

APPORTIONMENT AND DISTRIBUTION OF LICENSE PLATE FEES

License plate fees are collected by the County Treasurer when motor vehicles are registered annually. Of the total collected 41.5% is retained at the county level of which 22.5% is deposited in the County Road and Bridge Fund, 14% is deposited in a Special Road and Bridge Fund for maintenance of township roads (in both organized and unorganized townships) and 5% is set-aside for municipalities within the county. Of the remaining 58.5%, 0.25% is retained by the County Treasurer for supplies used in vehicle registration, 1.75% goes to the Division of Motor Vehicles for over-all administration of the Motor Vehicle Registration Program, 2.5% goes to the License Plate Revolving Fund (for manufacturing new license plates every 5 years) and 54% is deposited in the Local Government Road and Bridge fund to be distributed back to counties, cities and townships in accordance with allocation factors contained in SDCL 32-11-5.

The 41.5 % retained by the County is apportioned by the County Commissioners at their first meeting in January, April, July and October. The 54% deposited in the Local Government Road and Bridge Fund is apportioned to counties, cities and townships on the 15th day of January, May, July and October by the Secretary of Revenue. The County Treasurer then distributes the apportioned funds within 30 days of apportionment.

APPORTIONMENT AND DISTRIBUTION TO TOWNSHIPS

The amounts set-aside for organized and unorganized townships are apportioned among the individual townships according to the number miles of maintained township roads within the townships. The County Treasurer distributes such money to each township within the county within 30 days of apportionment. Township Supervisors should be able to go to the County Treasurer and obtain an apportionment factor for their township to be applied to the total increased funding to be received by the county for the township roads within the county as a result of HB 1192 in order to estimate the amount of increased funding to be distributed to their township annually.

AMOUNT OF INCREASED FUNDING AVAILABLE IN CURRENT YEAR

HB 1192 becomes effective July 1, 2011. Since vehicles can be registered two months in advance of the owner's alphabetically assigned month, it is anticipated that most people with assigned months of July and August will register their vehicles prior to July 1. Therefore, the first month of any significant increase will be September. Those funds will be apportioned in October and be distributed by the County Treasurer within 30 days. Therefore, townships with a fiscal year ending December 31 will receive only 1/12 of the total increase expected for a full year.

October is not a registration month so for vehicles registered in the 3rd quarter of the year, the increase will be collected only for November and December. Those funds will be apportioned to townships in January 2012 and will be distributed by the County Treasurer in February. Therefore, townships which have a fiscal year ending in March or April will receive 3 months (or ¼ of the total increase for a year). Thereafter, the increases will be distributed quarterly as current license plate fee revenues are distributed.

