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## Bill Summary

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## Overview

This bill includes a fracture of bone or cartilage or a fracture, chip or loss of a tooth within the definition of substantial bodily harm.

- 1. **Substantial Bodily Harm.** Current law defines substantial bodily harm to include a fracture of any bodily member. Changes this definition to a fracture of the bone or cartilage within any bodily member or a fracture, chip or loss of a tooth.
- **2. Effective date.** August 1, 1999, for crimes committed on or after that date.