

FINAL BILL REPORT

SHB 1558

FULL VETO

Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Tightening requirements for release of impounded vehicles.

Sponsors: By House Committee on Transportation (Originally sponsored by Representatives Mitchell, Hatfield, McDonald, Poulsen, Bush, Constantine and Radcliff; by request of Washington State Patrol).

House Committee on Transportation
Senate Committee on Transportation

Background:

A vehicle operated by a person with a suspended driver's license is subject to impound by a law enforcement officer. To redeem the vehicle, the registered owner must establish with the agency ordering the impound that all penalties, fines, or forfeitures have been satisfied. The court will give the registered owner a notice of adjudication which demonstrates payment of all penalties and fines. The vehicle will not be released without proof of payment.

Summary:

An impounded vehicle operated by a registered owner with a suspended driver's license will not be released until the owner establishes with the court of jurisdiction or agency ordering the impound that any penalties, fines, or forfeitures relating to the impound have been satisfied.

Votes on Final Passage:

House 97 0
Senate 46 0 (Senate amended)
House 97 0 (House concurred)