

Subject Establishing new offenses and policies related to fleeing a peace officer in a motor vehicle

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Overview

This bill establishes new penalties for engaging in certain actions related to fleeing a peace officer in a motor vehicle. Under current law, fleeing in a motor vehicle is a felony with a maximum sentence of three years unless the person causes bodily harm or death while fleeing. This bill would establish an offense with a maximum penalty of four years in prison if the person violates certain rules of the road while fleeing and five years if the person's conduct met the standard of culpable negligence. The bill would also authorize peace officers to place mobile tracking devices on any vehicle that flees a peace officer.

Summary

Section	Description
1	Revocation; fleeing peace officer offense. Makes conforming changes to refer to new provisions in the statute addressing fleeing peace officers.
2	Fleeing an officer; motor vehicle; culpable negligence. Establishes a felony offense with a maximum penalty of four years in prison, a fine of \$8,000, or both if a person flees a peace officer in a motor vehicle in a culpably negligent manner whereby the perpetrator creates an unreasonable risk and consciously takes chances of causing death or great bodily harm to another. Culpable negligence is the standard used in second-degree manslaughter.
3	Fleeing officer; failure to obey signs. Establishes a felony offense with a maximum penalty of five years in prison, a fine of \$10,000, or both if a person flees a peace officer and violates certain driving rules including failing to obey signs and signals or driving on the wrong side of the road.

Section	Description
4	Revocation; fleeing peace officer offense. Makes a conforming change related to the new categories of fleeing a peace officer in a motor vehicle.
5	Exception; fleeing motor vehicles. Establishes that prohibitions related to placing a mobile tracking device on a vehicle do not apply if the vehicle is fleeing.



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