

SENATE BILL REPORT

HB 1478

As of March 16, 2009

Title: An act relating to vehicle registrations for deployed military personnel.

Brief Description: Addressing vehicle registrations for deployed military personnel.

Sponsors: Representatives Orcutt, Takko, McCune, Hurst, Herrera, Campbell, Johnson, Kelley and Dammeier.

Brief History: Passed House: 2/23/09, 97-0.

Committee Activity: Transportation: 3/16/09.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

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Background: A vehicle's licensing registration year begins at 12:01 a.m. on the date designated by the Department of Licensing (DOL) and ends at 12:01 a.m. on the same date of the next calendar year. If a vehicle license previously issued in this state has expired and is renewed with a different registered owner, a new registration year is deemed to commence upon the date the expired license is renewed so that the renewed license will be useful for an entire 12-month period.

Summary of Bill: Deployed military personnel are able to renew their vehicle registrations and have the registration year start on the date that the expired license is renewed so that the renewed license will be useful for an entire 12-month period. To be eligible, the registered owner must be a member of the United States armed forces; have been stationed outside of Washington under military orders during the prior vehicle registration year; and provide the DOL with a copy of the military orders.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

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

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