

H.148

Introduced by Representative Clarkson of Woodstock

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Motor vehicles; operating under the influence; child in vehicle

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to create more serious penalties for operating a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol if there is a child in the operator's vehicle at the time of the offense.

An act relating to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol with a child in the vehicle

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Sec. 1. 23 V.S.A. § 1210(1) is added to read:

(1) Minor in vehicle. A person who violates section 1201 of this title while a minor is in the person's vehicle shall, in addition to any other penalty imposed by law, be:

(1) fined not more than \$300.00 or imprisoned for not more than six months, or both.

(2) fined not more than \$5,000.00 or imprisoned for not more than 10 years, or both, if the violation results in death or serious bodily injury to the minor.

- 1 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE
- 2 This act shall take effect on passage.