

SENATE BILL REPORT

HB 2322

As Reported by Senate Committee On:
Transportation, February 25, 2016

Title: An act relating to the vehicle license cost recovery fee charged for certain rental car transactions.

Brief Description: Concerning the vehicle license cost recovery fee charged for certain rental car transactions.

Sponsors: Representative Zeiger.

Brief History: Passed House: 2/10/16, 97-0.

Committee Activity: Transportation: 2/23/16, 2/25/16 [DP].

SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators King, Chair; Fain, Vice Chair, Budget; Hobbs, Ranking Minority Member; Liias, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Carlyle, Cleveland, Jayapal, Litzow, Miloscia, Rivers, Sheldon and Takko.

Staff: Kellee Keegan (786-7429)

Background: A rental car company may include separately stated surcharges, fees, or charges in a rental agreement which may include the following:

- vehicle license recovery fees;
- child restraint system rental fees;
- airport-related recovery fees;
- all applicable taxes; and
- government surcharges.

Summary of Bill: The definition of "rental car" and "rental car company" as used in the rental car insurance code is incorporated into the law relating to the separately stated surcharges, fees, or charges that may be included in a rental car agreement.

A rental car is defined as any motor vehicle that is intended to be rented or leased for a period of 30 consecutive days or less by a driver who is not required to possess a commercial driver's license to operate the motor vehicle and the motor vehicle is either of the following:

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- a private passenger motor vehicle, including a passenger van, recreational vehicle, minivan, or sport utility vehicle; or
- a cargo vehicle, including a cargo van, pickup truck, or truck with a gross vehicle weight of less than twenty-six thousand pounds.

A rental car company is defined as any person in the business of renting rental cars to the public, including a franchisee.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

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: This is a simple bill that removes ambiguity in current law.

Persons Testifying: PRO: Dylan Doty, Enterprise Holdings, Inc.

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