

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SB 5271

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As Reported by Senate Committee On:  
Transportation, February 6, 2017

**Title:** An act relating to aligning existing definitions and practices to establish a uniform process for updating addresses of record and make conforming amendments to statutes administered by the department of licensing.

**Brief Description:** Aligning existing definitions and practices to establish a uniform process for updating addresses of record and make conforming amendments to statutes administered by the department of licensing.

**Sponsors:** Senators Hobbs and King; by request of Department of Licensing.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** Transportation: 1/30/17, 2/06/17 [DPS].

**Brief Summary of Substitute Bill**

- Resolves technical issues in law to assist in the implementation of the Department of Licensing's Business and Technology Modernization project.

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

**Majority Report:** That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5271 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass.

Signed by Senators King, Chair; Sheldon, Vice Chair; Hobbs, Ranking Minority Member; Liias, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Cleveland, Fortunato, Hawkins, O'Ban, Takko, Van De Wege, Walsh and Wilson.

**Staff:** Kellee Keegan (786-7429)

**Background:** The Department of Licensing (DOL) is currently involved in replacing their driver and vehicle information technology system, called the Business and Technology Modernization project (DRIVES). In the process of carrying out this project, DOL uncovered technical issues in state law that need to be resolved prior to the DRIVES

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implementation. DRIVES just completed the replacement of the vehicle-related systems in December of 2016. Driver-related systems are expected to be completed in 2018.

**Summary of Bill:** The bill as referred to committee not considered.

**Summary of Bill (First Substitute):** The Act makes the following changes to current law:

- amends the definition of horseless carriage license plate from a motor vehicle that is more than forty years old to a vehicle that is at least forty years old;
- allows for the purchase of a single vehicle tab in instances of replacement where a vehicle only requires one plate;
- corrects a 2010 drafting error made regarding the distribution of the farm vehicle reduced gross weight fee;
- restores language authorizing DOL to maintain motor vehicle accident records that were inadvertently deleted by the Legislature in the 2016 legislative session; and
- clarifies which service fees are deposited into the Capital Vessel Replacement Account.

The Act also creates a general procedure for establishing and updating the name and address for applicants of a driver's license, identicard, certificate of title, vehicle or vessel registration, or other permit. If a person changes their name or address, they must notify the DOL in writing or through other means as decided by rule of the DOL within ten days. The address or name associated with a vehicle registration would then be updated concurrently with the name and address information on file for the corresponding driver's license.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Available.

**Creates Committee/Commission/Task Force that includes Legislative members:** No.

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

**Staff Summary of Public Testimony on First Substitute:** PRO: This is a good little bill and just makes technical changes. It will synchronize the address of record for a driver with the vehicle registration that belongs to that driver. This is a technical cleanup and maintenance bill.

**Persons Testifying:** PRO: Senator Steve Hobbs, Prime Sponsor; Stephanie Sams, Department of Licensing.

**Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying:** No one.