



## 2026 South Dakota Legislature

# House Bill 1069

Introduced by: **Representative Jordan**

1 **An Act to establish the lifetime registration of and license fees for certain small**  
 2 **trailers.**

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 **Section 1. That § 32-5-5 be AMENDED:**

5 **32-5-5.** ~~Vehicle license fees provided by this chapter are based, except~~ Except as  
 6 ~~otherwise specifically provided, vehicle license fees are assessed and paid annually and~~  
 7 ~~based~~ upon manufacturers' weights, including accessories. ~~If as follows:~~

8 (1) For a noncommercial motor vehicle that is an automobile, pickup truck, or van with  
 9 a manufacturer's shipping weight, including accessories, of ten thousand pounds  
 10 or less, the license fees for such a motor vehicle shall be as provided by in § 32-5-  
 11 6. However, if the noncommercial motor vehicle is a pickup truck that weighs more  
 12 than six thousand pounds, the owner has the choice of paying the, except that the  
 13 owner of a pickup truck weighing more than six thousand pounds may elect to pay  
 14 license fees pursuant to either § 32-5-6 or paying the license fees based on the  
 15 gross weight of the motor vehicle as provided in § 32-5-6.3. The license fees for  
 16 § 32-5-6.3;

17 (2) For a noncommercial motor home are, as provided by in § 32-5-6.1. The license  
 18 fees for;

19 (3) For a motorcycle are, as provided by in § 32-5-9. The license fees for;

20 (4) For a snowmobile are, as provided by in § 32-5-9.1. The license fees for; and

21 (5) For any other noncommercial motor vehicle are based;

22 (a) Based on the gross weight of the motor vehicle and are as; and

23 (b) As provided in § 32-5-6.3.

24 If the department determines the actual dry weight of any model vehicle with  
 25 accessories ~~to be~~ is at variance with the manufacturers' shipping weight, the department  
 26 ~~shall~~ must certify the correct weight to be used in determining fees. ~~These fees shall be~~

1 ~~assessed and paid annually. Upon initial registration of a vehicle, the fees shall be assessed~~  
2 ~~based upon the date of sale.~~

3 **Section 2. That a NEW SECTION be added to chapter 32-5:**

4 The license fees applicable to a trailer registered in this state, pursuant to § 32-5-  
5 8, which has an actual weight of three thousand pounds or less, are one-time fees paid  
6 only upon the owner's initial registration of the trailer and may not be assessed annually.

7 The registration is valid for the useful life of the trailer, unless:

8 (a) The actual weight of the trailer exceeds three thousand pounds, in which case the  
9 trailer is subject to an annual assessment of license fees, as provided in § 32-5-8,  
10 based on the new actual weight; or

11 (b) Title to the trailer is transferred, in which case the new owner must, within forty-  
12 five days after the transfer, register the trailer and pay the one-time license fees,  
13 as provided in § 32-5-8.