

5355-S

Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by Senators Brandland, Jacobsen, Esser, Rasmussen, Parlette, Swecker, Sheahan, McCaslin and Mulliken)

Brief Description: Eliminating voluntary intoxication as a consideration for mental state. Revised for 1st Substitute: Prohibiting the use of intoxication as a defense.

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(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 3/19/03)

Declares that voluntary intoxication is not a defense to any criminal charge, nor may the fact of voluntary intoxication be used by a defendant to demonstrate the lack of any particular mental state that is an element of a crime charged. Nothing in this act prohibits the prosecution from introducing evidence of a defendant's intoxication.

Applies to voluntary intoxication produced by any agent, including but not limited to alcohol or any drug.