

SENATE BILL REPORT

SHB 2312

As of February 21, 2012

Title: An act relating to military service award emblems.

Brief Description: Making military service award emblems available for purchase.

Sponsors: House Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives Zeiger, Clibborn, Armstrong, Ladenburg, Hargrove, Billig, Dammeier, Orwall, Bailey, Takko, Finn, Asay, Smith, Tharinger, Kelley, Pearson, Miloscia and Moscoso).

Brief History: Passed House: 2/08/12, 96-0.

Committee Activity: Transportation: 2/20/12.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Staff: Amanda Cecil (786-7429)

Background: Veterans discharged under honorable conditions and individuals serving on active duty in the United States armed forces may purchase a veterans remembrance emblem or campaign medal emblem for display on license plates. Veterans and active duty military personnel who served during periods of war or armed conflict may purchase a remembrance emblem depicting campaign ribbons which they were awarded.

Veterans or active duty military personnel requesting a veteran remembrance emblem or campaign medal emblem must pay a prescribed fee set by the Department of Licensing (DOL), show proof of eligibility, and must be the legal or registered owner of the vehicle on which the emblem is to be displayed.

Summary of Bill: Veterans discharged under honorable conditions and individuals serving on active duty in the United States armed forces may purchase a military service award emblem for display on license plates.

The following military service award emblems will be made available:

- Distinguished Service Cross,
- Navy Cross, Air Force Cross,
- Silver Star medal, and
- Bronze Star medal.

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Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

[OFM requested ten-year cost projection pursuant to I-960.]

Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect on January 1, 2013.

Staff Summary of Public Testimony: PRO: This bill provides an opportunity to recognize the service and sacrifice of those that serve in the armed forces.

Persons Testifying: PRO: Representative Zeiger, prime sponsor; Ted Wicorek, Veterans Legislative Coalition.