

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## ESHB 2376

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As of February 25, 2014

**Title:** An act relating to exempting agency employee driver's license numbers, identicard numbers, and identification numbers from public inspection and copying.

**Brief Description:** Exempting agency employee driver's license numbers and identicard numbers from public inspection and copying.

**Sponsors:** House Committee on Government Operations & Elections (originally sponsored by Representatives Hayes, S. Hunt, Haler, Appleton, Zeiger, Farrell, Reykdal, MacEwen, Sawyer, Holy, Harris, Ross, Roberts, Springer, Wylie, Ryu, Morrell, Parker and Freeman).

**Brief History:** Passed House: 2/17/14, 89-8.

**Committee Activity:** Governmental Operations: 2/27/14.

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS

**Staff:** Samuel Brown (786-7470)

**Background:** The Public Records Act (PRA), enacted in 1972 as part of Initiative 276, requires that all state and local government agencies make all public records available for public inspection and copying unless certain statutory exemptions apply. The provisions requiring public records disclosure must be interpreted liberally while the exemptions are interpreted narrowly to effectuate the general policy favoring disclosure.

Certain employment and licensing information contained in the files of a public agency is exempt from public inspection and copying under the PRA, including the following:

- examination data used to administer a license, employment, or academic examination;
- applications for public employment including names of applicants, resumes, and other related materials submitted with respect to the applicant; and
- the residential addresses, phone numbers, email addresses, Social Security numbers, and emergency contact information of employees or volunteers of a public agency.

**Summary of Bill:** The driver's license or identicard numbers of the employees or volunteers of a public agency are exempt from public inspection and copying.

**Appropriation:** None.

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**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

**Committee/Commission/Task Force Created:** No.

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