

FINAL BILL REPORT

SB 6073

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Amending RCW 46.63.020 to include reference to section 5 of Substitute Senate Bill No. 5141.

Sponsors: Senators Smith and Schow.

Background: During the 1995 session, the Washington Legislature passed SSB 5141 which made a number of changes to the laws governing driving under the influence of liquor or drugs (DUI). One of the changes included in that bill was the creation of a crime such that a person who drives a motor vehicle, is under 21 years of age and has an alcohol concentration of .02 or more is guilty of a misdemeanor.

RCW 46.63.020 contains a list of offenses that may be classified as criminal offenses. If an offense is not listed in 46.63.020, it is classified as a traffic infraction and may not be classified as a criminal offense. SSB 5141 created the new crime of driving a motor vehicle while under 21 years of age with an alcohol concentration of .02 or more as a misdemeanor, yet neglected to list the new offense under RCW 46.63.020.

Summary: RCW 46.63.020 is amended to include the crime of driving a motor vehicle while under 21 years of age with an alcohol concentration of .02 or more.

Votes on Final Passage:

First Special Session

Senate 38 0

House 90 0

Effective: September 1, 1995