

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

HB 552

2026 Regular Session

Bryant

May 29, 2026

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives and the Honorable President and Members of the Senate.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, the conferees appointed to confer over the disagreement between the two houses concerning House Bill No. 552 by Representative Bryant, recommend the following concerning the Reengrossed bill:

- 1. That the set of Senate Floor Amendments by Senator Pressly (#4067) be rejected.
- 2. That the following amendment be adopted:

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 3, line 24, change "Not Guilty." to "Not guilty."

Respectfully submitted,

Representative Marcus Anthony Bryant

Senator Brach Myers

Representative Debbie Villio

Senator Heather Miley Cloud

Representative Tony Bacala

Senator Caleb Seth Kleinpeter

DIGEST

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Keyword and oneliner of the instrument as it left the House

DWI: Provides relative to driving while intoxicated

Report rejects Senate amendments which would have:

1. Removed "intoxicated" from the responsive verdicts for vehicular negligent injuring and first degree vehicular negligent injuring.

Report amends the bill to:

1. Make a technical change.

Digest of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee

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 intoxications 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. 814(A)(8) and (9))