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HB 239, version I

What does the bill do?

- Elevates the crime of “Criminally Negligent Homicide” from a class B felony to a class A felony when the person also fails to render aid/leaves the scene of the accident;
 - *Increases the current presumptive sentence for 1st time offenders from 1-3 yrs to 4-7 yrs*

AND

- If convicted of both “Criminally Negligent Homicide” and “Failure to Render Assistance”, it requires some additional time to be imposed for the “failure to render assistance” (allows judicial discretion on the amount of time to be served consecutively).

The bill was heard in House Judiciary Committee and two amendments were incorporated:

1st amendment:

Lowered the 1st time offender presumptive sentencing from 7-11 years to 4-7 years (brings the HB 239 presumptive sentencing range for a class A felony in line with other class A felony sentencing ranges)

&

2nd amendment:

Lowered the amount of time that must be served from 10 years to “some additional time” if convicted of both “Criminally Negligent Homicide” and “Failure to Render Assistance”.

****Note: NOTHING IN HB 239 CHANGES THE CURRENT LAW IF YOU STOP AND RENDER ASSISTANCE**