

HB 983 -- MUNICIPAL COURTS

SPONSOR: DeGroot

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Judiciary by a vote of 8 to 3.

Currently, certain alcohol-related driving offenses are outside the jurisdiction of municipal courts. This bill specifies that those offenses are within the jurisdiction of municipal courts if the offense has been referred to the county prosecuting attorney's office for prosecution and the prosecuting attorney declines prosecution.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this would allow municipal courts to hear DWI cases if the county prosecutor declines to prosecute.

Testifying for the bill was Representative DeGroot.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.