



MESSAGE FROM MARSHA

IT'S OFFICIAL, THE COST TO DRIVE YOUR VEHICLE IS GOING TO INCREASE...

On March 2, 2009 Governor Ritter(D) signed SB108 into law, a transportation bill that set off a series of protests from hard working Colorado citizens throughout the state. Four months after the Democrats regained control over the Colorado General Assembly they have passed a huge increase in auto registration fees.

SB108, sponsored by Senator Gibbs (D) and Rep. Rice (D), increases your ***annual*** costs to own a vehicle by the following amounts:

- Increases Auto Registration for an average vehicle by approximately \$32;
- Increases Oversize Vehicle Surcharge Registration to \$159;
- Creates a new fee for Divisible Load Charge of \$100;
- Increases Late Registration fees to \$25 a month;
- Creates a new \$2 Daily Car Rental fee.

What is this disappointing transportation policy going to cost Colorado families? Assuming the average household has three vehicles, there will be a \$96 dollar increase in their existing registration fees. If the registration fees are paid late, ***watch out*** you will get hit with a \$25 monthly late charge until the fourth month. If month four rolls around and the registrations still have not been paid, one will get hit with late fee of \$100 per vehicle. In this example a typical family in Fountain, Calhan, Security, Peyton or Falcon may end up paying an additional ***\$396*** dollars in registration fees.

SB108 also increases fees for semi trucks, medium, heavy duty, commercial trucks and trailers. Tomahawk, located at S. Santa Fe and I-25, is one of Colorado's busiest and best truck stops. Many independent and corporate truck drivers who fuel up at our truck stops have expressed concerns that these additional fees and government mandates are unreasonable, unsustainable, and will drive up the costs of the products they transport!

You may want to consider updating your vehicle registrations by June 30, 2009 because these new fees go into effect on **July 1, 2009**, and remember these new fees is due to the current leadership at the Capitol and ***not*** your County Clerk & Recorders, the Dept. of Motor Vehicles or the Dept. of Revenue.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you,

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