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Synopsis of Senate Committee Amendments

(This synopsis does not address amendments that may have been adopted on the Senate Floor.)

H.B. 56 of the 135th General Assembly Senate Judiciary

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Forfeiture

- Removes the provisions of the bill that allow the seizure and forfeiture of a vehicle used during street racing, stunt driving, or street takeover as a penalty for the offense.

Tire-squealing

- Removes causing vehicle tires to squeal as part of the meaning of “stunt driving” for purposes of the bill’s imposition of penalties for stunt driving activities.

Vehicular homicide and assault

- Adds a utility vehicle and a mini-truck to the list of vehicles that can be used to commit a vehicular homicide or assault offense.
- Corrects a current law reference pertaining to consecutive prison terms for certain driver’s license suspension and OVI offenses committed in conjunction with involuntary manslaughter.

Third-party driver’s exam administrators

- Clarifies who may be a third-party administrator for the standard motor vehicle skills test, which includes a clerk of the court of common pleas.
- Requires any fees collected by a clerk of the court of common pleas serving as a third-party administrator to be deposited into the existing Certificate of Title Administration Fund.
- Requires fees that have been so collected by clerks serving as third-party administrators between April 12, 2021 and the bill’s effective date to be deposited into that Fund.

Indigent Defense Support Fund: funding restoration

- Restores a provision from prior law that allocated increased amounts of the reinstatement fee associated with failure to maintain proof of financial responsibility to the Indigent Defense Support Fund.