

HOUSE BILL REPORT

SSB 5709

As Passed House:
April 7, 2005

Title: An act relating to vehicle registration renewal fees within national recreation areas.

Brief Description: Exempting vehicles in inaccessible national recreation areas from license renewal fees.

Sponsors: By Senate Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators Parlette, Swecker, Honeyford, Mulliken, Sheldon and Benton).

Brief History:

Committee Activity:

Transportation: 3/30/05, 3/31/05 [DP].

Floor Activity:

Passed House: 4/7/05, 96-0.

Brief Summary of Substitute Bill

- Exempting a motor vehicle from annual registration when it is operated within a national recreation area that is not accessible by a state highway.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Majority Report: Do pass. Signed by 25 members: Representatives Murray, Chair; Wallace, Vice Chair; Woods, Ranking Minority Member; Appleton, Buck, Campbell, Curtis, Dickerson, Ericksen, Flannigan, Hankins, Hudgins, Jarrett, Kilmer, Lovick, Morris, Nixon, Rodne, Schindler, Shabro, Simpson, B. Sullivan, Takko, Upthegrove and Wood.

Minority Report: Do not pass. Signed by 1 member: Representative Sells.

Staff: Jerry Long (786-7306).

Background:

Under current law, failure to initially register a vehicle in the state prior to operation on highways of the state is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of no less than \$330. Failure to renew an expired registration before operating on a highway of the state is a traffic infraction. Exemptions are allowed for: state and publically owned vehicles; vehicles owned by Indian tribes; motorized foot scooters; electric assisted bicycles; farm vehicles if operated within a 15 mile radius of the farm; spray or fertilizer applicator rigs; fork lifts under certain conditions; and certain highway construction equipment.

Summary of Bill:

If a motor vehicle is operated solely within a national recreation area that is not accessible by a state highway, it is exempt from the annual registration renewal and associated fees after it has been initially registered.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Testimony For: None.

Testimony Against: None.

Persons Testifying: None.

Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying: None.