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ELIMINATE PRISON PENALTY FOR TRUCKING VIOLATIONS

House Bill 6280 Sponsor: Rep. Kirk Profit Committee: Transportation

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILLS 6280 AS INTRODUCED 11-5-98

House Bill 6280 would amend the Motor Carrier Safety Act to eliminate imprisonment as a kind of penalty for trucking safety violations. Currently the law reads that a violator of the act is guilty of a misdemeanor for each violation punishable by imprisonment for not more than 90 days or a fine of not more than \$100, or both. However, those found guilty of violating the rules that govern transporting unsafe packages and hazardous materials are punished by a fine of not more than \$500 for each violation, or by imprisonment for not more than 90 days, or both. House Bill 6280 would raise the \$100 fine to \$250, and further, the bill would eliminate the prison penalties, as well as the possibility of a monetary fine and a prison penalty.

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