
Transportation Committee

SSB 5591

Brief Description: Exempting previously registered vehicles from the stolen vehicle check fee.

Sponsors: Senate Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Senator Schoesler).

Brief Summary of Substitute Bill

- Exempts an applicant from the stolen vehicle check fee if the applicant has previously registered a vehicle in Washington and maintained ownership of that vehicle while in another state or country.

Hearing Date: 3/14/19

Staff: Patricia Hasan (786-7292).

Background:

Vehicles previously registered in another state or country are subject to a stolen vehicle check when being registered in Washington. In addition to other vehicle registration fees and taxes, out-of-state applicants for a Washington vehicle registration are required to pay a \$15 processing fee for the stolen vehicle check.

The Department of Licensing (DOL) is required to conduct a stolen vehicle check through the National Crime Information Center when a registered vehicle owner is applying for a certificate of title or a registration for a vehicle that had been previously registered in another state or country. If the stolen vehicle check indicates that the vehicle is stolen, the DOL must immediately provide a report that the vehicle is stolen to the Washington State Patrol, and the applicant may not be issued a certificate of title or registration for the vehicle. If the stolen vehicle check indicates that the vehicle is not stolen, the applicant must be issued a certificate of title or a vehicle registration if the DOL is satisfied that all other requirements have been met.

Summary of Bill:

This analysis was prepared by non-partisan legislative staff for the use of legislative members in their deliberations. This analysis is not a part of the legislation nor does it constitute a statement of legislative intent.

An applicant is exempt from the \$15 stolen vehicle check fee if the applicant had previously registered the vehicle in Washington and maintained ownership of the vehicle while it was registered in another state or country.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect on October 1, 2019.