

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5425

AS REPORTED BY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, JANUARY 29, 1992

**Brief Description:** Permitting old vehicles to have blue dot taillights.

**SPONSORS:** Senator Owen.

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION**

**Majority Report:** That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5425 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass.

Signed by Senators Patterson, Chairman; Nelson, Vice Chairman; von Reichbauer, Vice Chairman; Erwin, Hansen, Madsen, McMullen, Oke, Skratek, Snyder, Thorsness, and Vognild.

**Staff:** Brad Lovaas (786-7307)

**Hearing Dates:** January 28, 1992; January 29, 1992

**BACKGROUND:**

Federal motor vehicle safety standards and state law require that all lighting devices and reflectors mounted on the rear of any vehicle be red, amber or yellow.

**SUMMARY:**

A vehicle 30 years or older may use a taillight that contains a blue or purple insert.

**EFFECT OF PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE:**

The substitute changes the vehicles that are eligible to use blue dot taillights from vehicles that are 30 years old to those which are 40 years or older.

**Appropriation:** none

**Revenue:** none

**Fiscal Note:** none requested

**TESTIMONY FOR:**

The bill would allow auto enthusiasts to detail their vehicles.

**TESTIMONY AGAINST:**

The bill would cause recognition problems for other motorists.

**TESTIFIED:** Scott Cedergreen, Washington Car Club Council (pro);  
Brent Knott, Midnight Cruisers Car Club of Grays Harbor (pro);  
Tim Erickson, Washington State Patrol (con)