

FINAL BILL REPORT

ESB 6142

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Imposing administrative license suspensions on first-time DUI offenders.

Sponsors: Senators Kline, Roach, Patterson, Fairley, Swecker, T. Sheldon, Goings, Rasmussen, Oke and Benton.

Senate Committee on Law & Justice
House Committee on Law & Justice
House Committee on Appropriations

Background: Administrative license suspension or revocation is authorized under current statute for violation of the laws pertaining to driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs (DUI). The administrative sanction for a first DUI does not involve suspension or revocation of the driver's license. Instead, the sanction is placement of the offender's driver's license in probationary status for five years. For a second or subsequent DUI within five years, the administrative sanction is revocation of the driver's license for two years.

Summary: A person's driver's license is administratively suspended for 90 days for a first violation of the laws pertaining to driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

A person who had his or her license administratively suspended for a first violation of DUI may submit an application for an occupational driver's license to the Department of Licensing.

Votes on Final Passage:

Senate	40	8
House	67	30 (House amended)
Senate	43	5 (Senate concurred)

Effective: January 1, 1999