

FINAL BILL ANALYSIS

BILL #: HB 4019

FINAL HOUSE FLOOR ACTION:

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SPONSOR: Rep. Workman

GOVERNOR'S ACTION: Approved

COMPANION BILLS: SB 1630

SUMMARY ANALYSIS

HB 4019 passed the House on March 24, 2011 and passed the Senate on March 30, 2011. The bill was approved by the Governor on April 27, 2011, chapter 2011-9, Laws of Florida, and took effect on April 27, 2011.

The bill repeals unnecessary language from Chapter 316, Florida Statutes, relating to motor vehicle operation. The language being repealed prohibits motor vehicle drivers from travelling on a downgrade with the vehicle in neutral or the clutch disengaged. The bill does not have a fiscal impact.

This document does not reflect the intent or official position of the bill sponsor or House of Representatives.

I. SUBSTANTIVE INFORMATION

A. EFFECT OF CHANGES:

Current Situation

Section 316.2024, F.S., prohibits the operator of a motor vehicle from “travelling upon a downgrade... with the gears or transmission... in neutral or the clutch disengaged.” A violation of the provision is considered a moving violation punishable by a fine of \$60 plus local court costs, which vary by jurisdiction.

The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV) prepares an annual report on the number of citations issued by law enforcement officers statewide. Violations of s. 316.2024, F.S., are aggregated on the Uniform Traffic Citation itself as “Other Moving” violations with 42 other moving violations.

Effect of the Bill:

The bill repeals s. 316.2024, F.S., prohibiting coasting on a downgrade while in neutral.

II. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

A. FISCAL IMPACT ON STATE GOVERNMENT:

1. Revenues:

None.

2. Expenditures:

None.

B. FISCAL IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:

1. Revenues:

None.

2. Expenditures:

None.

C. DIRECT ECONOMIC IMPACT ON PRIVATE SECTOR:

None.

D. FISCAL COMMENTS:

None.