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**Tax & Fee Increases:**

Increases the user fee from 16 cents per gallon to an amount fixed on an annual basis by an inflation factor equal to the annual average percentage adjustment over the last ten years of the CPI for all urban consumers as published by DOL, BLS. The amount may not be increased by more than 2 cents in a single year. The increase will be suspended if the fee exceeds GA and NC.

Increases the fee for a driver's license from \$12.50 to \$25.00.

Increases the vehicle registration fee for handicapped persons 65 years of age or older from \$20.00 to \$36.00 for cars.

Increases the vehicle registration for everyone under 65 year of age from \$24.00 to \$40.00 for cars.

Increases the vehicle registration fee for persons over 65 years of age from \$30.00 to \$46.00 for trucks.

Increases the vehicle registration fee for persons 64 years age from \$22.00 to \$38.00 for cars.

**New Taxes:**

Authorizes municipalities and counties to impose a license fee or license tax on common carriers (railroads) to be apportioned in the ratio that the miles traveled by the vehicles bears to miles traveled by those vehicles in all states.

Requires motor vehicles, motorcycles, and recreational vehicles (tent campers, travel trailers, park models, park trailers, motor homes, and fifth wheels) to pay an initial road impact registration fee equal to 5% of the gross proceeds of the sale not to exceed \$1,400.00

Creates a highway improvement and safety fee equal to 6% of the charges for the repair or labor of a transportation vehicle and the towing of a vehicle.

Creates a transfer fee of 5% of the fair market value, not to exceed \$1,400.00, for the sale of aircrafts, boats, or self-propelled light construction equipment.

**Swaps Taxes:**

Requires that large commercial motor vehicles and buses must pay road use fees in lieu of ad valorem taxes.

Also – Eliminates the Small Business Income Tax by 1% each year until 2018.

Also – Removes sales tax exemptions for a number of items.

Restructuring – Repeals the sunset provision for Governor's appointment of DOT Secretary