

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5689

As of February 19, 2025

Title: An act relating to adding blood type information to drivers' licenses and identicards.

Brief Description: Adding blood type information to drivers' licenses and identicards.

Sponsors: Senators Harris, Nobles, Riccelli and Short.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Transportation: 2/20/25.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Allows individuals to apply for the inclusion of blood type on a driver's license or identicard.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

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Background: The Washington State Department of Licensing (DOL) issues driver's licenses and identicards that are valid for up to eight years. The fee is \$72 for an eight-year driver's license or identicard, and \$54 for a six-year driver's license or identicard. An additional \$1 fee is imposed on each issuance or renewal of a driver's license or identicard.

Any person may apply to obtain a medical alert designation, a developmentally disabled designation, or a deafness designation on a driver's license or identicard based on specific self-attestation and verification requirements. The self-attestation is not disclosable and is for the confidential use by DOL, the Washington State Patrol, law enforcement, and emergency medical service providers.

Summary of Bill: At the option of the applicant, a driver's license and identicard may include the individual's blood type if the applicant has provided documentation verifying

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the blood type from a licensed physician, medical facility, or blood donation organization.

DOL is given rulemaking authority and direction to develop processes and documentation requirements for individuals to submit blood type information. DOL is given authority to impose an administrative fee not to exceed \$2 for processing blood type designation requests.

DOL must coordinate with health care providers, emergency responders, and blood donation organizations to educate the public about the availability and potential benefits of including blood type information on state-issued identification.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

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

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