

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5462

As of January 30, 2025

Title: An act relating to addressing the current backlog of vehicle inspections.

Brief Description: Addressing the current backlog of vehicle inspections.

Sponsors: Senators Braun, Chapman and Wilson, J..

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Transportation: 2/03/25.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Exempts all-terrain vehicles, wheeled all-terrain vehicles, and utility-type vehicles from most VIN inspection requirements.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

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Background: The Washington State Patrol is required to complete a vehicle identification number (VIN) inspection when a vehicle:

- is declared a total loss or salvaged and not kept by the registered owner;
- has been rebuilt after the certificate of title was returned to the state; or
- has been presented to the state with documents that show the vehicle was a total loss or salvaged in another state and has not been reissued a valid registration certificate.

A VIN inspection is also required when certain kinds of vehicles are being titled in the state for the first time, including a kit vehicle, a homemade vehicle, a street rod, a custom vehicle, or a vehicle where there is question about the VIN documentation on the vehicle.

The VIN inspection is required by the Department of Licensing before the vehicle owner can receive a certificate of title. The VIN inspection fee is \$65 which is deposited into the

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State Patrol Highway Account.

Summary of Bill: All-terrain vehicles, wheeled all-terrain vehicles, and utility-type vehicles that have been declared a total loss or salvaged are exempt from the VIN inspection requirements.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Requested on February 23, 2025.

Creates Committee/Commission/Task Force that includes Legislative members: No.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect on July 1, 2026.