

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SB 6254

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As Reported by Senate Committee On:  
Transportation, January 26, 2016

**Title:** An act relating to Purple Heart license plates.

**Brief Description:** Authorizing the issuance of Purple Heart license plates for more than one motor vehicle.

**Sponsors:** Senators Sheldon, Bailey, Rivers, Roach, O'Ban, Hill, Becker, Miloscia, Angel, Warnick, Honeyford, Padden, Hobbs, Pearson, Hargrove, Braun, Dammeier, Fain, Parlette, Hewitt, Schoesler, Baumgartner, Ericksen, Rolfes, Conway, Mullet and Chase.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** Transportation: 1/18/16, 1/26/16 [DPS].

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

**Majority Report:** That Substitute Senate Bill No. 6254 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass.

Signed by Senators King, Chair; Fain, Vice Chair, Budget; Hobbs, Ranking Minority Member; Liias, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Carlyle, Cleveland, Ericksen, Jayapal, Litzow, Miloscia, Rivers, Sheldon and Takko.

**Staff:** Kellee Keegan (786-7429)

**Background:** A registered owner of a motor vehicle in Washington State who has served in the armed forces and has been awarded a Purple Heart medal may qualify for a Purple Heart license plate. Purple Heart license plates must be issued without the payment of an additional special license plate fee. Surviving spouses or domestic partners may also qualify for a Purple Heart license plate.

**Summary of Bill (Recommended Substitute):** Qualified individuals are eligible to buy additional plates at a cost of \$40 for the initial fee, and \$30 upon renewal. The original plates will remain free of charge. Revenue must be deposited into the Veterans' Stewardship Account for the following:

- providing programs and services for homeless veterans;
- establishing memorials honoring veterans; and
- maintaining a future state veterans' cemetery.

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**EFFECT OF CHANGES MADE BY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (Recommended Substitute):** The specialty plate fee exempt vehicle is changed from the first vehicle to one motor vehicle. An effective date of July 1, 2017 is added.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Available.

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

**Effective Date:** Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

**Staff Summary of Public Testimony on Original Bill:** PRO: This bill has no impact on the state and allows individuals to buy an additional plate.

**Persons Testifying on Original Bill:** PRO: Senator Tim Sheldon, sponsor.

**Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying:** No one.