**PERMANENT ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER**

**DMV 30-2019**  
**CHAPTER 735**  
**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**  
**DRIVER AND MOTOR VEHICLE SERVICES DIVISION**

**FILING CAPTION:** Calculating Combined Miles Per Gallon (MPG) for Title and Registration Transactions  
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**Rules:**  
735-030-0045, 735-030-0115  
**Amend:** 735-030-0045  
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**Rule Summary:** DMV amended OAR 735-030-0045 to add ORS 803.422 to the list of statutes that are implemented by the rule.  
**Changes to Rule:**  
735-030-0045  
Application of Vehicle Registration Fees ¶

(1) This rule applies to any change in registration fees. Regardless of when an applicant applies for registration or renewal of registration or pays the registration fee, DMV will require payment of the registration fee in effect at the time the registration period begins.¶

(2) When application is made for renewal of registration for a registration period that begins before the date a fee change takes effect, the registration renewal fee is the fee amount in effect before the change.¶

Example: If the registration fee decreases from $90 to $54 effective January 1, the registration or registration renewal fee for a registration period that begins before January 1 is $90.¶

(3) When application is made for registration or renewal of registration for a registration period that begins on or after the date a fee change takes effect, the fee is the fee amount in effect after the change.¶

Example: If the registration fee increases from $54 to $90 effective January 1, the registration or registration renewal fee for a registration period that begins on or after January 1 is $90.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 184.616, 184.619, 802.010, 803.420  
Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 803.420, 803.422
ADOPT: 735-030-0115

NOTICE FILED DATE: 10/28/2019

RULE SUMMARY: DMV adopted OAR 735-030-0115 as a result of Chapter 750, Oregon Laws 2017. Sections 32 and 37 of the bill, now ORS 803.091 and ORS 803.422 respectively, require DMV to determine the combined MPG ratings for each motor vehicle pursuant to a method determined by the department. This rule establishes the method the department will use to determine MPG.

CHANGES TO RULE:

735-030-0115
Determining Combined MPG Ratings for Title and Registration Issuance
(1) This rule describes DMV's method of determining the combined MPG rating for the titling and registration of vehicles in accordance with ORS 803.091 and 803.422, respectively.
(2) The following definitions apply to terms in this rule:
(a) "Combined MPG rating" means a whole number representing the average miles a vehicle can travel on a gallon of fuel for combined city and highway driving.
(b) "EPA" means the United States Environmental Protection Agency, United States Department of Energy and Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy.
(c) "MPG" means miles per gallon.
(3) DMV determines the combined MPG rating for a vehicle by assigning the combined MPG rating reported by the EPA for that vehicle.
(4) DMV acquires the combined MPG rating reported by the EPA using any one of the following methods:
(a) DMV decodes the vehicle identification number (VIN) using VIN decoder software provided by a vendor contracted with DMV;
(b) A certified dealer, as defined in OAR 735-150-0010, or an EVR integrator, as defined in OAR 735-020-0000, enters the combined MPG rating when processing a title, title and registration or registration renewal transaction using DMV's electronic vehicle registration program;
(c) An employee of the Oregon Department of Transportation's road usage charge program enters the combined MPG rating for the vehicle when the person applies for entry into the road usage charge program.
(5) When DMV cannot establish the combined MPG rating for a vehicle using the methods described in section (4) of this rule, DMV will calculate the additional title fee prescribed in ORS 803.091 or the additional registration fee prescribed in ORS 803.422 using the fee listed in the appropriate statute for vehicles that have a combined MPG rating of 0-19 MPG or non-motorized vehicles.
(6) Notwithstanding section (5) of this rule, if DMV cannot establish the combined MPG rating using a method described in section (4), DMV may establish the combined MPG rating by using the vehicle information to locate the combined MPG rating on the EPA's website that provides accurate fuel economy information to consumers.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 184.619, 802.010, 803.091, 803.422
Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 803.091, 803.422