

Overview of House & Senate Omnibus Transportation Legislation

Topic	HB 1414 (Del. Filler-Corn) as passed House	SB 890 (Sen. Saslaw) as passed Senate
State gas tax after phase-in	28.2 cents per gallon (FY 2022)	24.2 cents per gallon (FY 2021)
Scheduled increases (current state gas tax is 16.2 cents per gallon)	4 cents on July 1, 2020 = 20.2 cents per gallon 4 cents on July 1, 2021 = 24.2 cents per gallon 4 cents on July 1, 2022 = 28.2 cents per gallon	4 cents on July 1, 2020 = 20.2 cents per gallon 4 cents on July 1, 2021 = 24.2 cents per gallon
Indexing	Yes. Future annual increases based on the Consumer Price Index (beginning July 2023).	Yes. Future annual increases based on the Consumer Price Index (beginning July 2022).
Highway use fee	Yes. Fee would apply to electric vehicles and fuel-efficient vehicles. Calculated as 85% of the difference between the estimated amount of fuel tax paid by the owner's vehicle at the statewide average of miles traveled and the amount of fuel tax that would be paid by a vehicle with a fuel economy of 23.7 miles per gallon at the statewide average of miles traveled. This amount would be updated annually on July 1.	Yes. Fee would apply to electric vehicles and fuel-efficient vehicles. Calculated as 85% of the difference between the estimated amount of fuel tax paid by the owner's vehicle at the statewide average of miles traveled and the amount of fuel tax that would be paid by a vehicle with a fuel economy of 23.7 miles per gallon at the statewide average of miles traveled. This amount would be updated annually on July 1.
Voluntary mileage fee	Yes. Vehicle owners would be able to opt into this program and pay a mileage-based fee in lieu of the highway use fee. Calculated by dividing the amount of the highway use fee by the average number of miles traveled by a passenger vehicle in Virginia. This fee could not exceed the amount of the highway use fee.	Yes. Vehicle owners would be able to opt into this program and pay a mileage-based fee in lieu of the highway use fee. Calculated by dividing the amount of the highway use fee by the average number of miles traveled by a passenger vehicle in Virginia. This fee could not exceed the amount of the highway use fee.
Offsets	\$20 reduction in registration fees for private passenger cars and reductions for motorcycles, mopeds, and autocycles. Annual vehicle safety inspection changed to every 24 months.	None.
Regional gas tax funding components	None. Separate standalone legislation for the Richmond region passed the House (HB 1541), which includes additional 2.1% tax on fuels that distributors sell at wholesale to retailers and an additional sales tax of 0.7% (both apply only to Planning District 15).	Additional regional taxes of 7.6 cents per gallon of gasoline and 7.7 cents per gallon of diesel fuel purchased in regions of the state outside of Northern Virginia, Hampton Roads, and the I-81 corridor. Regional fuels tax amounts would be indexed to inflation (beginning in July 2021).

Source: Legislative Text of HB 1414, SB 890, and HB 1541, available at <https://lis.virginia.gov/lis.htm>



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