

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 6638

As Reported By Senate Committee On:
Government Operations & Elections, February 5, 2004

Title: An act relating to the issuance of license plates to incarcerated veterans.

Brief Description: Offering tax and fee exempt license plates to additional veterans.

Sponsors: Senators Roach, Rasmussen, Winsley, Benton and Oke.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Government Operations & Elections: 2/3/04, 2/5/04 [DPS].

SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS & ELECTIONS

Majority Report: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 6638 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass.

Signed by Senators Roach, Chair; Stevens, Vice Chair; Berkey, Horn, Kastama and McCaslin.

Staff: Mac Nicholson (786-7445)

Background: Veterans with certain disabilities and veterans captured and incarcerated by an enemy during a time of war for more than 29 days are entitled to free regular or special license plates.

Summary of Substitute Bill: The threshold for free license plates based on capture and incarceration by an enemy is changed from 29 days to 24 hours.

Substitute Bill Compared to Original Bill: The substitute bill amends the title to refer to prisoners of war.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

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

Testimony For: It is a good bill that allows veterans that were prisoners of war to get veterans license plates if they were a prisoner for 24 hours or more.

Testimony Against: None.

Testified: Senator Roach, prime sponsor (pro).

Signed In/Did Not Testify: Skip Drebs, Northwest Chapter of Paralyzed Veterans of America.