

**SB 252 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**House Committee On Judiciary**

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Allows qualifying person with suspended driving privileges to receive hardship permit for the purpose of driving to and from gambling addiction treatment program.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

A person's driving privileges may be suspended for a number of reasons, including driving while under the influence of intoxicants, failure to appear in court or pay a fine, failure to pay child support, reckless driving, and misrepresentation of age by a minor to purchase or possess alcohol. The Department of Transportation (Department) may issue hardship driving permits to qualifying individuals for particular purposes, such as driving to and from work, drug or alcohol treatment programs, or personal or family medical appointments. Violation of the terms of a hardship permit subjects a person to the offense of driving while suspended and suspension or revocation of the hardship permit. The Department may not issue a hardship permit to drive a commercial motor vehicle.

Senate Bill 252 allows qualifying individuals whose driving privileges are suspended to apply for hardship permits in order to drive to and from gambling treatment programs.