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New Information

Effective July 1, 2020, a $100 road improvement fee (RIF) will be assessed as part of the total vehicle registration (VR) renewal fee on **all** model year 2020 and later zero emission vehicles (ZEVs).

> **NOTE:** The RIF will **not** be assessed on the initial registration of a newly-purchased ZEV from a licensed vehicle dealer.

Procedures

Continue to process all VR renewal applications as normal. Programming will generate the applicable RIF.

The following are **exempt** from the RIF:

- Commercial vehicles with an unladen weight of more than 10,000 pounds.
- Vehicles exempt from registration fees.
- Vehicles currently on planned nonoperational (PNO) status.
- International Registration Plan (IRP) vehicles.
- Vehicles with historical plates.

Background

Legislation signed by Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. in 2017, continues to provide additional resources for the state to repair the infrastructure under its jurisdiction and distribute billions of dollars at the local level for road maintenance

Distribution

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Reference

California Vehicle Code §9250.6

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