

SENATE BILL REPORT

SSB 6254

As Passed Senate, February 12, 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: Senate Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by 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].

Passed Senate: 2/12/16, 49-0.

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 Substitute Bill: 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

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- maintaining a future state veterans' cemetery.

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.