

# HOUSE BILL REPORT

## EHB 2190

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**As Passed House:**  
March 11, 2015

**Title:** An act relating to vessel reports of sale.

**Brief Description:** Authorizing the electronic submission of vessel reports of sale.

**Sponsors:** Representatives Harmsworth, Moscoso, Orcutt, Clibborn, Wilson, Condotta, Kretz, Rodne, Dunshee and Pike.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:**

None.

**Floor Activity:**

Passed House: 3/11/15, 97-1.

**Brief Summary of Engrossed Bill**

- Authorizes the electronic submission of vessel reports of sale.
- Requires the Department of Licensing to perform certain other duties relating to vessel reports of sale.

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**Staff:** Paul Ingiosi (786-7114).

**Background:**

The owner of a vessel must notify the Department of Licensing (DOL) within five business days of the date when he or she sells or otherwise disposes of a vessel. In order for a report of sale to be considered properly filed it must include the date of the sale or transfer; the name and address of the owner and the person acquiring the vessel; the vessel hull identification number and vessel registration number; and a date stamp by the DOL showing it was received on or before the fifth business day after the date of sale or transfer.

A report of sale does not transfer ownership but may protect the seller from civil liability if the person acquiring the vessel does not complete the transfer of ownership. Currently, the

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DOL only accepts vessel reports of sale via a paper form that must be completed, printed, signed, and mailed to the DOL. The DOL accepts vehicle reports of sale electronically.

**Summary of Engrossed Bill:**

The DOL is required to provide or approve reports of sale forms, provide a system enabling vessel owners to submit reports of sale electronically, immediately update the DOL's vessel record when a report of sale has been filed, provide instructions to sellers on releasing their interest in a vessel, and send a quarterly report to the Department of Revenue that lists vessels for which a report of sale has been received but no transfer of ownership has taken place.

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**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Requested on March 10, 2015.

**Effective Date:** The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.