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MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the House Committee on Transportation

From: Office of Revisor of Statutes

Date: February 5, 2025

Subject: Bill Brief – HB 2121

House Bill 2121 increases the annual license fees of electric and hybrid passenger vehicles and trucks and electric motorcycles.

Section 1 amends K.S.A. 8-143, the statute that provides the annual registration or license fees for various types of vehicles. Currently, K.S.A. 8-143 provides that motor vehicles that are electric hybrid or plug-in electric hybrid vehicles are subject to an annual license fee of \$50, and motor vehicles that are all-electric vehicles are subject to an annual license fee of \$100. K.S.A. 8-143 provides an annual license fee for motorcycles of \$16.

HB 2121 would increase fees for electric hybrid or plug-in electric hybrid vehicles to \$100 and increase the fees for all-electric motor vehicles to \$175. HB 2121 would also create new categories of annual license fees for all-electric motorcycles and trucks and truck tractors with a gross weight of 12,000 pounds or less that are electric hybrid, plug-in electric hybrid or all-electric. The amounts for the new categories of annual license fees are: \$30 for all-electric motorcycles and, for trucks or truck tractors with a gross weight of 12,000 pounds or less, \$125 for electric hybrid or plug-in electric hybrid trucks and truck tractors and \$200 for all-electric trucks and truck tractors.

Section 2 amends K.S.A. 8-145, the statute that provides for the disposition of registration and title fees. HB 2121 credits fees collected for all-electric motorcycles, motor vehicles that are electric hybrid, plug-in electric hybrid or all-electric and trucks and truck tractors that are electric hybrid, plug-in electric hybrid or all-electric to the state highway fund and special city and county highway fund as specified in K.S.A. 79-34,142 and 79-3425c. K.S.A. 79-34,142 is a statute that divides motor fuel taxes between the state highway fund and special city and county highway fund. in an amount of 66.7% to the state highway fund and 33.63% to the special city and county



highway fund, and the fees that are amended and created in HB 2121 would be divided in the same way. K.S.A. 79-3425c provides further apportionments and distributions for the special city and county highway fund in an amount equal to 57% to counties and 43% to cities, so the new annual license fees will be apportioned in the same manner. K.S.A. 79-3425c also specifies how the amounts provided to counties and cities shall be further apportioned from the base distribution.

The provisions of HB 2121, if enacted, would become effective on January 1, 2026.