

HB 302 -- FAILURE TO YIELD THE RIGHT-OF-WAY

SPONSOR: Hicks

This bill increases the penalty for the offense of failing to yield the right-of-way from \$200 to at least \$500 but not more than \$1,000.

If serious physical injury is caused, the penalty is changed from up to \$500 to at least \$1,000 but not more than \$3,000 and the court must order the suspension of the person's driving privilege for 90 days. Currently, the court may order the suspension.

If the violation caused a fatality, the penalty is increased from up to \$1,000 to at least \$5,000 but not more than \$10,000. Currently, the court may order the suspension of the person's driving privilege for six months. The bill requires the court to order the suspension of the person's driving privilege for at least six months but not more than one year, and the individual must be required to participate in and successfully complete a driver-improvement program approved by the Director of the Department of Revenue.