

SENATE BILL REPORT

HB 2941

As Reported By Senate Committee On:
Labor, Commerce, Research & Development, February 21, 2008

Title: An act relating to concerning fees for explosives licenses.

Brief Description: Concerning licensing fees under the explosives act.

Sponsors: Representatives Moeller and Conway; by request of Department of Labor & Industries.

Brief History: Passed House: 2/07/08, 93-2.

Committee Activity: Labor, Commerce, Research & Development: 2/21/08 [DP, DNP].

SENATE COMMITTEE ON LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators Kohl-Welles, Chair; Keiser, Vice Chair; Franklin, Murray and Prentice.

Minority Report: Do not pass. Signed by Senators Holmquist, Ranking Minority Member; and King.

Staff: Mac Nicholson (786-7445)

Background: Any person manufacturing, purchasing, selling, possessing, transporting, or storing any explosive device must have a valid license issued by the Department of Labor and Industries (L&I). The annual license fee for purchasing or using explosives is \$5; however, that amount can be increased to a maximum of \$15 to reflect L&I costs associated with administering the state explosives act. The annual license fee for storing explosives is \$10, which may be adjusted to \$100 to cover administrative costs. The annual license fee for manufacturing or selling explosives is \$25, which may be adjusted to \$50 to cover administrative costs. Individuals seeking issuance or renewal of any explosives license must submit to fingerprinting and criminal history record information checks. Applicants may be required to pay a \$20 fingerprinting and criminal history process fee.

Summary of Bill: The annual license fee for purchasing or using explosives is changed to \$25, which may be adjusted to a maximum of \$100 to reflect L&I costs associated with administering the state explosives act. The annual license fee for storing explosives is changed to \$50, which may be adjusted to \$400 to cover administrative costs. The annual license fee for manufacturing or selling explosives is changed to \$50, which may be adjusted to \$200 to cover administrative costs. Applicants for explosive licenses must pay the current

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federal and state fee for fingerprint-based criminal history background checks. All explosives act licensing fees and application fees are deposited into the L&I accident and medical aid funds, rather than the state General Fund.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

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

Staff Summary of Public Testimony: PRO: The bill allows L&I to adjust fees in order to cover costs associated with background checks needed when licensing folks under the explosives act. Fees were last adjusted in 1988.

Persons Testifying: PRO: Representative Moeller, prime sponsor; Steve Cant, L&I.