

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SB 6489

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As Passed Senate, February 10, 1996

**Title:** An act relating to refunds of overpayments of license fees and motor vehicle excise taxes.

**Brief Description:** Clarifying criteria for refund of overpayments of vehicle and vessel license fees.

**Sponsors:** Senators Owen and Prince; by request of Department of Licensing.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** Transportation: 1/24/96 [DP].  
Passed Senate, 2/10/96, 47-0.

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

**Majority Report:** Do pass.

Signed by Senators Owen, Chair; Heavey, Vice Chair; Goings, Morton, Oke, Prentice, Prince, Rasmussen, Schow, Thibaudeau and Wood.

**Staff:** Jeff Doyle (786-7322)

**Background:** The Department of Licensing has limited authority to issue motor vehicle excise tax refunds or refunds of vessel registration fees.

**Summary of Bill:** The Department of Licensing may refund motor vehicle excises taxes and vessel registration fees in the following circumstances:

- (1) if the vehicle or vessel for which the renewal license is purchased is destroyed before the beginning date of the registration period;
- (2) if the registered vehicle or vessel is permanently moved from the state either before the registration period begins, or during the registration period (in the latter case, only a pro rata share of the taxes and fees are refunded);
- (3) if the vehicle or vessel license is purchased after the owner sold the vehicle or vessel.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Available.

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

**Testimony For:** This is agency request legislation that allows DOL to refund motor vehicle excise tax to people who move out of state.

**Testimony Against:** None.

**Testified:** Nancy Kelly, DOL (pro).