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AMENDMENT MEMO



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2019 Assembly Bill 612 authorizes a county to enact an ordinance that requires the registration of, and imposes an annual flat registration fee not to exceed \$100 on, an animal-drawn vehicle that is customarily kept in the county and **“used primarily for transportation purposes.”** The bill provides that **“recreational use”** and **“agricultural use”** of an animal-drawn vehicle do not constitute “use for a transportation purpose.”

If an animal-drawn vehicle is customarily kept in more than one county, a county may not require registration or impose a registration fee if the vehicle has been registered in a county in which the vehicle is customarily kept more often. Also, related to the registration fee that may be imposed by a county ordinance enacted under the bill, the bill provides all of the following:

- If a vehicle that is subject to the fee is customarily kept in a town, the county board must pay 50 percent of the fee to that town.
- The fees may only be used for transportation purposes or for actual administrative costs related to the collection of the fees.
- No fee may be imposed on an animal-drawn vehicle that is a replacement for an animal-drawn vehicle for which a current registration fee has been paid.

ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 1

Assembly Amendment 1 makes the following changes to the bill:

- Provides that an animal-drawn vehicle must be operated on a highway in order to be subject to county registration.
- Provides that a county ordinance enacted under the bill may require that proof of registration be displayed on or carried with the vehicle registered under the bill.
- Deletes language in the bill that requires the registration and a fee may only be imposed on an animal-drawn vehicle **“primarily for transportation purposes”** and instead, prohibits a county ordinance from requiring the registration of, or imposing a fee on, an animal-drawn vehicle that is either of the following: (1) **used solely for recreational purposes, including in a parade;** or (2) an **implement of husbandry**, as defined under current law.

BILL HISTORY

Assembly Amendment 1 was introduced on February 1, 2020, by Representative Kulp. On February 12, 2020, the Assembly Committee on Local Government voted to recommend adoption of the amendment and passage of the bill, as amended, by votes of Ayes, 6; Noes, 3.

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