SENATE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

February 9, 2011
Chairman of Committee Date
Committee on <u>Judiciary</u> .
After consideration on the merits, the Committee recommends the following:
SB11-107 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee of the Whole with favorable recommendation:
Amend printed bill, page 2, line 3, strike "amended" and substitute "amended, and the said 13-21-102.5 is further amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SUBSECTION,".
Page 3, line 1, after "case" insert "EXCEPT FOR ACTIONS CONCERNING DAMAGES RESULTING FROM ALCOHOL-RELATED OR DRUG-RELATED DRIVING INCIDENTS".
Page 3, after line 11 insert:
"(7) NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 42-4-1713, C.R.S., A RECORD OF THE CONVICTION OF ANY PERSON, INCLUDING A PLEA OF GUILTY OR NOLO CONTENDERE, FOR ANY ALCOHOL-RELATED OR DRUG-RELATED TRAFFIC VIOLATION DESCRIBED IN PART 13 OF ARTICLE 4 OF TITLE 42, C.R.S., SHALL BE ADMISSIBLE IN ANY COURT IN ANY CIVIL ACTION SEEKING NONECONOMIC DAMAGES CAUSED BY AN ALCOHOL-RELATED OR DRUG-RELATED DRIVING INCIDENT AS PRIMA FACIE EVIDENCE THAT THE DRIVER WAS DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL OR DRUGS OR DRIVING WHILE HIS OR HER ABILITY WAS IMPAIRED BY ALCOHOL OR DRUGS. SECTION 2. 13-21-102.5 (3), Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW PARAGRAPH to read: 13-21-102.5. Limitations on damages for noneconomic loss or
injury. (3) (d) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF ARTICLE 10 OF

- 1 TITLE 24, C.R.S., TO THE CONTRARY, THE EXCEPTIONS TO THE
- 2 LIMITATIONS ON DAMAGES FOR NONECONOMIC LOSS OR INJURY
- 3 DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPHS (a) AND (b) OF THIS SUBSECTION (3), WHICH
- 4 EXCEPTIONS CONCERN DAMAGES RESULTING FROM ALCOHOL-RELATED OR
- 5 DRUG-RELATED DRIVING INCIDENTS, SHALL APPLY REGARDLESS OF
- 6 WHETHER THE PERSON WHO CAUSED A LOSS OR INJURY TO ANOTHER
- 7 PERSON WHILE DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL OR ONE OR
- 8 MORE DRUGS IS A PUBLIC EMPLOYEE, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 24-10-103
- 9 (4), C.R.S.".
- 10 Renumber succeeding bill sections accordingly.

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