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12 Woodbury, Poirier of Barre City, Savage of Swanton, Stevens
13 of Shoreham, Townsend of Randolph, Waite-Simpson of Essex
14 and Webb of Shelburne

15 Referred to Committee on

16 Date:

17 Subject: Motor vehicles; attempting to elude a police officer; penalties

18 Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to raise from a misdemeanor to a
19 felony the penalty for attempting to elude a police officer and to raise the
20 penalties for the offense when death or bodily injury results.

1 An act relating to raising the penalties for attempting to elude a police
2 officer

3 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

4 Sec. 1. 23 V.S.A. § 1133 is amended to read:

5 § 1133. ATTEMPTING TO ELUDE A POLICE OFFICER

6 (a) No operator of a motor vehicle shall fail to bring his or her vehicle to a
7 stop when signaled to do so by an enforcement officer:

8 (1) displaying insignia identifying him or her as such; or

9 (2) operating a law enforcement vehicle sounding a siren and displaying
10 a flashing blue or blue and white signal lamp.

11 (b)(1) A person who violates subsection (a) of this section shall be
12 imprisoned for not more than ~~one year~~ five years or fined not more than
13 \$1,000.00, or both.

14 (2)(A) In the event that death ~~or serious bodily injury~~ to any person
15 other than the operator is proximately caused by the operator's knowing
16 violation of subsection (a) of this section, the operator shall be imprisoned for
17 not ~~more than five years~~ less than one year nor more than 15 years or fined not
18 more than ~~\$3,000.00~~ \$10,000.00, or both.

19 (B) If death ~~or serious bodily injury~~ to more than one person other
20 than the operator is proximately caused by the operator's knowing violation of
21 subsection (a) of this section, the operator may be convicted of a separate
22 violation of this subdivision for each decedent ~~or person injured~~.

