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FISCAL ANALYSIS

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HOUSE BILL 5398 SUBSTITUTE H-3

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FLOOR ANALYSIS - 2/13/02

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SUMMARY

The bill would amend the Code of Criminal Procedure to specify that intoxication due to voluntary consumption of alcohol or other drugs could not be a defense for any crime, and that consumption of a legally obtained and properly used medication would, under circumstances, be an affirmative defense. The bill could increase state and local correctional costs to the extent that it enabled additional convictions to be obtained.