

SENATE BILL REPORT

HB 1347

As Reported by Senate Committee On:
Ways & Means, February 28, 2020

Title: An act relating to vehicle reseller permits.

Brief Description: Concerning vehicle reseller permits.

Sponsors: Representatives Barkis, Kirby, Volz, Vick and Springer.

Brief History: Passed House: 2/12/20, 97-0.

Committee Activity: Ways & Means: 2/26/20, 2/28/20 [DP].

Brief Summary of Bill

- Adds reseller permits to the list of acceptable forms of documentation to show that use tax is not due when transferring title of a vehicle.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS & MEANS

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators Rolfes, Chair; Frockt, Vice Chair, Operating, Capital Lead; Mullet, Capital Budget Cabinet; Braun, Ranking Member; Brown, Assistant Ranking Member, Operating; Honeyford, Assistant Ranking Member, Capital; Becker, Billig, Carlyle, Conway, Darneille, Dhingra, Hasegawa, Hunt, Keiser, Muzzall, Pedersen, Rivers, Schoesler, Van De Wege, Wagoner, Warnick and Wilson, L..

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Background: Sales and Use Tax. Retail sales taxes are imposed on retail sales of most articles of tangible personal property, digital products, and some services. A retail sale is a sale to the final consumer or end user of the property, digital product, or service. If retail sales taxes were not collected when the user acquired the property, digital products, or services, then use taxes apply to the value when used in this state. The state, most cities, and all counties levy retail sales and use taxes. The state sales and use tax rate is 6.5 percent. Local sales and use tax rates vary depending on the location.

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The Department of Revenue (DOR) may designate county auditors as collecting agents for use taxes owed as the result of a vehicle sale or transfer. If so designated, the auditors must collect the use tax at the time a person applies for a transfer of title to a vehicle. If the person shows a dealer's report of sale demonstrating retail sales tax was paid, a statement from DOR showing no use tax is legally owed, or otherwise demonstrates retail sales or use tax has been paid by the person on the vehicle, the auditors are not obligated to collect the use tax.

Reseller Permit. Reseller permits are free for businesses that make wholesale purchases. The permit allows business to purchase items or services without paying sales or use tax. A reseller permit is generally valid for four years. However, a reseller permit is only valid for two years if the business is a contractor, has been open for less than 12 months, has not reported gross income in the last 12 months, was on active non-reporting status at the time the reseller permit application was received, or has failed to file tax returns during the last 12 months.

Summary of Bill: A reseller permit issued by DOR may be presented at time of transfer of certificate of title to a vehicle to substantiate that use tax is not owed on the transaction.

A "rental trailer" is defined as a trailer that is used solely by a rental car business for the rental to others for a period of time of not more than 30 consecutive days.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

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

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Staff Summary of Public Testimony: None.

Persons Testifying: No one.

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