

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SB 5591

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As Reported by Senate Committee On:  
Transportation, February 13, 2019

**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:** Senator Schoesler.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** Transportation: 2/06/19, 2/13/19 [DPS].

**Brief Summary of First Substitute Bill**

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

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

**Majority Report:** That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5591 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass.

Signed by Senators Hobbs, Chair; Saldaña, Vice Chair; King, Ranking Member; Cleveland, Das, Fortunato, Lovelett, Nguyen, O'Ban, Padden, Randall, Takko, Wilson, C. and Zeiger.

**Staff:** Bryon Moore (786-7726)

**Background:** In addition to other vehicle registration fees, current vehicle and vessel title registration statutes require all out-of-state applicants to go through a stolen vehicle check when registering a vehicle in Washington State. A stolen vehicle check requires a processing fee of \$15, and applies to any applicant seeking to register an out-of-state vehicle.

**Summary of Bill (First Substitute):** An applicant is exempt from the \$15 out-of-state vehicle check fee if the applicant has previously registered a vehicle in Washington State and maintained ownership of the vehicle while registered in another state or country.

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**EFFECT OF CHANGES MADE BY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (First Substitute):** The effective date is changed to October 1, 2019.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Available.

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

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

**Staff Summary of Public Testimony on Original Bill:** *The committee recommended a different version of the bill than what was heard.* PRO: This is about fairness and simply not charging people for a service that are not receiving. This also deals with the reality of the border areas that have people moving between states for business.

**Persons Testifying:** Senator Mark Schoesler, Prime Sponsor.

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