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17	be filed within 30 days after the person received notice under 61-11-204. Receipt under 61-11-204 is
18	presumed to be on the third day after the date of mailing. After the petition is filed, a copy must be
19	promptly served on the county attorney of the county in which the petition was filed. The county attorney
20	shall represent the department in the proceeding. Proof of service must be filed with the clerk of the court
21	prior to a hearing or grant of relief. Untimely service or lack of service upon the county attorney waives
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24	county attorney a certified copy of the abstracts of the records of convictions and bond forfeitures upon
25	which the habitual traffic offender declaration was based.
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5	an <u>a</u> habitual traffic offender as defined in 61-11-203(2) , the court shall so find and adjudge the defendant
6	an habitual traffic offender, and by appropriate order direct the person so adjudged to surrender to the court
7	his license to operate a motor vehicle on the streets and highways of this state dismiss the petition. If the
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9	or that the petitioner is not a habitual traffic offender, the court shall grant the petition and provide the
10	petitioner with appropriate relief.
11	(5) Upon a finding adverse to the defendant <u>petitioner</u> , the clerk of the court wherein the hearing
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26	of 61-2-302. Additionally, the <u>The</u> department shall remove from that individual's <u>the person's</u> record those
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DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

An act generally revising the process by which a habitual traffic offender is penalized.

ASSUMPTIONS:

1. The Department of Justice will experience minimal costs in implementing this bill and those costs can be absorbed in their current budget.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Passage of SB0185 will have no fiscal impact on state government.

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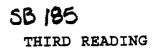
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24	-END-



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Mr. Speaker: We, the committee on **Judiciary** report that Senate Bill 185 (third reading copy -- blue) be concurred in as amended.

Signed: 1306 Clark Bob Clark, Chair

Carried by: Rep. Anderson

And, that such amendments read:

1. Page 3, line 10.
Following: "relief"
Insert: ", which must include an order that the department
 reimburse the petitioner for court fees paid by the
 petitioner"

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Committee Vote: Yes $\underline{18}$, No \underline{O} .

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2	INTRODUCED BY VAN VALKENBURG
3	BY REQUEST OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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5	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING THE PROCESS BY WHICH A HABITUAL
6	TRAFFIC OFFENDER IS PENALIZED; PROVIDING FOR ADMINISTRATIVE REVOCATION OF A HABITUAL
7	TRAFFIC OFFENDER'S DRIVING PRIVILEGES; PROVIDING A METHOD FOR AN OFFENDER TO CONTEST
8	THE DECLARATION; PROVIDING THAT CERTIFIED DRIVING RECORDS ARE EVIDENCE OF CONVICTIONS;
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