

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 6836

As Reported By Senate Committee On:
Transportation, February 11, 2008

Title: An act relating to a secure internet-based system to generate temporary permits to operate vehicles.

Brief Description: Requiring the provision of a secure internet-based system to generate temporary permits to operate vehicles.

Sponsors: Senators Kilmer, Swecker, Eide and Marr.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Transportation: 2/7/08, 2/11/08 [DPS].

SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Majority Report: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 6836 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass.

Signed by Senators Haugen, Chair; Marr, Vice Chair; Murray, Vice Chair; Swecker, Ranking Minority Member; Benton, Berkey, Delvin, Eide, Holmquist, Jacobsen, Kastama, Kauffman, Kilmer, King, Pflug, Sheldon and Spanel.

Staff: David Ward (786-7341)

Background: Vehicle owners must title and license their vehicles with the Department of Licensing (DOL). When a person purchases a vehicle from a licensed vehicle dealer, the dealer provides a temporary vehicle permit. The dealer acquires the temporary permit application forms from the DOL for \$15 per application, and fills in the permit expiration date. The dealer must apply for a certificate of title in the purchaser's name within 45 days.

Summary of Bill: The bill as referred to committee was not considered.

SUMMARY OF BILL (Recommended Substitute): The DOL must provide a secure system that allows temporary vehicle permits to be generated by licensed vehicle dealers. By July 1, 2011, all temporary vehicle permits must be generated using this system. The term 'internet-based' is eliminated from the title of the bill.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

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

Staff Summary of Public Testimony: PRO: A secure, electronic, temporary permit generated on-site at the vehicle dealership will help reduce fraud, expedite the vehicle buying experience, and reduce costs for both the state and vehicle dealers. Immediately transmitting permit data to DOL upon purchase of a vehicle will also provide law enforcement access to temporary vehicle permits tied to the owner; something not available with today's paper permitting system.

Persons Testifying: PRO: Senator Kilmer, prime sponsor; Scott Hazlegrove, Washington State Auto Dealers Association.