

HOUSE BILL REPORT

SB 5775

As Reported by House Committee On: Transportation

Title: An act relating to allowing for a veteran designation on drivers' licenses and identicards.

Brief Description: Allowing for a veteran designation on drivers' licenses and identicards.

Sponsors: Senators Benton, Hobbs, Brown, Ericksen, Conway and Rivers.

Brief History:

Committee Activity:

Transportation: 3/20/13, 3/28/13 [DPA].

Brief Summary of Bill (As Amended by Committee)

- Allows a person to indicate his or her status as a veteran of the United States military on his or her driver's license or identicard.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Majority Report: Do pass as amended. Signed by 28 members: Representatives Clibborn, Chair; Fey, Vice Chair; Lias, Vice Chair; Moscoso, Vice Chair; Orcutt, Ranking Minority Member; Hargrove, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Overstreet, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Angel, Bergquist, Farrell, Freeman, Habib, Hayes, Johnson, Klippert, Kochmar, Kretz, Kristiansen, Moeller, Morris, Riccelli, Rodne, Ryu, Sells, Shea, Takko, Tarleton and Zeiger.

Staff: Andrew Russell (786-7143).

Background:

It is generally a misdemeanor for a person to operate a motor vehicle on the highways of Washington without a driver's license. To obtain a driver's license, a Washington resident must apply to the Department of Licensing (DOL) and pay the required fee. Thereafter, the DOL may issue a license which provides certain information about the license holder, such as

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his or her physical description, anatomical gift statement, Washington residence address, and signature.

Summary of Amended Bill:

A person may elect to indicate his or her status as a veteran of the United States military on his or her driver's license or identicard. To do so, the applicant must provide his or her United States Department of Defense discharge document or separation papers, either of which must show that the applicant's service was honorable. Additionally, the applicant may be required to pay a fee. This fee is to be used to cover the start-up and administrative costs of the program but is not to exceed \$2.

Amended Bill Compared to Original Bill:

The amended bill allows an applicant to provide his or her separation papers, as an alternative to the Department of Defense Form 214, in qualifying for a designation as a veteran.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Effective Date of Amended Bill: The bill takes effect July 1, 2015.

Staff Summary of Public Testimony:

(In support) None.

(Opposed) None.

Persons Testifying: None.

Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying: None.