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Overview

This bill creates an enhanced penalty for an impaired criminal vehicular homicide offense occurring within 10 years of a qualified prior driving offense.

Section

- 1 **Definitions.** Defines "qualified prior driving offense" as a prior conviction for:
 - (1) first, second, or third-degree DWI;
 - (2) fourth-degree DWI involving damage to property;
 - (3) careless or reckless driving involving damage to property;
 - (4) and (5) Criminal vehicular homicide or injury involving impairment.
- 2 & 3 **Criminal vehicle homicide.** Create a 15-year felony for a person convicted of criminal vehicular homicide involving impairment, occurring within 10 years of a prior qualified driving offense. (The current penalty is a 10-year felony.)