HF2130 / SF2068 Description

Under Minnesota law, repeat offenders of driving while impaired (DWI) and criminal vehicular operation (CVO) are required to install ignition interlock for a specified duration and may be required to complete treatment. For both DWI and CVO, penalties scale based on the number of prior offenses in one's lifetime or within a 10-year "lookback period." These offenders also may have their license revoked and be required to pay a \$250 fee and \$430 surcharge before they can be issued a restricted license and drive with an interlock device in their vehicle.

HF2130/SF2068 does the following:

- Substantially increases interlock requirements for repeat offenders
- Either extends the 10-year lookback period for repeat offenses to 20 years or makes it lifetime in certain situations
- Requires all repeat offenders to attend treatment programs
- De-couples the payment of fees and surcharges from someone starting on interlock to increase participation and decrease the number of people that drive without a license.
- Re-organizes statutes to bring ignition interlock requirements into one location

Notes: The bill does not change the mechanism in current law that extends one's time on interlock if an offender fails to complete treatment, commits a new alcohol-related offense, or registers multiple breath-test failures on their interlock device.

Example of changes being made:

Current Law		HF2130 / SF2068	
Priors (DWI)	Interlock duration	Priors (DWI)	Interlock duration
1 in 10 years	1 year (or 2 years if	1 in 20 years	2 years
	BAC is 0.16+)		
2 in 10 years	3 years	2 lifetime	6 years
or 3 lifetime			
3 in 10 years	4 years	3 + lifetime	10 years
4+ lifetime	6 years		