

HB 2261 -- FAILING TO YIELD THE RIGHT-OF-WAY

SPONSOR: Cornejo

This bill increases the penalty for any person who pleads or is found guilty of failing to yield the right-of-way and where the offender is found to have caused physical injury. The current penalty is up to \$200. The bill increases the penalty to up to \$500 but not less than \$200. Where the offender is found to have caused serious physical injury, the penalty increases from up to \$500 to up to \$1,000 but not less than \$500. Where the offender is found to have caused a fatality, the penalty increases from up to \$1,000 to up to \$5,000 but not less than \$2,000. Additionally, in such instances, the court shall issue a suspension of the person's driving privileges for up to a year but not less than six months. Currently, state law allows the court to issue an order suspending the person's license for up to six months. The person shall also be required to participate in and successfully complete a driver-improvement program approved by the Director of the Department of Revenue.

This bill is similar to HB 539 (2018).