462(B)(1) and (2)(a), relative to fees on trucks and trailers. |
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| 3 | to increase the annual registration or license tax for semitrailers or trailers statewide; |
| 4 | to increase the one time fee for a permanent license and registration for semitrailers |
| 5 | and trailers; and to provide for related matters. |
| 6 | Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana: |
| 7 | Section 1. R.S. 47:462(B)(1) and (2)(a) are hereby amended and reenacted to read |
| 8 | as follows: |
| 9 | §462. Trucks and trailers |
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| 11 | B. Rates |
| 12 | (1) For each semitrailer or trailer, an annual registration or license tax of ten |
| 13 | fifteen dollars shall be collected by the commissioner or through such agency as he |
| 14 | may designate. The collection of the annual registration or license tax shall be |
| 15 | subject to the following provisions: |
| 16 | (a) The annual registration or license tax of ten fifteen dollars for each |
| 17 | semitrailer or trailer may be paid, at the option of the person paying the tax, every |
| 18 | four years. If the person avails himself of this option, the tax shall be forty sixty |
| 19 | dollars for four years. Any person who has availed himself of this option who |
| 20 | subsequently changes his domicile and moves out of this state or who subsequently |
| 21 | sells the trailer shall be entitled to a refund of the tax. The refund shall be computed |

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on a yearly basis in such manner that each fraction of a year in which the trailer is used shall be deemed to be a year, and a refund of ten fifteen dollars shall be made for each year in which the trailer is not used.

(b) In lieu of paying the annual registration and license tax of ten fifteen dollars, the owner of any semitrailer or trailer used as or in connection with a motor vehicle, truck, or tractor shall have the option of obtaining a permanent registration and license plate for such a semitrailer or trailer. The fee for such permanent registration and license plate shall be a one time fee of seventy one hundred and five dollars. The permanent registration and license plate issued for a specific semitrailer or trailer shall continue to be valid for the duration of the owner's interest in such semitrailer or trailer. A permanent registration and license plate shall not be transferred for any reason. When the owner of such semitrailer or trailer no longer holds an interest in such semitrailer or trailer, the license plate shall be returned to the commissioner or his designee with no refund of any fee.

(2)(a) For each light trailer, farm trailer or farm semitrailer both with a loaded gross weight of six thousand pounds or less, or boat trailer, an annual registration or license tax of three dollars four dollars and fifty cents shall be collected by the commissioner or through such agency as he may designate. The annual registration or license tax of three dollars four dollars and fifty cents for each trailer licensed under the provisions of this Paragraph shall be paid for a four-year period of time.

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DIGEST

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HB 924 Original

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Boyd

Abstract: Increases the license and registration fees charged statewide on semitrailers and trailers.

<u>Present law</u> requires the annual registration or license tax of \$10 for each semitrailer or truck to be collected by the commissioner or through such agency as he may designate.

<u>Proposed law</u> increases the annual registration or license tax to be collected <u>from</u> \$10 to \$15.

<u>Present law</u> specifies the annual registration or license tax of \$10 for each semitrailer or trailer be paid, at the option of the person paying the tax, every four years. Further specifies that if the person avails himself of this option, the tax will be \$40 dollars for four years. Requires any person who has availed himself of this option who subsequently changes his domicile and moves out of this state or who subsequently sells the trailer be entitled to a refund of the tax. Additionally, requires the refund be computed on a yearly basis in such manner that each fraction of a year in which the trailer is used to be deemed to be a year, and a refund of \$10 is to be made for each year in which the trailer is not used.

<u>Proposed law modifies present law</u> by increasing the refund <u>from</u> \$10 to \$15 for each year the trailer is not used. Also changes the tax for four years in <u>present law from</u> \$40 to \$60.

<u>Present law</u> specifies that in lieu of paying the annual registration and license tax of \$10, the owner of any semitrailer or trailer used as or in connection with a motor vehicle, truck, or tractor has the option of obtaining a permanent registration and license plate for such a semitrailer or trailer. Further requires the fee for such permanent registration and license plate be a one time fee of \$70.

<u>Proposed law modifies present law</u> by increasing the annual registration license tax <u>from</u> \$10 <u>to</u> \$15. Also increases the one time fee for a permanent registration <u>from</u> \$70 <u>to</u> \$105.

<u>Present law</u> requires each light trailer, farm trailer or farm semitrailer both with a loaded gross weight of 6,000 pounds or less, or boat trailer, an annual registration or license tax of three dollars to be collected by the commissioner or through such agency as he designates. Specifies the annual registration or license tax of three dollars for each trailer licensed under the provisions of present law be paid for a four-year period of time.

<u>Proposed law</u> modifies <u>present law</u> by increasing the annual registration or license fee collected by the commissioner or through any agency he designates <u>from</u> three dollars <u>to</u> four dollars and fifty cents. Also increases the annual registration or license tax <u>from</u> three dollars to four dollars and fifty cents to be paid for a four-year period of time.

(Amends R.S. 47:462(B)(1) and (2)(a))