Juvenile Justice & Family Law Committee

HB 1416

Brief Description: Adjusting the time of restoration of a juvenile's driving privilege.

Sponsors: Representatives Mielke, O'Brien, Boldt, McMahan, Schindler and Woods.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Requires revocation of a juvenile's driving privileges for one year (instead of one year or until age 17, whichever is longer) for the juvenile's first conviction of certain offenses;
- Requires revocation of a juvenile's driving privileges for two years or until the juvenile reaches 21 (instead of two years or until age 18, whichever is longer) for the juvenile's second or subsequent convictions of certain offenses.

Hearing Date: 2/4/03

Staff: Trudes Hutcheson (786-7384).

Background:

The Department of Licensing (DOL) is required, by statute, to revoke a juvenile's driving privileges when the DOL receives notice from a court that the juvenile has been convicted of:

- an offense committed while armed with a firearm;
- · an offense regarding the purchase, possession or consumption of alcohol; or
- a violation of the various drug laws.

For the juvenile's first conviction, the DOL must revoke the juvenile's driving privilege for one year, or until the juvenile reaches 17, whichever period is longer. For second or subsequent convictions, the DOL must revoke the juvenile's driving privilege for two years or until the juvenile reaches 18, whichever period is longer.

The revocation is imposed without a hearing. Each conviction results in a separate period of revocation, and periods of revocation must run consecutively. A juvenile may petition the court for reinstatement at an earlier date, but the statutes impose a certain minimum term of revocation.

Summary of Bill:

The length of time for which a juvenile's driving privileges must be revoked is changed.

Upon receipt of the first conviction, the juvenile's driving privileges must be revoked for one year (instead of one year or until the juvenile reaches 17, whichever is longer).

Upon the receipt of the second or subsequent convictions, the juvenile's driving privileges must be revoked for two years or until the juvenile reaches 21 (instead of two years or until age 18, whichever is longer). In the cases of second or subsequent convictions, the length of revocation to be imposed " either two years or until the age 21 " is not specified.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not Requested.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.