

# HOUSE BILL REPORT

## SSB 6676

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### As Passed House - Amended:

March 5, 2004

**Title:** An act relating to transfer of vehicle license plates and ownership.

**Brief Description:** Permitting transfer of license plates.

**Sponsors:** By Senate Committee on Highways & Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators Murray, Haugen, Horn, Oke, Benton and Rasmussen; by request of Department of Licensing).

### Brief History:

#### Committee Activity:

Transportation: 2/23/04, 3/1/04 [DPA].

#### Floor Activity:

Passed House - Amended: 3/5/04, 52-42.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Brief Summary of Substitute Bill</b> <b>(As Amended by House)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· Allows transfer of general issue license plates and increases the transfer fee for license plates to \$10.</li></ul>
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## HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

**Majority Report:** Do pass as amended. Signed by 19 members: Representatives Murray, Chair; Rockefeller, Vice Chair; G. Simpson, Vice Chair; Ericksen, Ranking Minority Member; Jarrett, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Campbell, Clibborn, Cooper, Dickerson, Flannigan, Hankins, Hatfield, Hudgins, Lovick, Morris, Romero, Wallace, Wood and Woods.

**Minority Report:** Do not pass. Signed by 8 members: Representatives Armstrong, Bailey, Kristiansen, Mielke, Nixon, Rodne, Schindler and Shabro.

**Staff:** Page Scott (786-7301).

### Background:

In general, vehicle license plates follow the vehicle when a vehicle is sold or transferred to a subsequent owner. Current law allows personalized license plates and many special license plates to be transferred to a different vehicle. The transfer fee is \$5. This fee is not collected for the transfer of disabled person special license plates.

A vehicle owner may opt to retain his or her current number/letter combination when general issue license plates are due to be replaced. The fee for retaining the same number/letter combination for general issue license plates is \$20. However, general issue license plates may not be transferred to a different vehicle.

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**Summary of Amended Bill:**

General issue license plates may be transferred to a replacement vehicle eligible for the same type of license plate.

The license plate transfer fee is increased from \$5 to \$10. The following types of license plates are subject to the \$10 transfer fee: general issue, personalized, amateur radio operators, collegiate, Medal of Honor, Pearl Harbor survivor, Purple Heart, ride share, square dancer, stadium, honorary consul, foreign organizations, prisoner of war, and disabled veterans.

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**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Available.

**Effective Date of Amended Bill:** The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

**Testimony For:** None.

**Testimony Against:** None.

**Persons Testifying:** None.

**Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying:** None.