

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS**HB 552****2026 Regular Session****Bryant**

DWI: Provides relative to driving while intoxicated

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Removes "intoxicated" from the present law responsive verdict "guilty of operating a vehicle while intoxicated" relative to charges of vehicular negligent injuring and first degree vehicular negligent injuring.
2. Replaces "intoxicated" with "impaired".

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

Present law provides that any prosecution in a city, parish, or municipal court based on the operation of a vehicle by a person while intoxicated may be charged and prosecuted under present law (R.S. 14:98) or any city, parish, or municipal law that incorporates the same elements and sentences.

Present law provides additional fines for certain crimes when the use of alcohol is a factor involved in the commission of the crime.

Present law allows certain certificates or writing to be admissible as evidence in all criminal cases when intoxication is an issue.

Present law provides for the responsive verdicts which may be made for certain offenses, including but not limited to "vehicular negligent injuring" and "first degree vehicular negligent injuring".

Proposed law changes "intoxicated" to "impaired" in the present law responsive verdicts.

(Amends R.S. 13:1894.1(A) and (B) and 1894.2(A)(intro. para.), R.S. 32:662.1, and C.Cr.P. Art. 814(A)(8) and (9))