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Changes to Kansas Commercial Vehicle Registration

What changes will I see in the law regarding commercial vehicles?

House Bill 2557 was passed by the 2012 Kansas Legislature and signed into law by Governor Brownback. The new law requires that in addition to annual registration fees, an annual commercial vehicle fee be paid in lieu of the current property tax for both interstate (travel in two or more jurisdictions) and intrastate (travel solely in Kansas) commercial vehicles registered in Kansas.

What is a commercial vehicle?

A commercial vehicle is any self-propelled or towed vehicle engaged in the furtherance of commerce that is used to transport property or passengers when the vehicle:

- Has a gross vehicle weight or gross combination vehicle weight of 10,001 pounds or more,
- Is designed or used to transport 15 or more passengers, including the driver, or
- Is used to transport hazardous materials in a quantity requiring placarding.

If a vehicle does not qualify as a commercial vehicle, the change in the law does not apply to that vehicle.

When will the change go into effect?

The registration year for all commercial vehicle registration will be from January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014. Enforcement will begin March 1, 2014.

Do I need a USDOT number?

- If your commercial vehicles travel outside of Kansas, you will need a USDOT number.
- If your vehicles fit the definition of a commercial vehicle, are engaged in the furtherance of commerce and do not fall under one of the exceptions, you need a USDOT number.

For a detailed explanation of Kansas USDOT requirements and a list of exceptions to these regulations, go to www.truckingks.org and click on the Commercial Motor Vehicle Resources link under Useful Resources.

Does a vehicle have to be registered as a commercial vehicle in order to not be assessed property tax?

Yes, only vehicles registered as commercial vehicles will pay the commercial vehicle fee in lieu of property tax. Commercial fees are the same in all Kansas counties.

How much will I be charged?

The new law requires that in addition to annual registration fees, an annual commercial vehicle fee be charged. The commercial vehicle fee amount is determined by the combined weight of a commercial vehicle's power unit, all additional units and the load carried. See the table on the back for a breakdown of fees.

What is the payment schedule?

If you own a vehicle weighing 10,001 to 15,999 lbs., you are registered on a staggered monthly system, and will be phased into the January 1 – December 31, 2014 registration schedule during your upcoming renewal month.

If you own a vehicle weighing 16,000 lbs. or more, your taxes for 2013 can be paid either in full or in two payments. The payment due dates are December 20, 2013 and May 10, 2014. You must pay in full or make a half payment by December 20 to receive a commercial plate. As you register your vehicle for 2014 you will pay the commercial vehicle fee according to the registered weight of your vehicle.

How will the change affect fees on Kansas based IRP registered vehicles?

Kansas based IRP (interstate) registered commercial vehicles will pay the commercial vehicle fee. The amount of the commercial fee will be based on their apportioned Kansas percentage. The commercial vehicle fee will be remitted to the county in which the interstate commercial fleet account is based.

How will the change affect non-Kansas based IRP registered vehicles?

Out-of-state apportioned carriers (International Registration Plan, IRP) will pay the commercial fee based on their apportioned Kansas mileage percentage. The commercial vehicle fee will be collected on all out-of-state vehicles being registered in Kansas.

How will the change affect intrastate commercial vehicles?

The commercial vehicle fee for intrastate commercial vehicles will be distributed in the same manner as property taxes levied on motor vehicles.



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Registered Weight	Commercial Vehicle Fee**
12,000*	\$250 1 to 3 model years old
12,000*	\$200 4 to 6 model years old
12,000*	\$150 7 and older model years
16,000	\$250
20,000	\$250
24,000	\$250
26,000	\$300
30,000	\$300
36,000	\$300
42,000	\$350
48,000	\$350
54,000	\$350
60,000	\$400
66,000	\$400
74,000	\$400
80,000	\$400
85,500	\$400

Commercial vehicle renewals of five or more vehicles/trailers may be dropped off at the Murdock Fleet Department between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Along with the renewal notices, you will present a 2013 personal property tax receipt, proof of insurance coverage, your USDOT number if applicable, IRS heavy road use forms, and a form of payment.

For More Information:

Contact the Commercial Motor Carrier Office in Topeka, (785) 296-6541, the Sedgwick County Tag Office, 200 W. Murdock, Wichita, KS, (316) 660-9110, or visit the Sedgwick County website at www.sedgwickcounty.org.