

FINAL BILL REPORT

SSB 5709

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Exempting vehicles in inaccessible national recreation areas from license renewal fees.

Sponsors: Senate Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators Parlette, Swecker, Honeyford, Mulliken, Sheldon and Benton).

Senate Committee on Transportation

House Committee on Transportation

Background: Under current law, failure to initially register a vehicle in the state prior to operation on highways of the state is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of no less than \$330. Failure to renew an expired registration before operating on a highway of the state is a traffic infraction. Exemptions are allowed for: state and publically owned vehicles; vehicles owned by Indian tribes; motorized foot scooters; electric assisted bicycles; farm vehicles if operated within a fifteen mile radius of the farm; spray or fertilizer applicator rigs; fork lifts under certain conditions; and certain highway construction equipment.

Summary: If a motor vehicle is operated solely within a national recreation area that is not accessible by a state highway, it is exempt from the annual registration renewal and associated fees after it has been initially registered.

Votes on Final Passage:

Senate	46	2
House	96	0

Effective: July 24, 2005