

## HOUSE BILL 32: Amend Habitual DWI

This Bill Analysis reflects the contents of the bill as it was presented in committee.

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SUMMARY: House Bill 32 would amend the offense of Habitual Impaired Driving by reducing the number of prior offenses required.

**CURRENT LAW:** A person is guilty of habitual impaired driving if they commit the offense of impaired driving and have 3 or more prior convictions of impaired driving within 10 years of the new offense. Habitual impaired driving is punishable as a Class F felony and requires a minimum 12 month active sentence. A conviction under this statute also results in a permanent license revocation.

**BILL ANALYSIS:** House Bill 32 would amend the number of prior convictions required for habitual impaired driving to only require 2 prior convictions within the 10 years preceding the current offense.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This act becomes effective December 1, 2015, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.

