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Sponsor(s): Senator Heavey

Brief Description: Specifying evidence to be considered in civil actions involving liability of alcohol sellers.

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Declares that, in any civil action brought for damages for the injury or death of a patron of a commercial establishment, when the injury or death is proximately caused by the selling of alcohol to that patron, the trier of fact may consider the following: (1) The person's appearance at the time the intoxicating liquor was furnished to that person including but not limited to slurred speech and physical impairment;

(2) evidence of the amount and type of alcohol consumed; and

(3) the length of time the person remained in the establishment consuming alcohol.