

FINAL BILL REPORT

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Reversing the 1999 license fraud law.

Sponsors: Senate Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators Goings, Haugen, Eide, Sellar and Winsley).

Senate Committee on Transportation

House Committee on Transportation

Background: In 1999, the Legislature decriminalized license fraud and enacted civil penalties for intentionally licensing a vehicle in another state. Individuals who license vehicles in another state to avoid paying Washington taxes or fees are liable for a minimum monetary penalty of \$1,000 and a maximum penalty of \$10,000.

The Legislature also authorized the Washington State Patrol to use an administrative process to enforce the civil penalties established for license fraud. As a result of establishing this process, local law enforcement officials no longer had the authority to issue citations for license fraud.

Summary: The specific administrative process for the Washington State Patrol is eliminated. The criminal penalties for license fraud are reinstated. Intentionally registering a vehicle in another state to evade Washington taxes and fees constitutes a gross misdemeanor.

Votes on Final Passage:

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| Senate | 44 | 0 | |
| House | 97 | 0 | (House amended) |
| Senate | 45 | 0 | (Senate concurred) |

Effective: March 30, 2000