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## Testimony

To: Chairman Francis and Members of the House Transportation Committee  
From: Lee Ann Phelps, Vehicle Services Manager, Division of Vehicles  
Date: February 7, 2023  
RE: House Bill 2148 – Registration and Title Fee Changes

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Good afternoon, Mr. Chairman and members of the House Transportation Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in support of HB 2148.

This bill proposes changes to registration fees and to add a service fee to title and registration transactions allowing the county motor vehicle offices to better fund their operation. The bill would also remove the \$4 vehicles modernization surcharge from registrations in an effort to be more transparent with fees collected.

The Division of Vehicles recognizes that many things have changed over the years in how we have supported motor vehicle operations by our county partners. Decades ago, KDOR provided much of the equipment and supplies needed to run motor vehicle operations in county offices, including computers, printers and other supplies. That support has changed through the years and unfortunately the county motor vehicle offices are now responsible for supplying their own equipment which can be costly.

The Division of Vehicles values our partnership with the county motor vehicle offices and supports the premise that counties need more funds to operate. The service provided by the county offices benefits the State through collection of many fees and taxes. We therefore support legislation that allows them to adequately fund their operations and make fees collected by them transparent to the taxpayer.

I will respond to questions at the appropriate time.