

## S.F. No. 1374 – Increasing Penalties for Certain Violations of Driving Without a Valid License

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The bill establishes a gross misdemeanor penalty for a person who either causes a collision that results in substantial bodily harm to another while driving with a revoked, suspended, or cancelled license, or commits a third driving without a valid license offense within ten years and the person's license has been suspended, revoked, or cancelled, or the person has been disqualified from holding a license, for any of the following reasons:

- failing to participate in a driver improvement clinic (sec. 169.89, subd. 5);
- DWI offenses (secs. 169A.52; 169A.54; 171.177; or other violations of chapter 169A);
- violations of an instruction permit (sec. 171.05, subd. 2b);
- failing to pass a license examination (sec. 171.13, subds. 3 and 4);
- criminal vehicular homicide, manslaughter, or criminal vehicular operation (sec. 171.17, subd. 1, par. (a), clause (1));
- driving in excess of 100 mph (sec. 171.17, subd.1, par. (a), clause (10));
- violating a traffic law and causing the death of another (sec. 171.18, subd. 1, par. (a), clause (2));
- repeated violations of traffic laws (sec. 171.18, subd.1, par. (a), clause (3) or (4));
- being incompetent or medically incapable to operate a vehicle (secs. 171.18, subd. 1, par. (a), clause (5) or (11); 171.32);
- being a juvenile major highway or water traffic offender (sec.260B.225, subd. 9);
- reckless or careless driving (sec. 169.13);
- failing to yield to a pedestrian (sec. 169.21);
- failing to yield to a school bus (sec. 169.444);
- committing a drive-by shooting (sec. 609.19, subd. 1, clause (2)); or
- fleeing a police officer in a motor vehicle (sec. 609.487, subds. (3) to (5)).



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