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HB 232 Engrossed

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Marino

Abstract: Provides relative to discharge and dismissal of misdemeanor convictions and removes the restriction that such discharge and dismissal may occur only once with respect to any person during a five-year period.

<u>Present law</u> relative to misdemeanor convictions, provides that dismissal of prosecution shall have the same effect as an acquittal, except that the conviction may be considered as a prior offense and provide the basis for subsequent prosecution of the party as a multiple offender. Provides that such discharge and dismissal may occur only once with respect to any person during a five-year period.

<u>Proposed law</u> amends <u>present law</u> to remove the restriction that discharge and dismissal may occur only once with respect to any person during a five-year period.

(Amends C.Cr.P. Art. 894(B)(2))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by <u>House Committee on Administration of Criminal</u> Justice to the original bill:

1. Restores <u>present law</u> provisions that allow for discharge and dismissal for DWI to occur only once in a 10-year period.