

HOUSE BILL REPORT

HB 2216

As Reported by House Committee On:
Transportation

Title: An act relating to vehicle license fees.

Brief Description: Clarifying vehicle license fees and distribution thereof.

Sponsors: Representatives Hankins and Fisher.

Brief History:

Committee Activity:

Transportation: 4/9/01, 4/30/01 [DPS].

<p>Brief Summary of Substitute Bill</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">· Clarifies vehicle license fees and distributions.
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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Majority Report: The substitute bill be substituted therefor and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by 23 members: Representatives Fisher, Democratic Co-Chair; Mitchell, Republican Co-Chair; Cooper, Democratic Vice Chair; Ericksen, Republican Vice Chair; Hankins, Republican Vice Chair; Lovick, Democratic Vice Chair; Ahern, Anderson, Edmonds, Hatfield, Hurst, Jackley, Jarrett, Marine, Morell, Murray, Ogden, Reardon, Rockefeller, Romero, Simpson, Wood and Woods.

Minority Report: Without recommendation. Signed by 4 members: Representatives Armstrong, G. Chandler, Mielke and Sump.

Staff: Jerry Long (786-7306).

Background:

Initiative 695, approved by Washington voters in November 1999, would have eliminated motor vehicle excise taxes and set motor vehicle registration fees at \$30. When the initiative was held invalid by the courts, the 2000 Legislature set motor vehicle registration fees at \$30. The State Patrol Highway Account received an increase in revenue from an average of \$20.35 per license fee to an average \$26.10.

However, due to a revised definition of motor vehicles, non-motorized trailers were exempt from the new base fee.

Summary of Substitute Bill:

Restores the application of the \$30 license tab fee to all vehicles. It returns the Washington State Patrol's share of the revenue from each original and renewal license fee to \$20.35. The distribution fee to the Puget Sound Ferry Account remains the same, the basis for calculation is changed from a percentage to a flat \$2.02 of each vehicle license. All remaining revenue will be deposited into the Motor Vehicle Account.

Substitute Bill Compared to Original Bill:

The implementation date for section 1 has been changed from July 1, 2001 to September 1, 2001 in order to give the Department of Licensing time to implement the legislation. Section 2 will still be implemented on July 1, 2001.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Effective Date of Substitute Bill: The bill takes effect on September 1, 2001, except for section 2 which contains an emergency clause and takes effect on July 1, 2001.

Testimony For: None.

Testimony Against: None.

Testified: None.