

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SB 5154

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As Reported by Senate Committee On:  
Transportation, January 31, 2017

**Title:** An act relating to driver's license formats for persons approaching twenty-one years of age.

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

**Sponsors:** Senators Fain, Hobbs, Lias, Zeiger, Billig, Wilson and Kuderer.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** Transportation: 1/24/17, 1/31/17 [DPS].

**Brief Summary of Substitute Bill**

- Allows a person to renew their driver's license and convert it to the format for a person who is 21 years of age or older, within a week of their 21st birthday.

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

**Majority Report:** That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5154 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass.

Signed by Senators King, Chair; Hobbs, Ranking Minority Member; Lias, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Cleveland, Fortunato, Hawkins, O'Ban, Saldaña, Takko, Van De Wege, Walsh and Wilson.

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

**Background:** By law, the Department of Licensing (DOL) may provide a method to distinguish the driver's license of a person who is under the age of 21 from licenses of those who are 21 years of age or older. The DOL does this by making licenses of those under the age of 21 oriented vertically, and those who are twenty-one years of age and older oriented horizontally.

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A driver's license expires on the sixth anniversary of the licensee's birthdate following the issuance of the license.

**Summary of Bill:** The bill as referred to committee not considered.

**Summary of Bill (First Substitute):** A person, within a week of their 21st birthday, would be permitted to renew their driver's license and convert it to the format of a driver's license for a person who is 21 years of age or older.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Available.

**Creates Committee/Commission/Task Force that includes Legislative members:** No.

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

**Staff Summary of Public Testimony on First Substitute:** PRO: This is a simple bill that allows people to renew their driver's license before their birthday.

**Persons Testifying:** PRO: Senator Joe Fain, Prime Sponsor.

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