

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 6467

As Reported By Senate Committee On:
Transportation, February 6, 2006

Title: An act relating to armed forces license plates for members of the national guard.

Brief Description: Modifying the laws concerning armed forces license plates.

Sponsors: Senators Schmidt, Haugen, Shin, Benson, Rasmussen, Benton and Oke.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Transportation: 2/2/06 [DP].

SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators Haugen, Chair; Jacobsen, Vice Chair; Benson, Ranking Minority Member; Benton, Berkey, Eide, Esser, Kastama, Mulliken, Oke, Sheldon, Spanel, Swecker and Weinstein.

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Background: The Special License Plate Review Board (Board) reviews special vehicle license plate applications from governmental or nonprofit organizations in Washington. On December 10, 2004, the Board approved an application for a collection of "Armed Forces" license plates, which had been submitted by the Washington Department of Veterans Affairs.

The "Armed Forces" license plates recognize the contributions of veterans, active duty military personnel, reservists, and members of the Washington National Guard, and include designs representing the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and Washington National Guard.

The "Armed Forces" license plates are available only to veterans, active duty military personnel, reservists, members of the Washington National Guard, and the spouses of deceased veterans.

Summary of Bill: The provisions relating to the "Armed Forces" license plates are changed to refer to the National Guard, rather than the Washington National Guard. The "Armed Forces" license plates recognize the contributions of veterans, active duty military personnel, reservists, and members of the National Guard, and include designs representing the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and National Guard. The "Armed Forces" license plates are available only to veterans, active duty military personnel, reservists, members of the National Guard, and the spouses of deceased veterans.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

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

Testimony For: The director of the Washington Department of Veteran Affairs, Mr. John Lee, supports this bill.

Testimony Against: None.

Who Testified: PRO: Heidi Audette, Washington Department of Veteran Affairs testifying on behalf of John Lee, Washington Department of Veteran Affairs; Nathan Eacker, Boy Scouts of America.