

SENATE BILL REPORT

HB 1237

As of March 20, 2023

Title: An act relating to distribution of the vehicle identification number inspection fee.

Brief Description: Redistributing the vehicle identification number inspection fee.

Sponsors: Representatives Robertson and Fey.

Brief History: Passed House: 2/2/23, 98-0.

Committee Activity: Transportation: 3/23/23.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Changes the distribution of the \$65 vehicle identification number inspection fee to go entirely to the State Patrol Highway Account.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

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Background: The Washington State Patrol (WSP) is required to complete a vehicle identification number (VIN) inspection when a vehicle:

- is declared a total loss or salvaged and not kept by the registered owner;
- has been rebuilt after the certificate of title was returned to the state; or
- has been presented to the state with documents that show the vehicle was a total loss or salvaged in another state and has not been reissued a valid registration certificate.

A VIN inspection is also required when certain kinds of vehicles are being titled in the state for the first time, including a kit vehicle, a homemade vehicle, a street rod, a custom vehicle, or a vehicle where there is question about the VIN documentation on the vehicle.

The VIN inspection is required by the Department of Licensing (DOL) before the vehicle owner can receive a certificate of title. The VIN inspection fee is \$65 with \$50 being

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deposited into the Motor Vehicle Fund and \$15 being deposited into the State Patrol Highway Account.

Summary of Bill: The entire \$65 VIN inspection fee is deposited into the State Patrol Highway Account. A technical correction is made to the statutory reference for the distribution of the VIN inspection fee.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

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

Effective Date: The bill contains an emergency clause and takes effect on July 1, 2024.