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## State revs up fees

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The cost of getting a driver's license, car registration and vehicle title is about to get a lot more expensive.

Jacking up the cost of putting a vehicle on the road is one of the steps the Florida Legislature took to balance this year's budget as tax receipts plummeted. Little of the money stays local even though local property taxes subsidize the cost of a driver's license if you get it at the county Tax Collector's Office instead of the state Department of Motor Vehicles. The increases take effect Sept. 1. If you're due for license or registration renewal after that, consider getting it done early.

### Here's a look at the price hikes

#### Renewing driver's license:

Before: \$20

After: \$48

Percent increase: 140%

#### Delinquent fee

Before: \$1

After: \$15

Percent increase: 1400%

#### Replace license

Before: \$10

After: \$25 Percent increase: 150%

#### Registration renewal

**Vehicles under 2,500 lbs** For example: Honda Civic, Toyota Yaris, Mazda Miata and Hyundai Accent

Before: \$28.10

After: \$46.65

Percent increase: 66%

**Vehicles 2,500 to 3,499 lbs** For example: Nissan Altima, Toyota Corolla, Toyota Camry, Ford Taurus, Chevy Malibu and Honda Accord

Before: \$36.10

After: \$57.65

Percent increase: 60%

**Vehicles over 3,500 lbs** For example: Chevy Silverado, Chevy Impala, Ford Explorer, Dodge Charger, Nissan Maxima, Toyota 4Runner

Before: \$46.10

After: \$71.15

Percent change: 54%

**Transfer title with original registration (used car purchase)** For example: a used Toyota Camry with the Sea Turtle plate

Total title and registration, including initial registration fee Before: \$209.85

After: \$396.40

Percent change: 89%

**Original title (new car purchase)** For example, Toyota 4Runner

Total title and registration, including initial registration fee Before: \$191.85

After: \$403.90

Percent change: 110%

**Original title (transfer from out of state)** For example: Honda Civic

Total title and registration, including initial registration fee

Before: \$161.85

After: \$351.40

Percent change: 117%

Source: Hillsborough County Tax Collector

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