
Transportation Committee

HB 1876

Brief Description: Providing funds for disabled veterans through voluntary donations.

Sponsors: Representatives McCune, Miloscia, Haler, Klippert, Campbell, Rodne, Schmick, O'Brien, Roach, Warnick, Short, Conway, Cox and Orcutt.

<p style="text-align: center;">Brief Summary of Bill</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Allows owners of vehicles under 10,000 gross weight may make a voluntary donation of \$5 at time of initial or renewal registration.• Establishes the Disabled Veterans Assistance Account.
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Hearing Date: 2/11/09

Staff: Jerry Long (786-7306)

Background:

The Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) is a Governor cabinet-level agency that provides assistance and services to veterans and dependents of veterans. The agency accepts grants, donations, and gifts from any person, corporation, government, or governmental agency, made in behalf of a former member of the armed forces.

Summary of Bill:

The Department of Licensing must provide an opportunity for the owners of vehicles, which includes passenger vehicles, motorcycles, motor homes, travel trailers, trucks and non-commercial trailers under 10,000 pounds gross weight, to make a voluntary \$5 donation to be deposited into the newly-created Disabled Veterans Assistance Account. The donation can be made at the time of a vehicle's initial or renewal registration with registrations due or becoming due on or after January 1, 2010.

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The DVA may also request and accept non-dedicated contributions, grants, or gifts in cash or otherwise. All moneys deposited into the Disabled Veterans Assistance Account must be used to provide programs and services that assist disabled veterans with the purchases of durable medical equipment or mobility-enhancing equipment.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

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