

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## HB 1260

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As Reported By Senate Committee On:  
Transportation, March 28, 2005

**Title:** An act relating to driver's license examinations.

**Brief Description:** Allowing reciprocal waiver of driver's license exams.

**Sponsors:** Representatives Jarrett, Clibborn, Pettigrew and Wallace; by request of Department of Licensing.

**Brief History:** Passed House: 3/10/05, 95-0.

**Committee Activity:** Transportation: 3/28/05 [DP].

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

**Majority Report:** Do pass.

Signed by Senators Haugen, Chair; Jacobsen, Vice Chair; Poulsen, Vice Chair; Swecker, Ranking Minority Member; Esser, Kastama, Mulliken, Oke, Spanel and Weinstein.

**Staff:** Janice Baumgardt (786-7319)

**Background:** Under current law, the Department of Licensing (DOL) may waive the knowledge and driving skill (skill) exams required of all applicants for a Washington driver's license if they are applying for the renewal of a driver's license. Additionally, DOL may waive the skill exam for applicants surrendering a valid driver's license issued by the person's previous home state.

**Summary of Bill:** DOL may waive the knowledge and/or skill exams for applicants who surrender a valid driver's license issued by the person's previous home state. Additionally, DOL may waive the knowledge and/or skill exams for applicants who provide verification of holding a valid driver's license from a foreign jurisdiction with which DOL has an informal reciprocal agreement.

DOL may enter into an informal agreement with other foreign licensing jurisdictions to waive the driver license examination requirements, provided the jurisdiction has procedures in place to verify the validity of the driver's licenses it issues and the jurisdiction has agreed to waive all or any part of the driver's license requirements for a Washington State licensed driver applying for a license in that jurisdiction.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Available.

**Committee/Commission/Task Force Created:** No.

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

**Testimony For:** None.

**Testimony Against:** None.

**Who Testified:** No one.