
Transportation Committee

SB 6129

Brief Description: Providing additional funding for the state patrol highway account.

Sponsors: Senators Murray and Haugen.

Brief Summary of Bill

- The fee for a temporary vehicle permit is raised from \$5 to \$15.
- The vehicle dealer documentary service fee is raised from \$35 to \$50 per vehicle sale or lease.
- Revenue derived from the fee increase on temporary permits is deposited in the State Patrol Highway Account.

Hearing Date: 3/27/07

Staff: Jerry Long (786-7306).

Background:

Under current law, residents of this state must register vehicles that are operated on the public highways. Licensed vehicle dealers may issue a temporary permit to operate a vehicle for which an application for registration has been made. The permit costs \$5, is paid by the dealer, and is credited to the registration fees at the time application for registration is made by the dealer.

Vehicle dealers are authorized to charge a documentary service fee of up to \$35 per vehicle sale or lease. In order to charge the document service fee, vehicle dealers must observe the following conditions: (1) the service fee must be disclosed in writing before the execution of a purchase and sale or lease agreement; (2) the service fee is not represented to the buyer as a fee or charge required by the state to be paid by either the dealer or the buyer; (3) the service fee must be separately designated from the selling price of the vehicle and from any other taxes, fees, or charges; and (4) dealers must disclose in any advertisement that a document service fee of up to \$35 may be added to the sale price of a vehicle.

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Summary of Bill:

The fee for a temporary permit is raised from \$5 to \$15 and the documentary service fee is raised from \$35 to \$50 per vehicle sale or lease.

Revenue derived from the fee increase on temporary permits are deposited in the State Patrol Highway Account.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect on August 1, 2007.