FINAL BILL REPORT

SHB 1852

C 135 L 91 Synopsis As Enacted

Brief Description: Providing funding for the fire services fund.

By House Committee on Revenue (originally sponsored by Representatives Wang and Holland; by request of Department of Community Development and Office of Financial Management).

House Committee on Revenue Senate Committee on Ways & Means

Background: A license is required to manufacture, import, wholesale, sell or display fireworks in Washington. A license application is made to the director of fire protection within the Department of Community Development. A fee is charged at the time of application. License fee revenue is deposited in the general fund.

Summary of Bill: License fees for the manufacture, importation, sale and display of fireworks are increased. The manufacturer license fees are increased from \$500 to \$2,000; the importer license fee from \$100 to \$1,000; the wholesaler license fee from \$1,000 to \$2,000; the retailer license fee from \$10 to \$40; the fee for public display of special fireworks from \$10 to \$50; and the pyrotechnic operator license fee from \$5 to \$10.

The fire services trust fund is created in the state treasury. It is subject to appropriation. Fireworks license fees are deposited in the fire services trust fund.

Money in the fire services trust fund is dedicated to expenditures on (a) fire service personnel training, (b) maintenance and operation of the state's fire service training center, (c) lease or purchase of training equipment, (d) local grants, (e) costs of administering training programs and fireworks licensing and enforcement statutes and (f) fireworks safety education.

Votes on Final Passage:

| House | 73 | 25 | |
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| Senate | 25 | 18 | (Senate amended) |
| House | 87 | 8 | (House concurred) |

Effective: July 1, 1991