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## 2017 ASSEMBLY BILL 18

January 12, 2017 - Introduced by Representative OTT, by request of Department of Transportation. Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

1     **AN ACT to amend** 342.155 (4) (b) of the statutes; **relating to:** penalties for  
2             violations of motor vehicle mileage disclosure requirements and providing a  
3             criminal penalty (suggested as remedial legislation by the Department of  
4             Transportation).

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

This bill eliminates inconsistent language in a penalty provision for certain violations of motor vehicle mileage reporting requirements.

Current law imposes certain requirements related to reporting a motor vehicle's mileage upon transfer of the vehicle. Specifically, 1) a transferor may not transfer ownership of a motor vehicle without disclosing the vehicle's mileage in writing to the transferee; 2) a transferor may not knowingly make a false statement in disclosing the vehicle's mileage to a transferee; and 3) no person may alter, erase, or obliterate any information contained on a mileage disclosure statement. Current law provides two inconsistent penalties for a person who violates one of these provisions with intent to defraud. Specifically, the current provision provides that a person who violates one of the above provisions with intent to defraud 1) may be fined not more than \$5,000 or imprisoned for not more than seven years and six months or both; and 2) is guilty of a Class H felony, which is punishable by a fine not to exceed \$10,000 or imprisonment not to exceed six years or both.

This bill eliminates the reference to a fine of not more than \$5,000 or imprisonment for not more than seven years and six months or both. Under this bill,

