Overview

This bill clarifies several provisions of the DWI and general forfeiture laws.

1 **Limitations on forfeiture of motor vehicle.** Amends the DWI forfeiture law to prohibit the forfeiture of a vehicle used to commit a repeat DWI offense if the owner took reasonable steps to terminate use of the motor vehicle, even though the owner knew or should have known of the vehicle's unlawful use.

2 **Administrative forfeiture procedure; DWI forfeiture law.** Clarifies that a demand for a judicial determination of a motor vehicle forfeiture under the DWI forfeiture law may be filed in conciliation court if the value of the vehicle is within the conciliation court's jurisdictional limit ($7,500 or less).

3 **Administrative forfeiture procedure; general forfeiture law.** Clarifies that a demand for a judicial determination of a forfeiture under the general forfeiture law may be filed in conciliation court if the value of the vehicle is within the conciliation court's jurisdictional limit ($7,500 or less).

4 **Judicial forfeiture; general forfeiture law.** Same change as in section 3. Also clarifies that defenses otherwise available in judicial forfeiture proceedings also apply to administrative forfeitures that have been converted to judicial proceedings upon the property owner's demand.

5 **Effective date.** August 1, 1999, for forfeitures conducted on or after that date.