

HB 2598 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Post

House Committee On Judiciary

Action Date: 04/14/17

Action: Do Pass.

Vote: 9-1-1-0

Yeas: 9 - Barker, Gorsek, Lininger, Olson, Post, Sanchez, Stark, Vial, Williamson

Nays: 1 - Greenlick

Exc: 1 - Sprenger

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Expands vehicular assault offense to include contact with a motorcycle or motorcycle operator or passenger.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Examples of accidents caused by distracted drivers
- Data related to these accidents
- Current applicable laws and the need for greater protection

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

It is a Class A misdemeanor for a person to recklessly operate a vehicle upon a highway in a manner that results in contact between the vehicle and a pedestrian, bicycle or bicycle operator, when this contact results in physical injury to the pedestrian or bicycle operator. House Bill 2598 expands this offense to include contacting a motorcycle or motorcycle operator or passenger resulting in physical injury to the motorcycle operator or passenger.