

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SB 5775

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As Passed Senate, March 8, 2013

**Title:** An act relating to allowing for a veteran designation on drivers' licenses and identicards.

**Brief Description:** Allowing for a veteran designation on drivers' licenses and identicards.

**Sponsors:** Senators Benton, Hobbs, Brown, Ericksen, Conway and Rivers.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** Transportation: 2/20/13, 2/25/13 [DP].

Passed Senate: 3/08/13, 48-1.

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

**Majority Report:** Do pass.

Signed by Senators Eide, Co-Chair; King, Co-Chair; Benton, Vice Co-Chair; Hobbs, Vice Co-Chair; Fain, Budget Leadership Cabinet; Billig, Brown, Carrell, Ericksen, Harper, Litzow, Mullet, Rolfes, Schlicher, Sheldon and Smith.

**Staff:** Kim Johnson (786-7472)

**Background:** The Department of Licensing (DOL) issues driver's licenses and identification cards. The fee for driver's licenses and identicards is \$9 per year. Currently driver's licenses and identicards are generally issued for a period of five years, but after July 2013, driver's licenses and identicards will be valid for a period of six years.

The United States Department of Defense issues a document known as DD Form 214 that constitutes a verified record of a service member's time in the military. This form also shows a service member's reason for discharge. Government agencies use this form to determine eligibility for certain veteran benefits.

**Summary of Bill:** A person may apply to DOL to obtain a veteran designation on a driver's license or identification card. The person must provide the Department of Defense discharge document, DD Form 214, that shows a discharge status of honorable or general under honorable conditions and establishes the person's service in the armed forces.

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The Department may charge an additional fee for driver's licenses with a veteran designation that is sufficient to cover the start-up and administrative costs associated with the inclusion of the designation. The fee may not, however, exceed \$2 per designation.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Available.

**Committee/Commission/Task Force Created:** No.

**Effective Date:** The bill takes effect on July 1, 2015.

**Staff Summary of Public Testimony:** None.

**Persons Testifying:** No one.