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Resolution directing the Intergovernmental Relations Division-Department of Administration to seek introduction and passage of state legislation to increase the minimum forfeiture for a hit-and-run crash to at least the forfeiture of \$505, the same as the total forfeiture and surcharge for the first offense of operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated.

This resolution directs the Intergovernmental Relations Division-Department of Administration to seek introduction and passage of state legislation to increase the forfeiture for a hit-and-run crash to at least \$505, the same as the total forfeiture for the first offense of operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (OWI). Presently, the minimal financial penalty for a hit-and-run offense that does not involve death or injury to a person, a fine of not less than \$300 nor more than \$1,000, is lower than that for a first OWI offense. The fine for a first OWI offense is \$150 to \$300 plus \$355 for a driver improvement surcharge to cover the costs of county provided treatment services for alcohol and other drug abuser, therefore a minimum of \$505.

Whereas, There are a significant number of hit-and-run crashes in the State of Wisconsin, County of Milwaukee and the City of Milwaukee; and

Whereas, The number of hit-and-runs in 2005 in the State of Wisconsin was 13,233, resulting in 10,617 cases of property damage, 2,591 cases of personal injury and 25 fatalities; and

Whereas, The number of hit-and-runs in 2005 in Milwaukee County was 4,461, resulting in 3,566 cases of property damage, 888 cases of personal injury and 7 fatalities; and

Whereas, The number of hit-and-run crashes in the City of Milwaukee in 2005 was 3,218, representing 27% of state crashes; and

Whereas, The minimum financial penalty for a hit and run crash is actually lower than that for operating a vehicle while intoxicated, which is \$300 versus \$505 (minimum \$150 forfeiture plus a \$355 driver improvement surcharge); and

Whereas, There exists an incentive to hit and run at a crash to avoid, if intoxicated, the higher financial penalty associated with Operating While Intoxicated; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee, that the Common Council directs the Intergovernmental Relations Division-Department of Administration to seek introduction and passage of state legislation to increase the minimum forfeiture for a hit-and-run crash to at least \$505, the same as the total amount (forfeiture and surcharge) for the first offense of operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (OWI).

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