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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**

House Bill 192

(Chairman, Environmental Matters Committee)  
(By Request – Departmental – Transportation)

Environmental Matters

Judicial Proceedings

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**Vehicle Laws - Transfer of Registration - Temporary Registration Permit**

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This departmental bill allows a licensed motor vehicle dealer to issue a temporary registration permit that expires in 60 days rather than 45; the permit allows the transfer of registration plates from one vehicle to another.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** Minimal. The bill's requirements could be handled with existing resources.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** The Department of Transportation has determined that this bill has minimal or no impact on small business (attached). Legislative Services concurs with this assessment.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** If a licensed vehicle dealer transfers a vehicle to a person who has current registration plates issued to another vehicle, and if these registration plates are transferable, the dealer must issue a permit that gives the new vehicle owner the authority to transfer the plates to the nonregistered vehicle for up to 45 days from the date of transfer. Chapter 376 of 2001 extended the expiration date for temporary vehicle registration plates (cardboard tags) from 45 days to 60.

**Background:** The Motor Vehicle Administration advises that while Chapter 376 permitted a vehicle owner to possess temporary license tags for 60 days, it did not give vehicle dealers the authority to transfer the tags for that period of time.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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