

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 6130

AS PASSED SENATE, FEBRUARY 11, 1992

**Brief Description:** Informing new residents of the obligation to register vehicles.

**SPONSORS:** Senators Patterson, Vognild and McCaslin

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION**

**Majority Report:** Do pass.

Signed by Senators Nelson, Vice Chairman; Barr, Conner, Erwin, Hansen, McMullen, Oke, Skratek, Snyder, Thorsness, and Vognild.

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

**Hearing Dates:** January 30, 1992; February 5, 1992

**BACKGROUND:**

New residents to the state are allowed 30 days from the time they become residents to obtain a Washington driver's license and motor vehicle registrations for all vehicles they own.

A person becomes a resident when they live in the state on more than a temporary basis. Evidence of residency includes, but is not limited to: 1) registering to vote; 2) receiving benefits from a Washington public assistance program; 3) obtaining a state license or tuition fees at resident rates.

There are many incentives for new residents to obtain a driver's license which range from general identification purposes to check cashing. The Washington driver's license fee is \$14 for four years.

The fees charged for registering a motor vehicle for a new resident include: 1) an out-of-state vehicle identification number (VIN) inspection, \$15; 2) basic registration fee, \$27.75; 3) 2.2 percent of value according to the state depreciation schedule; and 4) agent or subagent service fees.

**SUMMARY:**

The Department of Licensing (DOL) shall inform all new residents at the time of issuance of a driver's license of the legal obligation to register all vehicles within 30 days of becoming a resident.

**Appropriation:** none

**Revenue:** yes

**Fiscal Note:** requested

**TESTIMONY FOR:** None

**TESTIMONY AGAINST:** None

**TESTIFIED:** No one