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Chapter No.: 88

Prime Sponsor: Joint Judiciary Interim Committee

Catch Title: **Uniformity in domestic violence law.**

Subject: Amending penalties related to domestic violence.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This act increases penalties for domestic violence crimes to a similar level as other nondomestic violence related crimes. The maximum penalties are increased from five (5) to ten (10) years for strangulation and for third offense domestic battery. The maximum penalties for domestic assault are increased from a fine only to six (6) months in jail and from six (6) months to one (1) year for a subsequent offense. Additionally, unlawful contact, strangulation, kidnapping, felonious restraint and false imprisonment are added as predicate offenses for purposes of determining subsequent offender status. This act permits a court to sentence a person for domestic battery up to three (3) years on probation. This act also amends the definition of violent felony to include strangulation and third offense domestic battery.

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