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Version: As Introduced

Primary Sponsor: Rep. K. Miller

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

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Highlights

- The bill is not expected to have more than a minimal fiscal effect on the state or political subdivisions. While the bill is not expected to generate additional cases for courts to adjudicate, it may change the way in which a small number of cases are charged and, if the offender is convicted, subsequently sanctioned.

Detailed Analysis

The bill is not expected to have more than a minimal fiscal effect on the state or political subdivisions. The bill adds under-speed vehicles, motorized bicycles or mopeds, motor-driven cycles or motor scooters, and all-purpose vehicles to the list of vehicles that can be used to commit a vehicular homicide or vehicular assault. While the bill is not expected to generate additional cases for courts to adjudicate, it may change the way in which a small number of cases are charged and, if the offender is convicted, subsequently sanctioned.

A review of statewide crash statistics indicates that there are around 400 at-fault crashes yearly involving "slow moving" vehicles. "Slow moving" vehicles for purposes of this crash data may include other types of vehicles that are in addition to those included in the bill. It should also be noted that an at-fault designation does not necessarily imply criminal intent; only that the driver was found at fault in some way. Of the 400, around 20 of these crashes resulted in fatalities annually.

How many of these crashes, either overall or those resulting in injuries/fatalities, would have resulted in possible criminal charges for vehicular homicide or assault had the bill been in effect is unknown. However, it is likely that only a small number could have resulted in criminal charges. It should also be noted that absent the bill and depending on the circumstances of individual cases, charges currently may be filed under other criminal statutes. By expanding the

current list of vehicles that may be considered under vehicular homicide and assault, individuals could be subjected to additional forms of sanctions, including license suspension.