

FINAL BILL REPORT

SHB 1244

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Concerning training as an alternative to driver license suspension for the accumulation of certain traffic infractions.

Sponsors: House Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Representative Wylie; by request of Department of Licensing).

House Committee on Transportation
Senate Committee on Law & Justice
Senate Committee on Transportation

Background:

Driver's License Suspension for Multiple Moving Violations.

When a person commits a moving violation on three or more occasions within a one-year period, or on four or more occasions within a two-year period, the Department of Licensing (DOL) is required to suspend that person's driver's license for 60 days and to set a probation period of one year beginning from the date the driver's license suspension ends. Prior to reinstatement of a driver's license, the person must complete a safe driving course approved by the DOL.

When the DOL has suspended a person's driver's license, the driver's license suspension remains in effect until the person provides proof of automobile insurance to the DOL. Proof of insurance is required for three years following the lifting of a driver's license suspension. A reissuance fee of \$20 applies for this type of driver's license suspension.

During a period of probation, a person must not be convicted of any additional traffic infractions for moving violations. If a person is convicted of a moving violation during the period of probation, he or she will receive an additional 30-day suspension.

The DOL is required to send a notice that an additional infraction will result in a 60-day

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driver's license suspension after a person has committed a moving violation on two occasions within a one-year period or on three occasions within a two-year period.

Driver's License Suspension for Specific Moving Violations.

Examples of other grounds for driver's license suspension related to moving violations include conviction for:

1. reckless driving, requiring a finding of willful or wanton disregard for the safety of persons or property (30-day suspension);
2. racing of vehicles on highways (30-day suspension);
3. reckless endangerment of emergency or work zone workers in a work or emergency zone (60-day suspension); and
4. reckless driving three times within two years (one-year suspension).

A reissuance fee of \$75 applies for the above types of driver's license suspensions.

Summary:

A person may complete a safe driving course approved by the DOL at any time after the DOL provides notice of a pending driver's license suspension for three or more moving violations in a one-year period or for four or more moving violations in a two-year period. The DOL must terminate a driver's license suspension once the DOL receives notice that a person has completed a safe driving course, provided applicable requirements related to proof of automobile insurance and payment of licensing fees have been met. The one-year period of probation following termination of a driver's license suspension remains applicable.

Early driver's license suspension for safe driving course completion may only be granted once every five years. A person is not eligible for early reinstatement for a probation violation that occurs during the period of probation for three or more moving violations in a one-year period or for four or more moving violations in a two-year period.

Votes on Final Passage:

House	58	39
Senate	34	15

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