



2026 South Dakota Legislature

House Bill 1203

Introduced by: **Representative Hansen**

1 **An Act to exempt a volunteer firefighter from certain motor vehicle registration fees.**

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

3 **Section 1. That a NEW SECTION be added to chapter 32-5:**

4 A resident of this state who is an active member of a volunteer fire department
 5 may apply to the Department of Revenue for an exemption from license fees applicable
 6 to any noncommercial automobile, pickup truck, or van licensed in this state pursuant to
 7 § 32-5-6.

8 To qualify for the exemption, the resident must submit with the application for
 9 registration a certification from the chief of the fire department to which the resident is
 10 attached, confirming that the resident is an active volunteer member of the fire
 11 department.

12 The county treasurer shall record any exemption approved under this section and
 13 shall provide the information to the Department of Revenue.

14 A qualifying applicant may obtain the exemption for one motor vehicle.

15 The exemption may be renewed annually.

16 Nothing in this section exempts a person from paying the excise tax required in
 17 § 32-5B-1 on the purchase price of any motor vehicle.

18 The exemption provided for in this section does not include the additional cost of
 19 any specialty plate provided for in chapter 32-5.