

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 6073

As Passed Senate, May 2, 1995

Title: An act relating to amending RCW 46.63.020 to include reference to section 5 of Substitute Senate Bill No. 5141.

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

Sponsors: Senators Smith and Schow.

Brief History:

First Special Session: Passed Senate, 5/2/95, 38-0.

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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 of list of offenses which 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 of Bill: 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.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: September 1, 1995.