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GOVT ABOLISHES ROAD TAX FOR MOTORCYCLES 150CC AND BELOW

KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 12 (Bernama) -- Owners of motorcycles with engine capacity not exceeding 150cc will be exempted from paying road tax from Jan 1 next year.

This was proposed by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad in the Budget 2004 to reduce the financial burden of youths and students in institutions of higher learning.

At present, the road tax for motorcycles with engine capacity of 75cc and less is RM50 in Peninsular Malaysia and RM12 in Sarawak, (75-100cc) RM55 and RM12, (101-150cc) RM65 and RM12, (151-200cc) RM100 and RM24, (201-250cc) RM150 and RM24, and (251-500cc) RM200 and RM36-60.

The road tax for superbikes (501-800cc) is RM300 in Peninsular Malaysia and RM60-90 in Sarawak while 801cc and above, RM400 in Peninsular Malaysia and over RM96 in Sarawak.

In Sabah, the road tax for all types of motorcycles is only RM50 a year.

The Prime Minister said the government also proposed that the road tax on buses for workers be reduced by 50 per cent.

He said the reduction of road tax for buses with diesel engine capacity of 5,000cc would come to RM738 from RM1,476 a year in Peninsular Malaysia.

In Sabah and Sarawak, the 50 per cent reduction would come to RM562 from RM1,125 a year.

For petrol engine capacity of 5,000cc, the reduction would be to RM553 from RM1,107 a year in Peninsular Malaysia while in Sabah and Sarawak to RM562 from RM1,125 a year.

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