

HB 1149 -- FAILING TO YIELD THE RIGHT-OF-WAY

SPONSOR: Hicks

This bill increases the penalties for the offense of failing to yield the right-of-way. Currently, any person who pleads guilty to or is found guilty of the offense will be assessed a penalty of up to \$200, and the court may issue an order of suspension of the person's driving privilege for 30 days. The bill increases the penalty to up to \$1,000, but no less than \$500, and the court may issue an order of suspension of the person's driving privilege for 30 days.

Currently, any person who pleads to or is found guilty of the offense and the person is found to have caused serious physical injury will be assessed a penalty of up to \$500, and the court may issue an order of suspension of the person's driving privilege for 90 days. The bill increases the penalty to up to \$3,000, but no less than \$1,000, and requires the court to issue an order of suspension of the person's driving privilege for 90 days.

Currently, any person who pleads guilty to or is found guilty of a violation of the offense and the person caused a fatality will be assessed a penalty of up to \$1,000, and the court may issue an order of suspension of the person's driving privilege for a period of six months. The bill increases the penalty to up to \$10,000, but no less than \$5,000, and requires the court to issue an order of suspension of the person's driving privilege for a period of up to one year, but no less than six months. The person will also be required to participate in and successfully complete a driver-improvement program approved by the Director of the Department of Revenue.