

## Committee on Criminal Justice

### **CS/HB 687 — Driving and Boating Offenses**

by Criminal Justice Subcommittee and Reps. Kendall, Plakon, and others (CS/CS/SB 138 by Appropriations Committee on Criminal and Civil Justice; Criminal Justice Committee; and Senator Wright)

The bill makes multiple changes to strengthen and enhance crimes related to driving and boating offenses and may be cited as “Trenton’s Law.”

The bill increases the penalty for the following convictions from a second degree felony to a first degree felony when a person who is convicted of:

- DUI manslaughter, and has a previous conviction for DUI manslaughter, vehicular homicide, BUI manslaughter or vessel homicide.
- BUI manslaughter, and has a previous conviction for DUI manslaughter, vehicular homicide, BUI manslaughter or vessel homicide.
- Vehicular homicide, and has a previous conviction for DUI manslaughter, vehicular homicide, BUI manslaughter or vessel homicide.
- Vessel homicide, and has a previous conviction for DUI manslaughter, vehicular homicide, BUI manslaughter or vessel homicide.

The bill amends provisions relating to a refusal to submit to a breath or urine test after an arrest for DUI. A first refusal to submit to a lawful test of breath or urine subsequent to a DUI arrest is a second degree misdemeanor, and a second or subsequent refusal is a first degree misdemeanor.

If approved by the Governor, or allowed to become law without the Governor’s signature, these provisions take effect October 1, 2025.

*Vote: Senate 37-0; House 111-0*