

# HOUSE BILL REPORT

## SB 6130

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*As Reported By House Committee on:  
Transportation*

**Title:** An act relating to timely registration of motor vehicles.

**Brief Description:** Informing new residents of the obligation to register vehicles.

**Sponsor(s):** Senators Patterson, Vognild and McCaslin.

**Brief History:**

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**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON  
TRANSPORTATION**

**Majority Report:** *Do pass.* Signed by 21 members: Representatives R. Fisher, Chair; R. Meyers, Vice Chair; Betrozoff, Ranking Minority Member; Chandler, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Brough; Cantwell; Day; G. Fisher; Forner; Heavey; P. Johnson; Jones; Mitchell; Nelson; Orr; Prentice; Prince; Schmidt; Wilson; Wood; and Zellinsky.

**Staff:** Brad Lovaas (786-7307).

**Background:** New residents to the state are allowed 30 days from the time they become residents to obtain a Washington driver's license and motor vehicle registrations for all vehicles they own.

A person becomes a resident when he or she lives in the state on more than a temporary basis. Evidence of residency includes, but is not limited to: 1) registering to vote; 2) receiving benefits from a Washington public assistance program; 3) obtaining a state license of tuition fees at resident rates.

There are many incentives for new residents to obtain a driver's license, ranging from general identification purposes to check cashing. The Washington driver's license fee is \$14 for four years.

The fees charged for registering a motor vehicle for a new resident include: 1) an out-of-state vehicle identification

number (VIN) inspection, \$15; 2) basic registration fee, \$27.75; 3) 2.2 percent of value according to the state depreciation schedule; and 4) agent or subagent service fees.

**Summary of Bill:** The Department of Licensing shall inform all new residents at the time of issuance of a driver's license of the legal obligation to register all vehicles within 30 days of becoming a resident.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

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

**Testimony For:** None.

**Testimony Against:** None.

**Witnesses:** None.