

SENATE BILL REPORT

SSB 5250

As Passed Senate, March 12, 2007

Title: An act relating to transferring motor vehicle ownership.

Brief Description: Regarding the transfer of motor vehicle ownership.

Sponsors: Senate Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators Swecker, Haugen, Kilmer, Kline, Rockefeller and Shin).

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Transportation: 2/12/07, 2/19/07 [DPS, w/oRec].
Passed Senate: 3/12/07, 48-0.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Majority Report: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5250 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass.

Signed by Senators Haugen, Chair; Marr, Vice Chair; Swecker, Ranking Minority Member; Berkey, Clements, Delvin, Eide, Holmquist, Jacobsen, Kastama, Kauffman, Kilmer, Pflug, Sheldon and Spanel.

Minority Report: That it be referred without recommendation.
Signed by Senator Benton.

Staff: Janice Baumgardt (786-7319)

Background: When selling a vehicle that has a lien on it, the lien must be removed and the certificate of ownership reissued before the registered owner can release his interest.

Summary of Substitute Bill: When selling a vehicle that has a lien on it, the financial institution's and the registered owner's interest may be released at the same time. The Department of Licensing (DOL) is required to provide instructions on the release of interest forms regarding the appropriate process.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Requested on February 12, 2007.

Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

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

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Staff Summary of Public Testimony on Substitute Bill: PRO: This bill will save DOL work by reducing paperwork and making the purchasing process easier for the consumer.

Persons Testifying: PRO: Michael Snyder, Jerry Trudeau, citizens.