

6293-S

Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Law & Justice (originally sponsored by Senators Benton, Roach, T. Sheldon, Rossi, McDonald and Oke)

Brief Title: Establishing penalties for drunk driving.

SB 6293-S - DIGEST

(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 2ND SUB)

Revises RCW 46.61.5055 relating to the punishments for drunk driving.

Provides that a person who drives a vehicle within this state after his or her license has been permanently revoked pursuant to RCW 46.61.5055 is guilty of a gross misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine of not more than five thousand dollars and by imprisonment for one year. A second or subsequent violation of this section is a class C felony and shall be punished by a fine of not more than ten thousand dollars and by imprisonment for seven years. Periods of imprisonment to be imposed under this section for either gross misdemeanor or felony violations are mandatory and may not be suspended or deferred. Sentences imposed for felony violations are not subject to the exceptional sentence provisions or the earned early release provisions of the sentencing reform act.

Makes an appropriation of two hundred fifty thousand dollars from the general fund to the department of licensing for electronic media advertising of the contents of this act.