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Bill Summary

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Overview

This bill establishes a gross misdemeanor penalty for anyone who causes the death of another while driving carelessly. (Under case law, "carelessness" is defined as ordinary negligence.) The maximum sentence for a gross misdemeanor is imprisonment for one year and/or a \$3,000 fine.

This section does not limit the state's power to punish a person for criminal conduct under any other state law.

Effective date: August 1, 2012, and applies to violations committed on or after that date.