

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5469

As of February 6, 2009

Title: An act relating to limitations on the use of intermediate licenses.

Brief Description: Modifying limitations on the use of intermediate licenses.

Sponsors: Senators Parlette, Eide, Jarrett and McCaslin.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Transportation: 2/03/09.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Staff: Janice Baumgardt (786-7319)

Background: Under current law, intermediate drivers license (IDL) holders have several restrictions placed upon them:

- During the first six months of holding the IDL (or until they are 18, whichever is first), IDL holders may not drive a vehicle carrying any passengers under the age of 20 unless those passengers are immediate family.
- After the initial six-month period, IDL holders may not drive any vehicle carrying more than three people under age 20.
- During the first 12 months of holding the IDL, IDL holders may not drive between 1:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m. unless they are accompanied by a parent, guardian, or licensed driver who is at least 25 years old.

After 12 months of holding the IDL, the above restrictions are lifted if the ID holder:

- did not violate any of the above restrictions;
- was not found to have committed a traffic offense; and
- was not involved in an auto accident.

Summary of Bill: Being in an accident is no longer grounds for denying lifting the restrictions if there is another party to the accident and the other party was cited in connection with the accident.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

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Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

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

Staff Summary of Public Testimony: PRO: Intermediate Driver's License holders should not be penalized if they are in an accident through no fault of their own.

Persons Testifying: PRO: Dave Overstreet, AAA Washington; Steve Lind, Washington Traffic Safety Commission.