

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5414

As of February 3, 2011

Title: An act relating to the periodic replacement of license plates.

Brief Description: Eliminating the periodic replacement requirement for license plates.

Sponsors: Senators Becker, Benton, Holmquist Newbry, Hatfield, Pflug, Delvin, Stevens, Sheldon, Honeyford, Morton, King, Ericksen, Schoesler, Kilmer, Tom, Parlette and Roach.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Transportation: 2/03/11.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Staff: Janice Baumgardt (786-7319)

Background: License plates must be kept clean and to be plainly seen and read at all times. Additionally, license plates must be replaced periodically to ensure maximum legibility and reflectivity. The Department of Licensing (DOL) must determine how frequently the plates must be replaced. DOL has selected a replacement period of seven years.

Summary of Bill: The requirement that DOL mandate a license plate replacement period is removed.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

Effective Date: The bill contains an emergency clause and takes effect on July 1, 2011.

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