Washington State House of Representatives Office of Program Research

BILL ANALYSIS

Transportation Committee

HB 1027

Brief Description: Modifying quick title service fees.

Sponsors: Representative Shea.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Reduces the quick title service fee from \$50 to \$25 for vehicle and vessel quick titles.
- Changes where some quick title service fees are distributed after collection.

Hearing Date: 1/24/19

Staff: Patricia Hasan (786-7292).

Background:

A quick title is a certificate of title printed and received at the time of application. A vehicle or vessel owner may request a quick title by submitting an application created by the Department of Licensing (DOL) to the DOL, county auditor or other agent, or subagent. The quick title application must be submitted with evidence of vehicle or vessel ownership and a quick title service fee of \$50 in addition to any other fees or taxes required by law.

Quick title service fees are distributed as follows:

For Vehicles:

- If a quick title service fee is collected by the DOL, the full amount of the service fee (\$50) is deposited into the Motor Vehicle Fund.
- If a quick title service fee is collected by a county auditor or other agent, half of the amount of the service fee (\$25) is deposited into the Motor Vehicle Fund, and the remaining half (\$25) is retained by the county treasurer.
- If a quick title service fee is collected by a subagent, half of the amount of the service fee (\$25) is deposited into the Motor Vehicle Fund, one-quarter of the service fee (\$12.50) is

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submitted to the county treasurer, and the remaining quarter (\$12.50) is retained by the subagent.

For Vessels:

- If a quick title service fee is collected by the DOL, the full amount of the service fee (\$50) is deposited into the General Fund.
- If a quick title service fee is collected by a county auditor or other agent, half of the amount of the service fee (\$25) is deposited into the General Fund, and the remaining half (\$25) is retained by the county treasurer.
- If a quick title service fee is collected by a subagent, half of the amount of the service fee (\$25) is deposited into the General Fund, one-quarter of the service fee (\$12.50) is submitted to the county treasurer, and the remaining quarter (\$12.50) is retained by the subagent.

Summary of Bill:

The quick title service fee is \$25.

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- If a quick title service fee is collected by the DOL, the full amount of the service fee (\$25) is deposited into the General Fund.
- If a quick title service fee is collected by a county auditor or other agent, the full amount of the service fee (\$25) is retained by the county treasurer.
- If a quick title service fee is collected by a subagent, half of the amount of the service fee (\$12.50) is submitted to the county treasurer, and the remaining half (\$12.50) is retained by the subagent.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed, except for section 4, relating to quick title fees for vessels, which takes effect January 1, 2026.