

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 6195

As of January 25, 2024

Title: An act relating to addressing the current backlog of vehicle inspections.

Brief Description: Addressing the current backlog of vehicle inspections.

Sponsors: Senators Braun and Schoesler.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Transportation: 1/25/24.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Exempts all-terrain vehicles, wheeled all-terrain vehicles, and utility-type vehicles from most vehicle identification number inspection requirements.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

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Background: The Washington State Patrol is required to complete a vehicle identification number (VIN) inspection when a vehicle:

- is declared a total loss or salvaged and not kept by the registered owner;
- has been rebuilt after the certificate of title was returned to the state; or
- has been presented to the state with documents that show the vehicle was a total loss or salvaged in another state and has not been reissued a valid registration certificate.

A VIN inspection is also required when certain kinds of vehicles are being titled in the state for the first time, including a kit vehicle, a homemade vehicle, a street rod, a custom vehicle, or a vehicle where there is question about the VIN documentation on the vehicle.

The VIN inspection is required by the Department of Licensing before the vehicle owner

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can receive a certificate of title. The VIN inspection fee is \$65 which is deposited into the State Patrol Highway Account.

Summary of Bill: All-terrain vehicles, wheeled all-terrain vehicles, and utility-type vehicles that have been declared a total loss or salvaged are exempt from the VIN inspection requirements.

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: PRO: This is straightforward bill that removes these lower priority vehicles from the VIN inspection requirements. Last year, funding was provided for additional staff to address the VIN inspection backlog. While relatively small, the removed inspections will provide some workload relief to the state patrol as they continue to address that VIN inspection backlog.

Persons Testifying: PRO: Senator John Braun, Prime Sponsor.

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