

FINAL BILL REPORT

HB 1458

PARTIAL VETO

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Regulating vehicle and vessel licensing.

Sponsors: Representatives Zellinsky, Fisher and Robertson; by request of Department of Licensing.

House Committee on Transportation Policy & Budget
Senate Committee on Transportation

Background: The law requiring vehicle dealers to maintain a certain display area for their vehicles was repealed, but references to this display area requirement are still found in the statute regulating wholesale and listing dealers.

The Department of Licensing (DOL) was given the authority to deny a license to any tow truck operator whose application for license is a mere subterfuge to conceal the identity of the real applicant whose license has been denied, suspended or revoked. This law has not been extended to cover vehicle and vessel dealers who attempt to obtain a license by concealing their real identity.

Summary: All references to display area requirements are removed to reflect changes made by the Legislature in previous sessions.

The DOL's authority to deny an application to a person attempting to conceal his or her true identity because he or she has had a license denied, suspended or revoked is extended to vehicle and vessel dealers.

The DOL is required to make certain data available to a third party vendor, who in turn will provide excise tax information to car dealers.

Dealers are allowed to obtain vehicle titles directly from lienholders when the lien has been paid off. If the bank does not remit the title within the prescribed time period, the dealers may seek a monetary penalty plus actual damages and fees.

Votes on Final Passage:

House 93 0

Senate 46 2 (Senate amended)
House 90 1 (House concurred)

Effective: July 27, 1997

Partial Veto Summary: The governor vetoed section 7, thereby removing the requirement that the Regional Transit Authority supply taxing district information to private contractors.