

Simple Fair Tabs Act – Vehicle Registration Reform Proposal

Purpose:

Create a simple, fair, and predictable vehicle registration system that lowers costs for working families, protects owners of older vehicles, and caps excessive tab fees **while maintaining stable funding for roads and public safety. Cant Drop them too much or will shock the system**

PROPOSED SIMPLE FAIR TABS SYSTEM

1. Flat Base Fee:

\$25 per year for all passenger vehicles.

2. Value-Based Add-On:

1% of vehicle value

Minimum: \$50

Maximum: \$225

3. Age Discount:

Vehicles 10+ years old: 40% off total

Vehicles 15+ years old: 60% off total

4. Electric Vehicles (EVs):

EVs pay a flat \$75 annual road-use fee in place of special surcharges.

5. Elimination of Wheel Taxes:

All county and city wheel taxes are eliminated.

Drivers receive one simple, transparent statewide bill.

FORMULA:

\$25 Base Fee + (1% of Vehicle Value, minimum \$50 / maximum \$200) – Age Discount

COST EXAMPLES

2005 Sedan – Value: \$2,500

\$25 + \$50 = \$75

60% off → \$30 per year

2010 Sedan – Value: \$5,000

\$25 + \$50 = \$75

40% off → \$45 per year ->\$50

2015 Sedan – Value: \$7,000

\$25 + \$70 = \$95

40% off → \$57 per year

2018 Sedan – Value: \$9,000

\$25 + \$90 = \$115 per year

2020 Sedan – Value: \$10,000

\$25 + \$100 = \$125 per year

2017 SUV – Value: \$12,000

\$25 + \$120 = \$145 per year

2018 Minivan – Value: \$15,000

\$25 + \$150 = \$175 per year

2019 SUV – Value: \$20,000

\$25 + \$200 = \$225 per year

2022 Pickup – Value: \$40,000

\$25 + \$200 (cap) = \$225 per year

2023 Electric Vehicle

\$25 Base + \$75 EV Fee = \$100 per year

SIDE-BY-SIDE COMPARISON (Typical Annual Costs)

Vehicle Type | Minnesota Current System (Approximate) | Simple Fair Tabs Proposal

2008 Sedan (\$3k value) | \$50–\$70 | \$30

2015 Sedan (\$7k value) | \$80–\$120 | \$57

2018 Sedan (\$9k value) | \$100–\$150+ | \$115

2020 Sedan (\$10k value) | \$150–\$250+ | \$125

2019 SUV (\$20k value) | \$250–\$400+ | \$225

2022 Pickup (\$40k value) | \$400–\$550+ | \$225

2023 EV | \$150+ | \$100

BENEFITS

- Predictable and simple
- Major relief for older vehicles
- Caps high registration bills
- Eliminates confusing fees
- Easy for citizens to understand

BOTTOM LINE

Most drivers will pay between \$50 and \$250 per year.

Older vehicles will pay significantly less.

No more shocking tab bills.

Fair, simple, and transparent.