



PA 19-53—sHB 7378

Judiciary Committee

AN ACT CONCERNING NEGLIGENT HOMICIDE WITH A MOTOR VEHICLE AND ILLEGAL RACING

SUMMARY: This act increases the maximum fine and prison sentence for causing someone else's death through the negligent operation of a motor vehicle, regardless of the type of vehicle. Under prior law, such negligent operation of a (1) non-commercial motor vehicle was punishable by a fine of up to \$1,000, up to six months in prison, or both and (2) commercial motor vehicle was punishable by a fine of up to \$2,500, up to six months in prison, or both. Under the act, such negligent operation of any motor vehicle is punishable by a fine of up to \$3,500, up to three years in prison, or both.

The act also increases the penalties for driving a motor vehicle on a public road for purposes of betting, racing, or making a speed record. Under prior law, a first offense was punishable by a fine of \$75 to \$600, up to one year in prison, or both; and any subsequent offense was punishable by a fine of \$100 to \$1,000, up to one year in prison, or both. The act:

1. raises the minimum fine to \$150 for a first offense and \$300 for any subsequent offense and
2. requires anyone convicted of such driving to attend an operator's retraining program.

By law, a person's driver's license is suspended if he or she fails to attend the operator's retraining program, and the suspension lasts until the person completes the program (Conn. Agencies Reg., § 14-111g-2(e)).

Additionally, the act makes conforming changes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2019