



S.F. No. 1224 – Fleeing a Peace Officer

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S.F. No. 1224 establishes a new felony offense (statutory maximum sentence of three years/\$5k fine) for fleeing a peace officer in a motor vehicle if the offender operates the vehicle in a culpably negligent manner (**section 3**). A conviction also results in a driver's license revocation of not less than two years (**section 1**). The bill also lowers the penalty for the basic fleeing crime from a three year/\$5k felony to a gross misdemeanor (**section 2**) and eliminates the driver's license revocation for this (currently the revocation period is for not less than a year) (**section 1**). Reduces the revocation period for a repeat violation of the basic fleeing crime from not less than three years to not less than one year (**section 1**). Eliminates the current prohibition on receiving a limited driver's license during the first half of the revocation period for a person convicted of any fleeing in a motor vehicle offense (**section 1**). Finally, though it doesn't appear in the language, another of the bill's effects will be that a conviction for a basic fleeing offense will not subject the vehicle to forfeiture under the designated offense forfeiture law since the crime will no longer be a felony.

