

Chapter 43.52. TRANSPORTATION TAXES

Article 01. VEHICLE RENTAL TAXES

Sec. 43.52.010. Levy of passenger vehicle rental tax.

There is imposed an excise tax on the charge for the lease or rental of a passenger vehicle in this state if the lease or rental of the passenger vehicle does not exceed a period of 90 consecutive days.

Sec. 43.52.020. Rate of passenger vehicle rental tax.

The rate of the tax levied in AS 43.52.010 is 10 percent of the total fees and costs charged for the lease or rental of the passenger vehicle.

Sec. 43.52.030. Levy of recreational vehicle rental tax.

There is imposed an excise tax on the charge for the lease or rental of a recreational vehicle in this state if the lease or rental of the recreational vehicle does not exceed a period of 90 consecutive days.

Sec. 43.52.040. Rate of recreational vehicle rental tax.

The rate of the tax levied in AS 43.52.030 is three percent of the total fees and costs charged for the lease or rental of the recreational vehicle.

Sec. 43.52.050. Liability for payment of vehicle rental taxes.

(a) The taxes imposed by AS 43.52.010 - 43.52.099 shall be collected and paid to the department

(1) by the person who provides the leased or rented vehicle; and

(2) in the manner and at the times required by the department by regulation.

(b) The tax shall be stated as a separate item on the lease or rental contract or other document invoicing payment.

Sec. 43.52.060. Applicability of the tax.

The provisions of AS 43.52.010 - 43.52.099 apply to a passenger or recreational vehicle whether or not the vehicle is registered and licensed in this state.

Sec. 43.52.070. Relationship to municipal levies.

The taxes imposed by AS 43.52.010 - 43.52.099 are in addition to taxes that may be imposed on vehicle rentals by a municipality under AS 29.45.

Sec. 43.52.080. Administration of tax.

(a) The department shall administer the taxes imposed by this chapter and may adopt necessary regulations.

(b) The proceeds of the vehicle rental taxes imposed by AS 43.52.010 - 43.52.099 shall be deposited into a special vehicle rental tax account in the general fund.

(c) The legislature may appropriate the actual balance of the vehicle rental tax account for tourism development and marketing. This section is not intended to create a dedicated fund.

Sec. 43.52.090. Exemption.

The tax imposed in AS 43.52.010 - 43.52.099 does not apply to leases or rentals for official use to federal, state, or local government agencies or employees.

Sec. 43.52.099. Definitions.

In AS 43.52.010 - 43.52.099,

(1) "fees and costs" means all charges incurred by the renter before the tax imposed under AS 43.52.010 - 43.52.099 except

(A) fees from the sale of automobile liability insurance, loss damage waiver insurance, and personal accident insurance;

(B) parking tickets;

(C) sales or excise taxes;

(D) payment for damages to the vehicle during the rental period;

(E) concession fees paid to an airport;

(F) customer facility charges set by the commissioner of transportation and public facilities under AS 02.15.090; and

(G) customer facility maintenance charges set by the commissioner of transportation and public facilities under AS 02.15.090;

(2) "passenger vehicle" means a motor vehicle as defined in AS 28.90.990 that is driven or moved on a highway or other public right-of-way in the state, but does not include

(A) a commercial motor vehicle as that term is defined in AS 28.90.990;

(B) emergency or fire equipment that is necessary to the preservation of life or property;

(C) a farm vehicle that is controlled and operated by a farmer, used to transport agricultural products, farm machinery, or farm supplies to or from that farmer's farm, not used in the operations of a common or contract motor carrier, and used within 150 miles of the farmer's farm;

(D) a recreational vehicle;

(E) a taxicab;

(F) a rental truck; in this subparagraph, "rental truck" means a motor vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating greater than 8,500 pounds that is designed, used, or maintained primarily for the transportation of personal property; or

(G) a vehicle provided by an automobile dealer to a customer as replacement transportation during warranty, recall, or service contract repairs if the dealer does not receive compensation from the customer;

(3) "recreational vehicle" means

(A) a motor vehicle or trailer for recreational dwelling purposes;

(B) a motor home or other vehicle with a motor home body style;

(C) a one-piece camper vehicle; and

(D) any other self-propelled vehicle with living quarters;

(4) "tax" means the excise tax levied under AS 43.52.010 - 43.52.099 on the charge made for the rental of a passenger or recreational vehicle;

(5) "vehicle" means a device in, upon, or by which a person or property may be transported or drawn upon or immediately over a highway or vehicular way or area; "vehicle" does not include

(A) devices used exclusively upon stationary rails or tracks;

(B) mobile homes; or

(C) watercraft.