

HB 2598 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Hansell

Senate Committee On Judiciary

Action Date: 05/24/17

Action: Do pass with amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)

Vote: 5-0-0-0

Yeas: 5 - Dembrow, Linthicum, Manning Jr, Prozanski, Thatcher

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. Titles measure Milkman Mike Act.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Why measure should be titled the Milkman Mike Act
- Motorcycles are not on the vulnerable users list
- Criminal and civil liability when both drivers are at fault for accident

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Titles measure as Milkman Mike Act.

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-A expands this offense to include contacting a motorcycle or motorcycle operator or passenger resulting in physical injury to the motorcycle operator or passenger. HB 2598-A also titles this offense as the Milkman Mike Act. Milkman Mike was the nickname for Mike Hamer, who passed away approximately two years. Mr. Hamer was a biker, veteran and family man from Albany, Oregon. Mr. Hamer was known as the Milkman because he delivered on his promises, like the milkman. Mr. Hamer believed that people needed to be accountable for injuries caused to bikers.