

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 6379

As Amended by House, March 2, 2010

Title: An act relating to streamlining and making technical corrections to vehicle and vessel registration and title provisions.

Brief Description: Streamlining and making technical corrections to vehicle and vessel registration and title provisions.

Sponsors: Senators Swecker, Hatfield, Marr, Haugen, Berkey, Ranker, Sheldon and Kauffman.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Transportation: 1/19/10, 2/01/10 [DP].

Passed Senate: 2/12/10, 46-0.

Passed House: 3/02/10, 96-0.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators Haugen, Chair; Marr, Vice Chair; Swecker, Ranking Minority Member; Becker, Benton, Berkey, Delvin, Eide, Hatfield, Jacobsen, Kastama, Kauffman, Kilmer, King, Ranker and Sheldon.

Staff: Kelly Simpson (786-7403)

Background: Current vehicle and vessel title and registration statutes are codified in various chapters of law and are often difficult to find and understand. Additionally, corresponding vehicle tax and fee statutes, including revenue distribution statutes, are also challenging for the reader to follow. As such, the 2007-2009 biennial transportation budget directed the Department of Licensing (DOL) to submit to the Legislature draft legislation that "streamlines title and registration statutes to specifically address apparent conflicts, fee distribution, and other relevant issues that are revenue neutral and which do not change legislative policy."

The bill draft was submitted by DOL in 2009 and was subsequently reviewed by combined staffs of the Senate and House Transportation Committees.

Summary of Bill: Numerous vehicle and vessel title and registration statutes, including applicable tax and fee statutes, are streamlined and reorganized, and written in plain language

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so as to assist the reader. The bill is revenue and policy neutral, with two exceptions: (1) the permit to licensed wreckers for junk vehicles was repealed because the permit has never existed, and (2) the Cooper Jones emblem was repealed because the emblems are no longer provided, due to the recent enactment of the Share the Road special license plate promoting bicycle safety and awareness.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect on July 1, 2011, except for section 1020 which takes effect June 30, 2012.

Staff Summary of Public Testimony: OTHER: This bill does not change legislative policy and does not make any substantive changes. Various agencies were involved in reviewing this legislation, including the Attorney General's Office and the Coder Reviser's Office.

Persons Testifying: OTHER: Eric Andersen, DOL.

House Amendment(s):

1. Technical correction changing the name of a fee from Derelict Vessel Removal to Derelict Vessel and Invasive Species Removal, and one reference correction is made.
2. Clarifies references to the term vehicle wrecker.
3. Technical correction is made to recodification instruction.