DIGEST

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Seabaugh HB No. 308

Abstract: Increases the possible term of imprisonment for the crime of aggravated flight from an officer to not more than five years and not more than ten years if the crime results in serious bodily injury.

<u>Present law</u> defines the crime of aggravated flight from an officer as the intentional refusal of a driver to bring a vehicle to a stop or of an operator to bring a watercraft to a stop, under circumstances wherein human life is endangered, knowing that he has been given a visual and audible signal to stop by a police officer when the officer has reasonable grounds to believe that the driver or operator has committed an offense.

<u>Present law</u> provides that any person who commits such offense may be fined not more than \$2,000 and shall be imprisoned for not more than two years.

<u>Proposed law</u> increases the possible term of imprisonment for the commission of aggravated flight from an officer <u>from</u> not more than two years <u>to</u> not more than five years and, if the crime results in serious bodily injury, up to 10 years.

Proposed law defines "serious bodily injury".

(Amends R.S. 14:108.1(E))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by <u>House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice</u> to the <u>original</u> bill.

1. Amended <u>proposed law</u> changes to the penalty provisions for the commission of aggravated flight from an officer <u>from</u> not more than two years <u>to</u> not more than five years and, if the crime results in serious bodily injury, up to 10 years.