
DIGEST

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HB 552 Engrossed

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Abstract: Adds "impaired" to certain statutory references to "intoxicated" in cases involving motor vehicles.

Present law provides that any prosecution in a city, parish, or municipal court based on the operation of a vehicle by a person while intoxicated may be charged and prosecuted under present law (R.S. 14:98) or any city, parish, or municipal law that incorporates the same elements and sentences.

Present law provides for additional fines for certain crimes when the use of alcohol is a factor involved in the commission of the crime.

Present law allows certain certificates or writing to be admissible as evidence in all criminal cases when intoxication is an issue.

Present law provides for the responsive verdicts which may be made for certain offenses, including but not limited to "vehicular negligent injuring" and "first degree vehicular negligent injuring".

Proposed law adds "or impaired" to "intoxicated" where it appears in above present law.

(Amends R.S. 13:1894.1(A) and (B) and 1894.2(A)(intro. para.), R.S. 32:662.1, and C.Cr.P. Art. 814(A)(8) and (9))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice to the original bill:

1. Make technical changes.