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S.B. 150: FLOOR ANALYSIS

Senate Bill 150 (as reported without amendment)

Sponsor: Senator Walter H. North

Committee: Judiciary

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Code of Criminal Procedure to revise the sentencing guidelines' statutory maximum sentence for a third offense of operating an off-road vehicle (ORV) under the influence of liquor and/or a controlled substance, and to revise the guidelines' description for operating a vessel or a snowmobile under the influence, causing a serious injury. The bill would take effect on June 1, 2001, and is tie-barred to Senate Bill 38, which would amend the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to revise those offenses.

A third offense of operating an ORV under the influence within 10 years is classified under the sentencing guidelines as a Class E felony against the public safety, with a statutory maximum sentence of four years' imprisonment. The bill would change the statutory maximum sentence to five years' imprisonment, as proposed by Senate Bill 38 (S-2).

Also, the guidelines refer to the felony offense of operating a snowmobile or a vessel under the influence causing "long-term incapacitating injury". The bill would change those descriptions to operating a snowmobile or vessel under the influence causing "serious impairment", as proposed by Senate Bill 38 (S-2).

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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