



*Synopsis of Senate Committee Amendments**

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Modified the provisions of the House-passed version of the bill that authorized a license suspension for a conviction of theft of gasoline related to a motor vehicle by: (1) providing that the suspension authority applies for all such convictions, not just second and subsequent convictions, (2) revising the length of the authorized suspension so that it is *not more than six months* or, if a prior suspension under the provision has been imposed, *at least six months and not more than one year*, and (3) broadening the provision that authorized a judicial grant of driving privileges during the suspension to drive to or from employment or school or to drive in a medical emergency so that it authorizes a grant of *limited driving privileges* in accordance with R.C. Chapter 4510. (which was enacted in Am. Sub. S.B. 123 of the 124th General Assembly and takes effect on January 1, 2004).

Added provisions that enact the offense of "motion picture piracy," a misdemeanor of the first degree on the first offense and a felony of the fifth degree on each subsequent offense.

Added provisions that permit the owner or lessee of a facility in which a motion picture is being shown, or the owner's or lessee's employee or agent, who has probable cause to believe that a person is or has been operating an audiovisual recording function of a device in violation of the bill's new motion picture piracy prohibition to detain the person, for the purpose of causing an arrest to be made by a peace officer or of obtaining an arrest warrant, in a reasonable manner for a reasonable length of time within the facility or its immediate vicinity.

Added a modification of an existing provision to extend, until January 1, 2009, the time by which environmental audits must be completed in order to be within the scope of certain privileges and immunities provided under existing law regarding such audits.

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* This synopsis does not address amendments that may have been adopted on the Senate floor.