



HOUSE BILL 471: Fail to Obtain DL/Increase Punishment.

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OVERVIEW: *House Bill 471 would increase the punishment for certain offenses of failing to obtain a driver's license before driving a motor vehicle.*

CURRENT LAW: Failure to obtain a driver's license before driving a motor vehicle is a Class 3 misdemeanor for all violations.

BILL ANALYSIS:

Section 1 of the bill would provide that failure to obtain a driver's license before driving a motor vehicle would remain a Class 3 misdemeanor. A second or subsequent offense would a mandatory \$400 fine. A third or subsequent offense of failure to obtain a driver's license before driving a motor vehicle would subject the vehicle that was driven by the person at the time of the offense to forfeiture.

Sections 2 through 5 of the bill would amend the statutes that govern seizure and forfeiture of vehicles seized for impaired driving to provide for the seizure, impoundment, and forfeiture of motor vehicles driven by persons who are convicted of a third or subsequent offense of failure to obtain a driver's license before driving a motor vehicle.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This act would become effective December 1, 2017, and apply to offenses committed on or after that date.

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