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This bill creates an enhanced penalty for careless driving resulting in death or great bodily harm to another. The penalty would increase from a misdemeanor to a gross misdemeanor. (The maximum penalty for a misdemeanor is 90 days' imprisonment and/or a \$1,000 fine. A gross misdemeanor may be punished by up to one year's imprisonment and/or a \$3,000 fine.)

In addition, the bill repeals the separate crime of reckless driving which is also a misdemeanor. These provisions would fall under careless driving.