

HOUSE BILL REPORT

EHB 1254

As Passed Legislature

Title: An act relating to the destruction of driving records.

Brief Description: Prohibiting destruction of driving records for alcohol or drug-related offenses.

Sponsors: Representatives Sterk, D. Sommers, Carrell, Mulliken, Delvin, Chandler, O'Brien and Bush.

Brief History:

Committee Activity:

Law & Justice: 1/29/97, 1/31/97 [DP].

Floor Activity:

Passed House: 02/28/97, 96-0;

Passed House: 1/12/98, 93-0.

Senate Amended.

House Concurred.

Passed Legislature.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LAW & JUSTICE

Majority Report: Do pass. Signed by 12 members: Representatives Sheahan, Chairman; McDonald, Vice Chairman; Sterk, Vice Chairman; Costa, Ranking Minority Member; Constantine, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Carrell; Cody; Kenney; Lantz; Radcliff; Sherstad and Skinner.

Staff: Bill Perry (786-7123).

Background: Courts are required to keep conviction records on traffic law violations. The statute requiring that these records be kept does not specify the duration of the requirement.

Summary of Bill: Courts are required to keep records of drunk driving convictions permanently.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Requested on January 29, 1997.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Testimony For: These records provide valuable information to law enforcement, prosecutors, and judges in making charging, plea bargaining, and sentencing decisions.

Testimony Against: None.

Testified: Representative Sterk, prime sponsor.