

Existing law 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.

Prior law provided 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.

New law retains the existing law fine of up to \$2,000 and increases the possible term of imprisonment for the commission of aggravated flight from an officer from not more than two years to not more than five years and, if the crime results in serious bodily injury, up to 10 years.

New law defines "serious bodily injury" as bodily injury which involves unconsciousness, extreme physical pain or protracted and obvious disfigurement, or protracted loss or impairment of the function of a bodily member, organ, or mental faculty, or a substantial risk of death.

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