

S.F. No. 1373 – Expanding License Suspensions for Suspected Criminal Vehicular Homicide and Criminal Vehicular Operation Offenses

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Overview

Under current law, when there is probable cause to believe that a person committed an offense of criminal vehicular homicide (CVH) or criminal vehicular operation (CVO) and the person was under the influence of drugs, alcohol, or an intoxicating substance, law enforcement must report the violation and the commissioner of public safety must suspend the person's license. If the person is convicted of the offense, the commissioner revokes the license and the person gets credit for the time the license was suspended.

This bill adds CVH and CVO offenses based on grossly negligent driving, leaving the scene of an accident, or driving after being notified of an equipment violation to the list of offenses that trigger license suspension. The bill also provides that any time during which the person's license was suspended would no longer count toward the period of revocation.

Summary

Section 1. Suspension required. Expands the situations in which the commissioner of public safety must immediately suspend a person's drivers license to include all cases in which there is probable cause to believe the person committed CVH or CVO, not just offenses involving drugs, alcohol, or other intoxicating substances.

Section 2. Credit. Removes the provision giving a person credit toward a license revocation for time during which the person's license was suspended.

Section 3. Criminal vehicular operation and manslaughter; certification of probable cause by peace officer. Expands the situations in which a peace officer must notify the commissioner of public safety that there is probable cause to believe that a person committed CVH or CVO to include all of those offenses, not just offenses involving alcohol, drugs, or other intoxicating substances.



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