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HOUSE SESSION - THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 2026

Consent Calendar Bills

SB 620, Relative to refusal of consent to testing to determine alcohol concentration and penalties for aggravated driving while intoxicated.

SB 620

Judiciary: OTP/A 12-0

ANTI-LIBERTY: This bill as amended increases the penalty for refusing to consent to testing to determine alcohol concentration. It increases it from a 6-month to 9-month driver's license suspension.

**NAY
OTP/A**

- A person should not be punished because they exercise their 4th amendment right against warrantless searches or their 5th amendment right against self-incrimination.
- If a police officer has probable cause to require a test of a person's alcohol level, they should get court order or make an arrest, rather than coercing compliance by threatening to take away a person's license.

SB 649, increasing fines for using a hand-held mobile electronic device while driving a motor vehicle.

SB 649

Judiciary: OTP 11-1

ANTI-LIBERTY: This bill increases fines and adds license suspension for repeat offenses involving the use of a hand-held mobile electronic device while driving, with enhanced penalties when the violation contributes to a crash.

**NAY
OTP**

- There is no indication that driving behavior will be improved by drastically increasing fines for use of handheld electronic devices while driving. The only change will be less money in the pockets of drivers and more ticket revenue.