**Section 1010.540 Fees**

a) Over-the-Counter Sales Program

In addition to any fee set forth in subsection (b), an entity participating in the over-the-counter program may charge an applicant for motor vehicle renewal license plates and/or stickers $9.50. No additional charge shall be imposed upon the applicant by any such person, firm, corporation or private institution, or its authorized agent for distribution of motor vehicle renewal license plates and/or stickers. The term Financial Institution, for the purposes of this Section, shall mean any federal or State chartered bank, savings and loan, credit union, armored carrier, and any currency exchange either directly or indirectly through an armored carrier.

b) Electronic Registration and Titling

1) Vendors participating in the Electronic Registration and Titling (ERT) program may charge customers a fee for the optional service of electronically processing their vehicle titling and registration or data and for providing registration plates or stickers. The maximum fee to be imposed upon a customer utilizing the ERT services shall be $35, in addition to any other fee permitted by law or rule. However, if the ERT services are used solely for renewing vehicle registrations, the maximum fee imposed shall be that set forth in subsection (a). One of the two following methods shall be used to identify the fee:

A) the fee shall be identified on the bill of sale, receipt or any other sales documents as "Optional ERT Fee". The "Optional ERT Fee" language shall be distinguished from other language with the use of bold, colored, italic or underscored type or by using a larger font, but in no case may the font size be smaller than that required by the Motor Vehicle Retail Installment Sales Act [815 ILCS 375]. If this method is used, not later than July 1, 2006, all pre-printed bills of sale, receipts or other sales documents shall identify the fee as "Optional ERT Fee" in bold type; or

B) the fee shall be identified on a separate document, including the phrase "Optional Electronic Registration Fee", using a font size not smaller than that required by the Motor Vehicle Retail Installment Sales Act and with a signature line indicating the customer's acceptance or rejection of the option of paying the fee.

2) A service provider may charge vendors up to $14 for each ERT transaction. The maximum ERT fee to be imposed on the customer may not exceed the amount actually charged by the service provider to the vendor plus an amount equal to 1.5 times the amount actually charged by the service provider to the vendor, and, therefore, the maximum fee to be imposed upon a customer utilizing the ERT services shall be $35, in addition to any other fee permitted by statute or rule.

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