

HOUSE BILL REPORT

SSB 5591

As Reported by House Committee On: Transportation

Title: An act relating to exempting previously registered vehicles from the stolen vehicle check fee.

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

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

Brief History:

Committee Activity:

Transportation: 3/14/19, 3/27/19 [DP].

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.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Majority Report: Do pass. Signed by 30 members: Representatives Fey, Chair; Slatter, 2nd Vice Chair; Valdez, 2nd Vice Chair; Wylie, 1st Vice Chair; Barkis, Ranking Minority Member; Walsh, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Young, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Boehnke, Chambers, Chapman, Dent, Doglio, Dufault, Entenman, Eslick, Goehner, Gregerson, Irwin, Kloba, Lovick, McCaslin, Mead, Orcutt, Ortiz-Self, Paul, Pellicciotti, Riccelli, Shea, Shewmake and Van Werven.

Minority Report: Do not pass. Signed by 1 member: Representative Ramos.

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,

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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:

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.

Staff Summary of Public Testimony:

(In support) None.

(Opposed) None.

Persons Testifying: None.

Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying: None.