

HB 611 – Motor Vehicle Racing (Identical SB 116)

This bill amends s. 316.191(3)(c), F.S., increasing the current 1st degree misdemeanor for a third or subsequent violation of racing on highways to an **unranked, 3rd degree felony**. Such violations include “any of the following:” Drive any motor vehicle, including any motorcycle, in any race, speed competition or contest, drag race or acceleration contest, test of physical endurance, or exhibition of speed or acceleration or for the purpose of making a speed record on any highway, roadway, or parking lot. In any manner participate in, coordinate, facilitate, or collect moneys at any location for any such race, competition, contest, test, or exhibition. Knowingly ride as a passenger in any such race, competition, contest, test, or exhibition. Purposefully cause the movement of traffic to slow or stop for any such race, competition, contest, test, or exhibition.”

Per FDLE, in FY 17-18, there were no arrests or convictions/adjudications withheld for a third or subsequent violation of racing on highways.

In FY 17-18, the incarceration rate for an unranked, 3rd degree felony was 8.7%.

CONFERENCE ADOPTED ESTIMATE: Positive Insignificant

Requested by: House & Senate