



## 2026 South Dakota Legislature

# House Bill 1034

HOUSE TRANSPORTATION ENGROSSED

Introduced by: **Representative** Weisgram

1 **An Act to increase fees for decals and license plates mailed to vehicle owners.**

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

3 **Section 1. That § 32-3A-5.2 be AMENDED:**

4 **32-3A-5.2.** In addition to the registration fee required under § 32-3A-5, the  
 5 department or county treasurer shall ~~collect from~~ charge the owner ~~one dollar and fifty~~  
 6 two dollars and fifty cents per decal or set of decals if a decal is sent to the owner through  
 7 the mail. If the applicant requests that a decal be express mailed, the applicant shall pay  
 8 the actual cost of postage and handling. The county treasurer shall deposit any fees for  
 9 mailing or expressing decals in the county general fund.

10 **Section 2. That § 32-5-127 be AMENDED:**

11 **32-5-127.** In addition to the registration fees required by this chapter, the  
 12 department or county treasurer shall ~~collect from~~ charge the owner ~~one dollar and fifty~~  
 13 when sent to the owner through the mail:

14 (1) Two dollars and fifty cents per decal or set of decals; ~~and seven dollars and fifty~~  
 15 cents

16 (2) Twelve dollars per license plate or set of plates ~~when plates are sent to the owner~~  
 17 through the mail.

18 **Section 3. That § 32-6B-21.1 be AMENDED:**

19 **32-6B-21.1.** In addition to the license plate and decal fees assessed in §§ 32-6B-  
 20 21, 32-6B-22.1, 32-6B-23, and 32-6B-36.3, the department shall ~~collect from~~ charge the  
 21 dealer ~~one dollar and fifty~~ when sent to the owner through the mail:

22 (1) Two dollars and fifty cents per decal or set of decals ~~or seven dollars and fifty~~  
 23 cents; and

1       (2) Twelve dollars per license plate or set of plates ~~if a decal or plate is sent to the~~  
2            ~~dealer through the mail.~~

3            If the dealer requests that the decal or plate be express mailed, the dealer must  
4            pay the actual costs of postage and handling.

5       **Section 4. That § 32-6C-7.1 be AMENDED:**

6            **32-6C-7.1.** In addition to the license fees assessed in § 32-6C-7, the department  
7            shall ~~collect from~~ charge the dealer ~~one dollar~~ two dollars and fifty cents per decal if a  
8            decal is sent to the dealer through the mail. If the dealer requests that the decal be  
9            express mailed, the dealer must pay the actual costs of postage and handling.

10       **Section 5. That § 32-7A-10.1 be AMENDED:**

11           **32-7A-10.1.** In addition to the license fees assessed in § 32-7A-10, the  
12            department shall ~~collect from~~ charge the dealer ~~one dollar and fifty~~, when sent to the  
13            owner through the mail:

14            (1) Two dollars and fifty cents per decal ~~or seven dollars and fifty cents; and~~

15            (2) Twelve per license plate ~~if a decal or plate is sent to the dealer through the mail.~~

16            If the dealer requests that the decal or plate be express mailed, the dealer must  
17            pay the actual costs of postage and handling.

18       **Section 6. That § 32-7B-10.1 be AMENDED:**

19            **32-7B-10.1.** In addition to the license fees assessed in § 32-7B-10, the  
20            department shall ~~collect from~~ charge the dealer ~~one dollar~~ two dollars and fifty cents per  
21            decal if a decal is sent to the dealer through the mail. If the dealer requests that the decal  
22            be express mailed, the dealer must pay the actual costs of postage and handling.

23       **Section 7. That § 32-9-3.1 be AMENDED:**

24            **32-9-3.1.** Any motor vehicle or trailer owned and operated by a resident or a  
25            nonresident engaged in the harvest of agricultural products may be operated upon the  
26            highways, roads, and streets of this state upon payment of a seventy-five dollar fee.  
27            Payment of the fee is evidenced by a permit provided by the department affixed in a  
28            conspicuous place on the vehicle as the department may require.

29            Each permit, which is valid for a calendar year, must be purchased from the county  
30            treasurer of any county through which the owner or operator may travel, or from an agent,

1 patrol officer, motor carrier enforcement officer, or motor carrier inspector of the  
2 Department of Public Safety. If the applicant requests that the permit be mailed, the  
3 applicant must pay ~~one dollar~~ two dollars and fifty cents per permit sent to the owner  
4 through the mail. All fees collected shall be handled, accounted for, and distributed in the  
5 same manner as the other fees provided for in this chapter. A violation of this section is a  
6 Class 2 misdemeanor.

7 **Section 8. That § 32-9-7 be AMENDED:**

8 **32-9-7.** On receipt of an application under § 32-9-6 and payment of the  
9 commercial motor vehicle fee, required by this chapter, and upon satisfactory evidence  
10 that the applicant has complied with all laws, rules, and regulations of this state covering  
11 motor vehicles and motor carriers, the county treasurer or department shall issue to the  
12 applicant a receipt that identifies the motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer and shall assign  
13 a number to the vehicle. The number shall be endorsed upon the application and receipt.  
14 The county treasurer or department shall issue to the applicant a commercial motor  
15 vehicle certificate bearing the number. The certificate shall be placed and carried in the  
16 vehicle in a conspicuous place and is subject to examination upon demand by any officer  
17 of this state, county, or municipality. The county treasurer or department shall issue to  
18 the applicant two commercial motor vehicle plates for each motor vehicle. Each county  
19 treasurer office shall be stocked with commercial license plates issued pursuant to this  
20 section and commercial trailer license plates issued pursuant to § 32-9-8.1.

21 If the plates are mailed, the applicant must pay ~~seven~~ twelve dollars ~~and fifty cents~~  
22 per license plate or set of plates if the plate is sent to the owner through the mail, or ~~one~~  
23 ~~dollar~~ two dollars and fifty cents per decal or set of decals if the decal is sent to the owner  
24 through the mail. If the applicant requests that the plate or decal be express mailed, the  
25 applicant must pay any costs for the express mailing service.

26 Each plate must set forth the amount of gross weight in figures, and be in colors  
27 and designs for each classification specified in § 32-9-15. Each plate must be securely  
28 fastened to the front and rear end of each commercial motor vehicle in a conspicuous  
29 place.

30 The county treasurer shall deposit in the county general fund any fees received for  
31 mailing or expressing a plate or sticker. The department shall deposit all fees received for  
32 mailing or expressing the plates or stickers in the state motor vehicle fund. A violation of  
33 this section is a Class 2 misdemeanor.

1 **Section 9. That § 32-10-17 be AMENDED:**

2 **32-10-17.** The administrator shall register the vehicles described and identified in  
3 an application pursuant to § 32-10-15 and shall issue a license plate or plates, or a vehicle  
4 registration card, or other suitable identification device, for each vehicle described in the  
5 application upon payment of the fees for registration and licensing and for the vehicle  
6 registration cards or other identification devices. A fee of three dollars must be paid for  
7 each card or device issued for each proportionally registered vehicle. The card must, in  
8 addition to the information required by chapter 32-5, identify the number of the license  
9 or other device issued for the proportionally registered vehicle and must be carried in the  
10 vehicle at all times or, in the case of a combination, in the vehicle supplying the motive  
11 power. For purposes of this section, the operator may provide proof in either paper or  
12 electronic format including a display of an electronic image on an electronic device.

13 In addition to the registration fees, the department shall ~~collect from~~ charge the  
14 owner ~~seven dollars and fifty cents, when sent to the owner through the mail:~~

15 (1) Twelve dollars per license plate or set of plates ~~when a plate is sent to the owner~~  
16 ~~through the mail, or one dollar; and~~

17 (2) Two dollars and fifty cents per decal or set of decals ~~if a decal is sent to the owner~~  
18 ~~through the mail.~~

19 If the applicant requests that the plate or decal be express mailed, the applicant  
20 must pay any costs for the express mailing service.