

FINAL BILL REPORT

SHB 1157

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Modifying the apportionment of quick title service fees collected by appointed subagents.

Sponsors: House Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives Pike, Wylie, Wilson and Moeller).

House Committee on Transportation
Senate Committee on Transportation

Background:

Vehicle and vessel title changes may be made at a county auditor's office, offices of other agents or subagents, or at the Department of Licensing (DOL). The applicant must complete a vehicle or vessel certificate of ownership application. Documentation and the required taxes and fees are collected at the location and sent to the DOL. Quick titles are defined as a certificate of ownership printed at the time of application and given to the applicant immediately.

The application for a quick title of a vehicle must be submitted by the owner or the owner's representative to the DOL, participating county auditor or other agent, or subagent appointed by the Director of the DOL, on a form furnished or approved by the DOL. The application must contain:

- a description of the vehicle, including make, model, vehicle identification number, type of body, and the odometer reading at the time of delivery of the vehicle, when required;
- the name and address of the person who is to be the registered owner of the vehicle and, if the vehicle is subject to a security interest, the name and address of the secured party; and
- other information as may be required by the DOL.

The application for a quick title must be accompanied by:

- all fees and taxes due for an application for a certificate of title, including a quick title service fee; and
- the most recent certificate of title or other satisfactory evidence of ownership.

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The application for a quick title may not be used to obtain the first title issued to a vehicle previously designated as a salvage vehicle.

A \$50 fee is charged for a quick title. If the fee is paid to a county auditor or other agent or subagent for a vehicle or vessel title, \$25 is retained by the county treasurer in the same manner as other fees collected by the county auditor, and the remaining \$25 is deposited into the Motor Vehicle Fund for a vehicle and the General Fund for a vessel. If the fee is paid directly to the DOL, the entire fee of \$50 must be deposited into the Motor Vehicle Fund for a vehicle and into the General Fund for a vessel.

There are 23 county auditors and other agents and 63 subagents that currently provide quick title services.

Summary:

The fee distribution is changed if the quick title is for a vehicle and is processed by a subagent from \$25 being distributed to the county auditor to \$12.50 being distributed to the county auditor and \$12.50 being retained by the subagent that processed the transaction. The remaining \$25 continues to be deposited into the Motor Vehicle Fund.

The fee distribution is changed if the quick title is for a vessel and is processed by a subagent from \$25 being distributed to the county auditor to \$12.50 being distributed to the county auditor and \$12.50 being retained by the subagent that processed the transaction. The remaining \$25 continues to be deposited into the General Fund.

Votes on Final Passage:

House 97 0

Second Special Session

House 88 1

Senate 42 1

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