

**186.281 Seat and other vehicle taxes.**

- (1) On or before March 1 of each year, and as a condition precedent to the use of the highways, every motor carrier primarily engaged in transporting passengers for hire shall pay to the Department of Vehicle Regulation for the privilege of using the highways an annual tax upon each motor vehicle so used, as follows: Four dollars and fifty cents (\$4.50) for each regular seat for the first thirty-one (31) seats, and eight dollars (\$8) for all seats in excess of thirty-one (31); except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, except that holders of nonprofit bus permits shall be exempt from payment hereunder and except that taxicabs, limousines, buses, and U-Drive-Its as defined in KRS Chapter 281, shall pay the fees set forth in subsection (3) of this section.
- (2)
  - (a) A motor carrier engaged in regular route interstate commerce or combined interstate and intrastate commerce and operating two (2) or more vehicles in Kentucky shall be required to pay only that portion of a tax imposed by subsection (1) of this section as the number of miles operated by a fleet of motor vehicles in Kentucky bears to the total miles operated by a fleet in any license year, or portion thereof.
  - (b) A motor carrier shall prior to March 1 of each license year, and as a prerequisite to operating on the highways of this state, obtain a permit from the Department of Vehicle Regulation and at that time shall pay its estimated tax hereunder, as determined by the Department of Vehicle Regulation's administrative regulations, and execute bond for any additional tax which might be due, with or without surety thereon, as the Department of Vehicle Regulation may require.
  - (c) The Department of Vehicle Regulation is authorized and directed to promulgate administrative regulations to effectuate the apportionment of taxes prescribed in subsection (2) of this section. The regulations shall provide that the estimate of taxes for any license year shall be that proportion that would have been due in the prior license year and shall further provide for a license year-end accounting with a system of credit or deficiency assessment in any amount by which the estimate differs from the tax due.
- (3) Taxicabs, limousines, airport shuttle vehicles, buses, and U-Drive-Its, shall pay the following annual license fees:
  - Each taxicab .....\$15.00
  - Each limousine .....\$20.00
  - Each airport shuttle vehicle .....\$45.00
  - Each bus .....\$100.00
  - Each U-Drive-It-passenger car .....\$15.00
- (4) All cities of the Commonwealth are hereby authorized to impose an annual license tax on all taxicabs or limousines certificated by the Department of Vehicle Regulation for operation in said city, which license tax shall not exceed thirty dollars (\$30) per taxicab or limousine.

- (5) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this section, nonresident motor carriers engaged in transporting passengers for hire in irregular route interstate charter or special operations shall be exempt from all taxes and fees prescribed herein, provided reciprocal privileges are granted to similar nonresident carriers by the laws and regulations of his state.

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