

# Department of Finance and Administration

## Legislative Impact Statement

**Bill: HB1909**

**Bill Subtitle: TO CREATE ADDITIONAL REGISTRATION AND LICENSING FEES FOR ELECTRIC AND HYBRID MOTOR VEHICLES.**

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**Basic Change :** Sponsor: Representative Wallace

The bill defines "Electric vehicle" and "Hybrid vehicle", and charges an additional registration fee. An electric vehicle is a motor vehicle that is powered by an electric motor drawing current from rechargeable storage batteries, fuel cells, or other portable sources of electrical current, including without limitation a nonelectrical source of power designed to charge batteries and components. Hybrid vehicle is a motor vehicle propelled by a combination electric motor and an internal combustion engine or other power source. The bill amends the code to provide for an additional registration fee of \$80.00 for electric vehicles and \$40.00 for hybrid vehicles. The bill includes passenger cars, pickups, and commercial vehicles.

**Revenue Impact :**

Increase to the Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department of approximately \$23,440 for the additional fee on electric vehicles and approximately \$629,920 for the additional fee on hybrid vehicles. Total increase \$653,360.

**Taxpayer Impact :**

Owners of electric vehicles and hybrid vehicles would pay additional registration fees of eighty dollars (\$80.00) and forty dollars (\$40.00) respectively for initial issuance and renewal of their vehicles.

**Resources Required :**

No additional resources required.

**Time Required :**

Adequate time is provided.

**Procedural Changes :**

Program computers to charge the additional fees for the vehicles. Revise Motor Vehicle Procedures Manual and distribute to Revenue Offices.

**Other Comments :**

None

**Legal Analysis :**

HB1909 amends § 27-14-207 to add definitions for "electric vehicle" and "hybrid vehicle" to the Uniform Motor Vehicle Administration, Certificate of title, and Anti-Theft Act. HB1909 also amends § 27-14-601(a) concerning motor vehicle registration and licensing fees, and provides for additional registration and licensing fees of eighty dollars (\$80.00) for an electric vehicle and forty dollars (\$40.00) for a hybrid vehicle. No effective date was specified.