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## Panel passes red-light bill

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TALLAHASSEE -- A bill that would more than double the fines for red-light runners passed another key House committee Thursday.

The bill, sponsored by freshman Rep. Dean Cannon, R-Winter Park, would increase the fine for running a red light from \$60 to \$125 and increase the number of license points from three to four. It cleared the House Judiciary Committee 12-0.

The increase in fines is expected to generate nearly \$19 million in additional revenue that would help pay for hospital trauma centers, according to a House analysis of the bill.

Mom: Caged bed prescribed

JACKSONVILLE -- The woman accused of forcing her undersized 17-year-old adopted son to sleep in a cage-like bed received government permission in Ohio 10 years ago to have him sleep in it, her attorney said Thursday.

Wilson and Brenda Sullivan were arrested Tuesday on a charge of child neglect after investigators said they found the 49-pound teen in diapers and sleeping in a bed that had a locked cover on the top. They are each being held on \$200,003 bail until their March 30 arraignment.

"We are in receipt of documentation that it was a medically prescribed bed with physician's approval," said Lee Lockett, an attorney representing Brenda Sullivan.

Lockett said he would ask the Public Defender's Office to represent her husband because he can't represent both Sullivans.

Lt. Susan Bowen of the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office said Thursday that the prescription for the bed was issued when the child was 7 or 8, but she said the bed had been modified by adding a top, padlock and chain.

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