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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 400, L.D. 545, Bill, "An Act to Enhance the Penalty for Operating a Motor Vehicle after Habitual Offender Revocation When the Actor Has Had a Prior Conviction for Operating after Revocation or Operating under the Influence within the Previous 10 Years"

Amend the bill by inserting at the end before the summary the following:

FISCAL NOTE

This bill may increase prosecutions for Class C and D crimes. Sentences of more than 9 months imposed for Class C crimes must be served in state correctional institutions. The cost to the State per sentence is \$53,033 based upon an average length of stay of one year and 10 months. The State also must reimburse counties for sentences served in county jails of 9 months or less for Class C crimes.

For Class D crimes, if a jail sentence is imposed, the additional costs to the counties are estimated to be \$83.78 per day per prisoner. These costs are not reimbursed by the State. The number of prosecutions that may result in a jail sentence and the resulting costs to the county jail system are expected to be insignificant.

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2           The Judicial Department may require additional General Fund  
3           appropriations to cover increased indigent defense costs related  
4           to these cases where the class of crime is increased. The  
5           amounts can not be estimated at this time. The collection of  
6           additional fines may also increase General Fund revenue by minor  
7           amounts.'

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#### SUMMARY

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This amendment adds a fiscal note to the bill.