

**SB 5491 - DIGEST**

Revises the definition of "persistent offender," for purposes of the sentencing reform act of 1981, and states that a persistent offender is an offender who has multiple convictions and is subject to life without the possibility of release or the death penalty, as provided in section 2 of this act (RCW 9.94A.570).

Specifies that a conviction for a crime committed by an offender before turning eighteen years old does not constitute a conviction for purposes of determining whether an offender is a persistent offender.