



Lawmakers Pass Governor-Sought Package of West Virginia Transportation Funding Measures

West Virginia legislators passed a package of transportation funding measures that could set the stage for the state to make billions of dollars in additional project investments.

Approving a road funding plan that Gov. Jim Justice has said could fund about 500 projects, lawmakers voted to increase a variable minimum wholesale motor fuel tax by 3.5 cents a gallon, a vehicle sales tax to 6 percent from 5 percent and raise various motor vehicle fees including the annual registration fee.

Those provisions are expected to generate about \$130 million a year in new revenue. And if voters later this year approve new transportation bonds that the Justice administration wants, the new revenue would be used to cover interest payments and effectively leverage the higher fuel and vehicle levies into a reported \$1.6 billion in road bonding revenue.

Another measure would raise to \$500 million from \$200 million the amount the West Virginia Department of Transportation could borrow against its anticipated future federal highway funding.



Yet another would allow tolling to continue on the West Virginia Turnpike past the 2019 time frame for paying off its 30-year bonds.

In all, that could generate a reported \$2.5 billion to \$2.8 billion for system improvements.

The governor sharply criticized the Legislature's \$4.2 billion overall state budget measure but said he would let it take effect without his signature. However, Justice praised the transportation package and said it would create thousands of jobs while improving the state's infrastructure.

Transportation Secretary Tom Smith told Metro News that the WVDOT would be able to quickly use about \$30 million in new additional funding toward overdue maintenance projects, especially on secondary roads. With the new funding in place, "we're able to accelerate some of these projects and get them out immediately," he said.

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Changes in DMV Fees Begin July 1, 2017

CHARLESTON, WV (WOWK) - Due to the passage of Senate Bill 1006, starting Saturday, July 1, 2017, the West Virginia Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) will implement changes to its fees for vehicle and driver services, including registrations and driver's licenses.



Vehicle registrations for regular Class A plates will increase by \$21.50 to \$51.50. Special plates will pay the additional \$21.50 on top of the special plate fee.

DMV customers with July and August renewals that have already received their paperwork in the mail will need to pay the additional \$21.50 beyond what is listed in the renewal notice per the new legislation. Other vehicle fee changes include:

- Vehicle Sales Tax, 5% to 6%
- Title Fee, \$10 to \$15
- Duplicate Title, \$10 to \$15
- Salvage Title/Cosmetic Loss, \$15 to \$22.50
- Reconstructed Title, \$10 to \$15
- Legal Heir Title Transfer, \$0 to \$15
- Lien Recording, \$5 to \$10
- Registration Transfer, \$5.50 to \$10.50
- Legal Heir Registration Transfer, \$0 to \$10.50
- Duplicate Decals, Plates, and Registrations, \$5 to \$10

Driver services changes include an increase in fees for the Class E Driver's License to \$5 per year. Adult and Child Identification Cards will also increase by \$5 per year. Additional fees include:

- Level One GDL Knowledge Test, \$7.50 per attempt
- Level One GDL Permit Test, \$7.50
- Level Two GDL Skills Test, \$7.50 per attempt
- Level Three, Full Class E (18 and over) \$5 per year
- Class E Knowledge Test, 18 and older, \$7.50 per attempt
- Class E Permit, 18 and older, \$7.50
- Duplicate Permits and License, \$7.50
- Docket Fee, \$15.00
- Driving Record, \$7.50

All online services, as well as the DMV Now kiosks, will be programmed with these new legislative changes to begin July 1, 2017. For more information, visit the DMV web site at dmv.wv.gov or call 1-800-642-9066.

<http://www.tristateupdate.com/story/35782294/changes-in-dmv-fees-begin-july-1-2017>

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