

ACT 161

S.B. NO. 3121

A Bill for an Act Relating to Funding for Parking for Disabled Persons.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. Chapter 291, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new section to part III to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

“§291- Costs. Beginning July 1, 2023, all costs associated with the statewide parking for persons with disabilities program shall be paid using moneys appropriated from the accessible parking special account established pursuant to section 348F- .”

SECTION 2. Chapter 348F, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

“§348F- Accessible parking special account. (a) There is established within the disability and communication access board special fund the accessible parking special account to be administered by the disability and communication access board, into which shall be deposited \$1 from each annual motor vehicle registration fee pursuant to section 249-31(b). All interest earned or accrued on the moneys shall become part of the special account.

(b) Moneys in the accessible parking special account shall be expended to cover the costs to administer the statewide parking program for persons with disabilities under part III of chapter 291.”

SECTION 3. Section 249-31, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

“**§249-31 State registration fee.** (a) All vehicles and motor vehicles in the State as defined in section 249-1, including antique motor vehicles, except as otherwise provided in sections 249-4, 249-6, and 249-31.5, shall be subject to a [~~\$45~~] \$46 annual vehicle registration fee; provided that electric vehicles and alternative fuel vehicles shall pay an annual vehicle registration surcharge fee of \$50, which shall be assessed and collected beginning with the first registration renewal for every electric vehicle and alternative fuel vehicle and shall be deposited into the state highway fund established under section 248-8. The fee shall be paid each year together with all other taxes and fees levied by this chapter on a staggered basis as established by each county as authorized by section 286-51, and the state registration for that county shall likewise be staggered so that the state registration fee is due and payable at the same time and shall be collected together with the county fee. The state registration fee shall be deemed delinquent if not paid with the county registration fee. The respective counties shall collect this fee together with the vehicle registration tax collected for the county and shall transfer the moneys collected under this section to the State.

(b) In addition to the annual vehicle registration surcharge fee, for each annual motor vehicle registration fee, the director shall deposit \$40 into the state highway fund [~~and~~], \$5 into the emergency medical services special fund[~~-~~], and \$1 into the accessible parking special account.”

SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.¹

SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2023.

(Approved June 27, 2022.)

Note

1. Edited pursuant to HRS §23G-16.5.