
Transportation Committee

SSB 5154

Brief Description: Concerning driver's license formats for persons approaching twenty-one years of age.

Sponsors: Senate Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators Fain, Hobbs, Liias, Zeiger, Billig, Wilson and Kuderer).

Brief Summary of Substitute Bill

- Requires the Department of Licensing to convert a driver's license to the driver's license format used for those 21 years old and older when that driver's license is held by an applicant turning 21 years old within a week and that driver requests a replacement driver's license.

Hearing Date: 3/23/17

Staff: Jennifer Harris (786-7143).

Background:

The Department of Licensing (DOL) is authorized to issue driver's licenses that distinguish the driver's license of a person who is under the age of 21 from the driver's license of a person who is 21 years old or older. The DOL currently issues driver's licenses that are oriented vertically to applicants younger than 21 years of age and driver's licenses that are oriented horizontally to applicants 21 years of age and older.

A holder of a driver's license can obtain a replacement driver's license from the DOL for a fee. A replacement driver's license is oriented vertically or horizontally based on the age of the applicant at the time the replacement driver's license is issued.

Summary of Bill:

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The DOL must issue an applicant who requests a replacement driver's license up to one week prior to turning 21 years old a horizontally oriented driver's license currently only issued to a person who is 21 years old or older.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect on July 1, 2018.