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Senate Bill No. 90

(By Senators Miller, Jenkins, Yost, Unger, Fitzsimmons and Beach)

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A BILL to amend and reenact §17C-5-2 and §17C-5-2b of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; and to amend and reenact §17C-5A-1, §17C-5A-2, §17C-5A-3 and §17C-5A-3a of said code, all relating to making it a felony to drive a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, controlled substance or other drug and cause death or serious bodily injury to another person; eliminating misdemeanor offense of driving a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, controlled substance or other

drug and causing death; amending internal code references; and establishing criminal and administrative penalties.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That §17C-5-2 and §17C-5-2b of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended and reenacted; and that §17C-5A-1, §17C-5A-2, §17C-5A-3 and §17C-5A-3a of said code be amended and reenacted, all to read as follows:

ARTICLE 5. SERIOUS TRAFFIC OFFENSES.

- §17C-5-2. Driving under influence of alcohol, controlled substances or drugs; penalties.
 - 1 (a) Any person who:
 - 2 (1) Drives a vehicle in this state while he or she:
 - 3 (A) Is under the influence of alcohol;
 - 4 (B) Is under the influence of any controlled substance;
 - 5 (C) Is under the influence of any other drug;
 - 6 (D) Is under the combined influence of alcohol and any
 - 7 controlled substance or any other drug; or
 - 8 (E) Has an alcohol concentration in his or her blood of
 - 9 eight hundredths of one percent or more, by weight; and

- 10 (2) While driving does any act forbidden by law or fails
 11 to perform any duty imposed by law in the driving of the
 12 vehicle, which act or failure proximately causes the death of
 13 or serious bodily injury to any another person within one year
 14 next following the act or failure and
- 15 (3) Commits the act or failure in reckless disregard of 16 the safety of others and when the influence of alcohol, controlled substances or drugs is shown to be a contributing 17 18 cause to the death, is guilty of a felony and, upon conviction 19 thereof, shall be imprisoned in a state correctional facility for not less than two years one year nor more than ten years for 20 21 an act or failure under this section that causes the death of 22 another person, and not more than three years for an act or 23 failure under this section that causes serious bodily injury to 24 another person, and shall be fined not less than \$1,000 nor 25 more than \$3,000.
- (3) For purposes of this subsection, "serious bodily
 injury" means bodily injury which creates a substantial risk
 of death, which causes serious or prolonged disfigurement,

- 29 prolonged impairment of health or prolonged loss or
- 30 impairment of the function of any bodily organ.
- 31 (b) Any person who:
- 32 (1) Drives a vehicle in this state while he or she:
- 33 (A) Is under the influence of alcohol;
- 34 (B) Is under the influence of any controlled substance;
- 35 (C) Is under the influence of any other drug;
- 36 (D) Is under the combined influence of alcohol and any
- 37 controlled substance or any other drug;
- 38 (E) Has an alcohol concentration in his or her blood of
- 39 eight hundredths of one percent or more, by weight; and
- 40 (2) While driving does any act forbidden by law or fails
- 41 to perform any duty imposed by law in the driving of the
- 42 vehicle, which act or failure proximately causes the death of
- 43 any person within one year next following the act or failure,
- 44 is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof,
- 45 shall be confined in jail for not less than ninety days nor
- 46 more than one year and shall be fined not less than \$500 nor
- 47 more than \$1,000.

- 48 $\frac{\text{(c)}}{\text{(b)}}$ Any person who:
- 49 (1) Drives a vehicle in this state while he or she:
- 50 (A) Is under the influence of alcohol;
- 51 (B) Is under the influence of any controlled substance;
- 52 (C) Is under the influence of any other drug;
- 53 (D) Is under the combined influence of alcohol and any
- 54 controlled substance or any other drug; or
- (E) Has an alcohol concentration in his or her blood of
- 56 eight hundredths of one percent or more, by weight; and
- 57 (2) While driving does any act forbidden by law or fails
- 58 to perform any duty imposed by law in the driving of the
- 59 vehicle, which act or failure proximately causes bodily injury
- 60 to any person other than himself or herself, is guilty of a
- 61 misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be confined
- 62 in jail for not less than one day nor more than one year,
- 63 which jail term is to include actual confinement of not less
- 64 than twenty-four hours, and shall be fined not less than \$200
- 65 nor more than \$1,000.
- 66 $\frac{\text{(d)}(c)}{\text{Any person who:}}$

- (1) Drives a vehicle in this state while he or she:
- 68 (A) Is under the influence of alcohol;
- (B) Is under the influence of any controlled substance;
- (C) Is under the influence of any other drug;
- 71 (D) Is under the combined influence of alcohol and any
- 72 controlled substance or any other drug; or
- 73 (E) Has an alcohol concentration in his or her blood of
- 74 eight hundredths of one percent or more, by weight, but less
- 75 than fifteen hundredths of one percent, by weight;
- 76 (2) Is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction
- 77 thereof, except as provided in section two-b of this article,
- 78 shall be confined in jail for up to six months and shall be
- 79 fined not less than \$100 nor more than \$500. A person
- 80 sentenced pursuant to this subdivision shall receive credit for
- 81 any period of actual confinement he or she served upon arrest
- 82 for the subject offense.
- 83 (e) (d) Any person who drives a vehicle in this state
- 84 while he or she has an alcohol concentration in his or her
- 85 blood of fifteen hundredths of one percent or more, by

weight, is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction 86 87 thereof, shall be confined in jail for not less than two days 88 nor more than six months, which jail term is to include actual confinement of not less than twenty-four hours, and shall be 89 90 fined not less than \$200 nor more than \$1,000. A person sentenced pursuant to this subdivision shall receive credit for 91 92 any period of actual confinement he or she served upon arrest 93 for the subject offense.

(f) (e) Any person who, being an habitual user of 94 narcotic drugs or amphetamine or any derivative thereof, 95 drives a vehicle in this state is guilty of a misdemeanor and, 96 upon conviction thereof, shall be confined in jail for not less 97 than one day nor more than six months, which jail term is to 98 99 include actual confinement of not less than twenty-four 100 hours, and shall be fined not less than \$100 nor more than 101 \$500. A person sentenced pursuant to this subdivision shall receive credit for any period of actual confinement he or she 102 served upon arrest for the subject offense. 103

(g) (f) Any person who:

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- (1) Knowingly permits his or her vehicle to be driven inthis state by any other person who:
- (A) Is under the influence of alcohol;
- 108 (B) Is under the influence of any controlled substance;
- (C) Is under the influence of any other drug;
- 110 (D) Is under the combined influence of alcohol and any
- 111 controlled substance or any other drug;
- 112 (E) Has an alcohol concentration in his or her blood of 113 eight hundredths of one percent or more, by weight;
- (2) Is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon convictionthereof, shall be confined in jail for not more than six months
- and shall be fined not less than \$100 nor more than \$500.
- 117 (h) (g) Any person who knowingly permits his or her
- 118 vehicle to be driven in this state by any other person who is
- 119 an habitual user of narcotic drugs or amphetamine or any
- 120 derivative thereof is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon
- 121 conviction thereof, shall be confined in jail for not more than
- 122 six months and shall be fined not less than \$100 nor more
- 123 than \$500.

(i) (h) Any person under the age of twenty-one years 124 who drives a vehicle in this state while he or she has an 125 alcohol concentration in his or her blood of two hundredths 126 127 of one percent or more, by weight, but less than eight 128 hundredths of one percent, by weight, for a first offense under this subsection is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon 129 130 conviction thereof, shall be fined not less than \$25 nor more 131 than \$100. For a second or subsequent offense under this subsection, the person is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon 132 133 conviction thereof, shall be confined in jail for twenty-four hours and shall be fined not less than \$100 nor more than 134 \$500. A person who is charged with a first offense under the 135 136 provisions of this subsection may move for a continuance of 137 the proceedings, from time to time, to allow the person to 138 participate in the Motor Vehicle Alcohol Test and Lock 139 Program as provided in section three-a, article five-a of this 140 chapter. Upon successful completion of the program, the court shall dismiss the charge against the person and expunge 141 142 the person's record as it relates to the alleged offense. In the

- event the person fails to successfully complete the program,
- 144 the court shall proceed to an adjudication of the alleged
- 145 offense. A motion for a continuance under this subsection
- may not be construed as an admission or be used as evidence.
- 147 A person arrested and charged with an offense under the
- 148 provisions of this subsection or subsection (a), (b), (c), (d),
- 149 (e), (f), (g) or (h) or (g) of this section may not also be
- 150 charged with an offense under this subsection arising out of
- 151 the same transaction or occurrence.
- 152 $\frac{\text{(j)}}{\text{(i)}}$ Any person who:
- 153 (1) Drives a vehicle in this state while he or she:
- 154 (A) Is under the influence of alcohol;
- (B) Is under the influence of any controlled substance;
- 156 (C) Is under the influence of any other drug;
- 157 (D) Is under the combined influence of alcohol and any
- 158 controlled substance or any other drug; or
- (E) Has an alcohol concentration in his or her blood of
- 160 eight hundredths of one percent or more, by weight; and

161 (2) The person while driving has on or within the motor 162 vehicle one or more other persons who are unemancipated 163 minors who have not reached their sixteenth birthday is 164 guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall 165 be confined in jail for not less than two days nor more than twelve months, which jail term is to include actual 166 167 confinement of not less than forty-eight hours and shall be 168 fined not less than \$200 nor more than \$1,000.

(k) (j) A person violating any provision of subsection (b), (c), (d), (e), (f) (g) or (i) or (g) of this section, for the second offense under this section, is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be confined in jail for not less than six months nor more than one year and the court may, in its discretion, impose a fine of not less than \$1,000 nor more than \$3,000.

(t) (k) A person violating any provision of subsection (b), (c), (d), (e), (f) (g) or (i) or (g) of this section, for the third or any subsequent offense under this section, is guilty of a felony and, upon conviction thereof, shall be imprisoned

- in a state correctional facility for not less than one nor more than three years and the court may, in its discretion, impose a fine of not less than \$3,000 nor more than \$5,000.
- (m) (l) For purposes of subsections (k) and (l) (j) and (k)

 184 of this section relating to second, third and subsequent

 185 offenses, the following events shall be regarded as offenses

 186 under this section:
- (1) Any conviction under the provisions of subsection

 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e) (f) or (g) or (f) of this section or under a

 prior enactment of this section for an offense which occurred

 within the ten-year period immediately preceding the date of

 arrest in the current proceeding;
- (2) Any conviction under a municipal ordinance of this state or any other state or a statute of the United States or of any other state of an offense which has the same elements as an offense described in subsection (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f) (g) or (h) or (g) of this section, which offense occurred within the ten-year period immediately preceding the date of arrest in the current proceeding; and,

- 199 (3) Any period of conditional probation imposed 200 pursuant to section two-b of this article for violation of 201 subsection (d) (c) of this article, which violation occurred 202 within the ten-year period immediately preceding the date of 203 arrest in the current proceeding.
- (n) (m) A person may be charged in a warrant or 204 205 indictment or information for a second or subsequent offense under this section if the person has been previously arrested 206 for or charged with a violation of this section which is 207 208 alleged to have occurred within the applicable time period for 209 prior offenses, notwithstanding the fact that there has not 210 been a final adjudication of the charges for the alleged 211 previous offense. In that case, the warrant or indictment or information must set forth the date, location and particulars 212 of the previous offense or offenses. No person may be 213 214 convicted of a second or subsequent offense under this 215 section unless the conviction for the previous offense has become final, or the person has previously had a period of 216 conditional probation imposed pursuant to section two-b of 217 218 this article.

- 219 (o) (n) The fact that any person charged with a violation of subsection (a), (b), (c), (d) (e) or (f) or (e) of this section, 220 or any person permitted to drive as described under 221 222 subsection (g) or (h) (f) or (g) of this section, is or has been 223 legally entitled to use alcohol, a controlled substance or a 224 drug does not constitute a defense against any charge of 225 violating subsection (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f) (g) or (h) or (g) 226 of this section.
- (p) (o) For purposes of this section, the term "controlled substance" has the meaning ascribed to it in chapter sixty-a of this code.
- 230 (q) (p) The sentences provided in this section upon 231 conviction for a violation of this article are mandatory and 232 are not subject to suspension or probation: Provided, That 233 the court may apply the provisions of article eleven-a, chapter sixty-two of this code to a person sentenced or 234 235 committed to a term of one year or less for a first offense under this section: Provided further, That the court may 236 237 impose a term of conditional probation pursuant to section

two-b of this article to persons adjudicated thereunder. An 239 order for home detention by the court pursuant to the 240 provisions of article eleven-b of said chapter may be used as 241 an alternative sentence to any period of incarceration 242 required by this section for a first or subsequent offense: 243 Provided, however, That for any period of home 244 incarceration ordered for a person convicted of second 245 offense under this section, electronic monitoring shall be required for no fewer than five days of the total period of 246 247 home confinement ordered and the offender may not leave home for those five days notwithstanding the provisions of 248 section five, article eleven-b, chapter sixty-two of this code: 249 250 *Provided further*, That for any period of home incarceration ordered for a person convicted of a third or subsequent 251 252 violation of this section, electronic monitoring shall be included for no fewer than ten days of the total period of 253 254 home confinement ordered and the offender may not leave 255 home for those ten days notwithstanding section five, article eleven-b, chapter sixty-two of this code. 256

§17C-5-2b. Deferral of further proceedings for certain first
offenses upon condition of participation in motor
vehicle alcohol test and lock program; procedure
on charge of violation of conditions.

- 1 (a) Except as provided in subsections subsection (g) of
- 2 this section, whenever any person who has not previously
- 3 been convicted of any offense under this article or under any
- 4 statute of the United States or of any state relating to driving
- 5 under the influence of alcohol, any controlled substance or
- 6 any other drug:
- 7 (1) Notifies the court within thirty days of his or her
- 8 arrest of his or her intention to participate in a deferral
- 9 pursuant to this section; and
- 10 (2) Pleads guilty to or is found guilty of driving under the
- 11 influence of alcohol under subsection (d) (c), section two of
- 12 this article, the court, without entering a judgment of guilt
- 13 and with the consent of the accused, shall defer further
- 14 proceedings and, notwithstanding any provisions of this code
- 15 to the contrary, place him or her on probation, which

- 16 conditions shall include, that he or she successfully
- 17 completes the Motor Vehicle Alcohol Test and Lock Program
- 18 as provided in section three-a, article five-a of this chapter.
- 19 Participation therein shall be for a period of at least one
- 20 hundred and sixty five days after he or she has served the
- 21 fifteen days of license suspension imposed pursuant to
- 22 section two, article five-a of this chapter.
- 23 (b) A defendant's election to participate in deferral under
- 24 this section shall constitute a waiver of his or her right to an
- 25 administrative hearing as provided in section two, article
- 26 five-a of this chapter.
- (c) (1) If the prosecuting attorney files a motion alleging
- 28 that the defendant during the period of the Motor Vehicle
- 29 Alcohol Test and Lock program has been removed therefrom
- 30 by the Division of Motor Vehicles, or has failed to
- 31 successfully complete the program before making a motion
- 32 for dismissal pursuant to subsection (d) of this section, the
- 33 court may issue such process as is necessary to bring the
- 34 defendant before the court.

- 35 (2) A motion alleging such violation filed pursuant to
- 36 subdivision (1) must be filed during the period of the Motor
- 37 Vehicle Alcohol Test and Lock Program or, if filed
- 38 thereafter, must be filed within a reasonable time after the
- 39 alleged violation was committed.
- 40 (3) When the defendant is brought before the court, the
- 41 court shall afford the defendant an opportunity to be heard.
- 42 If the court finds that the defendant has been rightfully
- 43 removed from the Motor Vehicle Alcohol Test and Lock
- 44 Program by the Division of Motor Vehicles, the court may
- 45 order, when appropriate, that the deferral be terminated, and
- 46 thereupon enter an adjudication of guilt and proceed as
- 47 otherwise provided.
- 48 (4) Should If the defendant fail fails to complete or be
- 49 removed from the Motor Vehicle Alcohol Test and Lock
- 50 Program, the defendant waives the appropriate statute of
- 51 limitations and the defendant's right to a speedy trial under
- 52 any applicable Federal or State constitutional provisions,
- 53 statutes or rules of court during the period of enrollment in
- 54 the program.

- (d) When the defendant shall have has completed 55 satisfactorily the Motor Vehicle Alcohol Test and Lock 56 Program and complied with its conditions, the defendant may 57 58 move the court for an order dismissing the charges. This 59 motion shall be supported by affidavit of the defendant and by certification of the Division of Motor Vehicles that the 60 defendant has successfully completed the Motor Vehicle 61 62 Alcohol Test and Lock Program. A copy of the motion shall be served on the prosecuting attorney who shall within thirty 63 days after service advise the judge of any objections to the 64 motion, serving a copy of such objections on the defendant 65 66 or the defendant's attorney. If there are no objections filed within the thirty-day period, the court shall thereafter dismiss 67 the charges against the defendant. If there are objections 68 69 filed with regard to the dismissal of charges, the court shall proceed as set forth in subsection (c) of this section. 70
- 71 (e) Except as provided herein, unless a defendant 72 adjudicated pursuant to this subsection be convicted of a 73 subsequent violation of this article, discharge and dismissal

- under this section shall be without adjudication of guilt and is not a conviction for purposes of disqualifications or 75 disabilities imposed by law upon conviction of a crime 76 77 except for those provided in article five-a of this chapter. 78 Except as provided in subsection subsections (k), (l) and (m), (j), (k) and (l), section two of this article regarding 79 80 subsequent offenses, the effect of the dismissal and discharge shall be to restore the person in contemplation of law to the 81 82 status he or she occupied prior to arrest and trial. No person 83 as to whom a dismissal and discharge have been effected 84 shall be may thereafter held to be guilty of perjury, false 85 swearing, or otherwise giving a false statement by reason of 86 his or her failure to disclose or acknowledge his or her arrest or trial in response to any inquiry made of him or her for any 87 purpose other than any inquiry made in connection with any 88 89 subsequent offense as that term is defined in subsection (m) 90 (1), section two of this article.
- (f) There may be only one discharge and dismissal under this section with respect to any person. 92

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- (g) No person shall may be eligible for dismissal and 93 discharge under this section: (1) in any prosecution in which 94 any violation of any other provision of this article has been 95 96 charged;(2) if the person holds a commercial driver's license 97 or operates commercial motor vehicle(s), or (3) the person 98 has previously had his or her driver's license revoked under 99 section two-a of this article or under any statute of the United 100 States or of any state relating to driving under the influence 101 of alcohol, any controlled substance or any other drug.
- (h) (1) After a period of not less than one year which 102 103 shall begin to run immediately upon the expiration of a term of probation imposed upon any person under this section, the 104 105 person may apply to the court for an order to expunge from 106 all official records all recordations of his or her arrest, trial, 107 and conviction, pursuant to this section except for those maintained by the Division of Motor Vehicles: *Provided*, 108 109 That any person who has previously been convicted of a felony may not make a motion for expungement pursuant to 110 111 this section.

- 112 (2) If the prosecuting attorney objects to the
 113 expungement, the objections shall be filed with the court
 114 within thirty days after service of a motion for expungement
 115 and copies of the objections shall be served on the defendant
 116 or the defendant's attorney.
- (3) If the objections are filed, the court shall hold a 117 hearing on the objections, affording all parties an opportunity 118 119 to be heard. If the court determines after a hearing that the person during the period of his or her probation and during 120 121 the period of time prior to his or her application to the court 122 under this subsection has not been guilty of any serious or repeated violation of the conditions of his or her probation, 123 124 it shall order the expungement.
- (i) Notwithstanding any provision of this code to the contrary, any person prosecuted for a violation of subsection(d) (c), section two, article five of this chapter whose case is disposed of pursuant to the provisions of this section shall be liable for any court costs assessable against a person convicted of a violation of subsection (i), section

- two, article five of this chapter. Payment of such costs may
 be made a condition of probation. The costs assessed
 pursuant to this subsection, whether as a term of probation or
 not, shall be distributed as other court costs in accordance
 with section two, article three, chapter fifty, section four,
 article two-a, chapter fourteen, section four, article
 twenty-nine, chapter thirty and sections two, seven and ten,
 article five, chapter sixty-two of this code.
- ARTICLE 5A. ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES FOR
 SUSPENSION AND REVOCATION OF
 LICENSES FOR DRIVING UNDER THE
 INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL,
 CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES OR
 DRUGS.
- §17C-5A-1. Implied consent to administrative procedure; revocation for driving under the influence of alcohol, controlled substances or drugs or refusal to submit to secondary chemical test.
 - 1 (a) Any person who is licensed to operate a motor vehicle
 - 2 in this state and who drives a motor vehicle in this state shall

- be deemed considered to have given his or her consent by the 3 4 operation thereof, subject to the provisions of this article, to the procedure set forth in this article for the determination of 5 whether his or her license to operate a motor vehicle in this state should be revoked because he or she did drive a motor 7 vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, controlled 9 substances or drugs, or combined influence of alcohol or controlled substances or drugs, or did drive a motor vehicle 10 while having an alcohol concentration in his or her blood of 11 12 eight hundredths of one percent or more, by weight, or did 13 refuse to submit to any secondary chemical test required under the provisions of article five of this chapter or did drive 14 15 a motor vehicle while under the age of twenty-one years with 16 an alcohol concentration in his or her blood of two hundredths of one percent or more, by weight, but less than 17 18 eight hundredths of one percent, by weight.
- (b) Any law-enforcement officer investigating a personfor an offense described in section two, article five of this

- chapter or for an offense described in a municipal ordinance 21 which has the same elements as an offense described in said 22 23 that section shall report to the Commissioner of the Division of Motor Vehicles by written statement within forty-eight 24 25 hours of the conclusion of the investigation the name and 26 address of the person believed to have committed the offense. 27 The report shall include the specific offense with which the 28 person is charged and, if applicable, a copy of the results of any secondary tests of blood, breath or urine. The signing of 29 the statement required to be signed by this subsection 30 constitutes an oath or affirmation by the person signing the 31 32 statement that the statements contained in the statement are 33 true and that any copy filed is a true copy. The statement 34 shall contain upon its face a warning to the officer signing that to willfully sign a statement containing false information 35 concerning any matter or thing, material or not material, is 36 false swearing and is a misdemeanor. 37
- 38 (c) If, upon examination of the written statement of the 39 officer and the tests results described in subsection (b) of this

section, the commissioner determines that a person 40 committed an offense described in section two, article five of 41 42 this chapter or an offense described in a municipal ordinance 43 which has the same elements as an offense described in said 44 section and that the results of any secondary test or tests indicate that at the time the test or tests were administered the 45 46 person had, in his or her blood, an alcohol concentration of eight hundredths of one percent or more, by weight, or at the 47 time the person committed the offense he or she was under 48 49 the influence of alcohol, controlled substances or drugs, the 50 commissioner shall make and enter an order revoking or 51 suspending the person's license to operate a motor vehicle in this state. If the results of the tests indicate that at the time 52 53 the test or tests were administered the person was under the 54 age of twenty-one years and had an alcohol concentration in 55 his or her blood of two hundredths of one percent or more, by 56 weight, but less than eight hundredths of one percent, by weight, the commissioner shall make and enter an order 57 suspending the person's license to operate a motor vehicle in 58

- this state. A copy of the order shall be forwarded to the person by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, and shall contain the reasons for the revocation or suspension and describe the applicable revocation or suspension periods provided in section two of this article. A revocation or suspension shall is not become effective until ten days after receipt of a copy of the order.
- 66 (d) Any law-enforcement officer taking a child into custody under the provisions of section six-a, article five of 67 this chapter who has reasonable cause to believe that the 68 69 child, at the time of driving the motor vehicle, had an alcohol concentration in his or her blood of two hundredths of one 70 71 percent or more, by weight, or that the act of the child in driving the motor vehicle was such that it would provide 72 73 grounds for arrest for an offense defined under the provisions of section two of said that article if the child were an adult, 74 shall report to the Commissioner of the Division of Motor 75 Vehicles by written statement within forty-eight hours the 76 77 name and address of the child.

- (e) If applicable, the report shall include a description of 78 the specific offense with which the child could have been 79 80 charged if the child were an adult and a copy of the results of 81 any secondary tests of blood, breath or urine. The signing of the statement required to be signed by this subsection 82 83 constitutes an oath or affirmation by the person signing the statement that the statements contained in the statement are 84 true and that any copy filed is a true copy. The statement 85 shall contain upon its face a warning to the officer signing 86 that to willfully sign a statement containing false information 87 88 concerning any matter or thing, material or not material, is false swearing and is a misdemeanor. 89
- 90 (f) Upon examination of the written statement of the 91 officer and any test results described in subsection (d) of this 92 section, if the commissioner determines that the results of the 93 test indicate that at the time the test or tests were 94 administered the child had, in his or her blood, an alcohol 95 concentration of two hundredths of one percent or more, by 96 weight, but also determines that the act of the child in driving

the motor vehicle was not such that it would provide grounds 97 for arrest for an offense defined under the provisions of 98 subsection (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g) or (h) or (g), section 99 two, article five of this chapter if the child were an adult, the 100 101 commissioner shall make and enter an order suspending the child's license to operate a motor vehicle in this state. If the 102 103 commissioner determines that the act of the child in driving the motor vehicle was such that it would provide grounds for 104 arrest for an offense defined under the provisions of 105 106 subsection (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f) (g) or (h) or (g), section 107 two, article five of this chapter if the child were an adult, the commissioner shall make and enter an order revoking the 108 109 child's license to operate a motor vehicle in this state. A copy of the order shall be forwarded to the child by 110 registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, and shall 111 112 contain the reasons for the suspension or revocation and describe the applicable suspension or revocation periods 113 provided for in section two of this article. A suspension or 114 revocation shall is not become effective until ten days after 115 receipt of a copy of the order. 116

§17C-5A-2. Hearing; revocation; review.

(a) Written objections to an order of revocation or 1 suspension under the provisions of section one of this article 3 or section seven, article five of this chapter shall be filed with 4 the Office of Administrative Hearings. Upon the receipt of an objection, the Office of Administrative Hearings shall 5 notify the Commissioner of the Division of Motor Vehicles, 6 who shall stay the imposition of the period of revocation or 7 suspension and afford the person an opportunity to be heard 8 9 by the Office of Administrative Hearings. The written objection must be filed with Office of Administrative 10 Hearings in person, by registered or certified mail, return 11 receipt requested, or by facsimile transmission or electronic 12 mail within thirty calendar days after receipt of a copy of the 13 14 order of revocation or suspension or no hearing will be granted: Provided, That a successful transmittal sheet shall 15 16 be necessary for proof of written objection in the case of 17 filing by fax. The hearing shall be before a hearing examiner 18 employed by the Office of Administrative Hearings who shall

- rule on evidentiary issues. Upon consideration of the designated record, the hearing examiner shall, based on the determination of the facts of the case and applicable law, render a decision affirming, reversing or modifying the action protested. The decision shall contain findings of fact and conclusions of law and shall be provided to all parties by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested.
- 26 (b) The hearing shall be held at an office of the Division 27 of Motor Vehicles located in or near the county in which the 28 arrest was made in this state or at some other suitable place in the county in which the arrest was made if an office of the 29 30 division is not available. The Office of Administrative 31 Hearings shall send a notice of hearing to the person whose driving privileges are at issue and the person's legal counsel 32 if the person is represented by legal counsel, the investigating 33 or arresting law-enforcement officers, the Division of Motor 34 35 Vehicles, and the Attorney General's Office, if the Attorney General has filed a notice of appearance of counsel on behalf 36 37 of the Division of Motor Vehicles.

- 38 (c) (1) Any hearing shall be held within one hundred
- 39 eighty days after the date upon which the Office of
- 40 Administrative Hearings received the timely written
- 41 objection unless there is a postponement or continuance.
- 42 (2) The Office of Administrative Hearings may postpone
- 43 or continue any hearing on its own motion or upon
- 44 application by the party whose license is at issue in that
- 45 hearing or by the commissioner for good cause shown.
- 46 (3) The Office of Administrative Hearings may issue
- 47 subpoenas commanding the appearance of witnesses and
- 48 subpoenas duces tecum commanding the submission of
- 49 documents, items or other things. Subpoenas duces tecum
- 50 shall be returnable on the date of the next scheduled hearing
- 51 unless otherwise specified. The Office of Administrative
- 52 hearings shall issue subpoenas and subpoenas duces tecum at
- 53 the request of a party or the party's legal representative. The
- 54 party requesting the subpoena shall be responsible for service
- 55 of the subpoena upon the appropriate individual. Every
- 56 subpoena or subpoena duces tecum shall be served at least

five days before the return date thereof, either by personal 57 58 service made by a person over eighteen years of age or by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, and 59 60 received by the party responsible for serving the subpoena or subpoena duces tecum: Provided, That the Division of 61 62 Motor Vehicles may serve subpoenas to law-enforcement 63 officers through electronic mail to the department of his or 64 her employer. If a person does not obey the subpoena or fails to appear, the party who issued the subpoena to the person 65 may petition the circuit court wherein the action lies for 66 67 enforcement of the subpoena.

(d) Law-enforcement officers shall be compensated for
the time expended in their travel and appearance before the
Office of Administrative Hearings by the law-enforcement
agency by whom they are employed at their regular rate if
they are scheduled to be on duty during said time or at their
regular overtime rate if they are scheduled to be off duty
during said time.

- (e) The principal question at the hearing shall be whether 75 the person did drive a motor vehicle while under the 76 77 influence of alcohol, controlled substances or drugs, or did 78 drive a motor vehicle while having an alcohol concentration 79 in the person's blood of eight hundredths of one percent or more, by weight, or did refuse to submit to the designated 80 secondary chemical test, or did drive a motor vehicle while 81 under the age of twenty-one years with an alcohol 82 83 concentration in his or her blood of two hundredths of one 84 percent or more, by weight, but less than eight hundredths of 85 one percent, by weight.
- (f) In the case of a hearing in which a person is accused 86 of driving a motor vehicle while under the influence of 87 88 alcohol, controlled substances or drugs, or accused of driving 89 a motor vehicle while having an alcohol concentration in the 90 person's blood of eight hundredths of one percent or more, 91 by weight, or accused of driving a motor vehicle while under the age of twenty-one years with an alcohol concentration in 92 his or her blood of two hundredths of one percent or more, by 93

weight, but less than eight hundredths of one percent, by 94 weight, the Office of Administrative Hearings shall make 95 specific findings as to: (1) Whether the investigating 96 97 law-enforcement officer had reasonable grounds to believe 98 the person to have been driving while under the influence of alcohol, controlled substances or drugs, or while having an 99 100 alcohol concentration in the person's blood of eight 101 hundredths of one percent or more, by weight, or to have been driving a motor vehicle while under the age of 102 103 twenty-one years with an alcohol concentration in his or her blood of two hundredths of one percent or more, by weight, 104 but less than eight hundredths of one percent, by weight; (2) 105 106 whether the person was lawfully placed under arrest for an offense involving driving under the influence of alcohol, 107 108 controlled substances or drugs, or was lawfully taken into 109 custody for the purpose of administering a secondary test: 110 Provided, That this element shall be waived in cases where no arrest occurred due to driver incapacitation; (3) whether 111 112 the person committed an offense involving driving under the

- influence of alcohol, controlled substances or drugs, or was lawfully taken into custody for the purpose of administering a secondary test; and (4) whether the tests, if any, were administered in accordance with the provisions of this article and article five of this chapter.
- 118 (g) If, in addition to a finding that the person did drive a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, 119 120 controlled substances or drugs, or did drive a motor vehicle while having an alcohol concentration in the person's blood 121 122 of eight hundredths of one percent or more, by weight, or did drive a motor vehicle while under the age of twenty-one 123 years with an alcohol concentration in his or her blood of two 124 125 hundredths of one percent or more, by weight, but less than eight hundredths of one percent, by weight, the Office of 126 127 Administrative Hearings also finds by a preponderance of the 128 evidence that the person when driving did an act forbidden 129 by law or failed to perform a duty imposed by law, which act or failure proximately caused the death to or serious bodily 130 injury as that term is defined in section two, article five of 131

this chapter of a person and was committed in reckless disregard of the safety of others and if the Office of Administrative Hearings further finds that the influence of 135 alcohol, controlled substances or drugs or the alcohol concentration in the blood was a contributing cause to the death, the commissioner shall revoke the person's license for a period of ten years: *Provided*, That if the person's license 138 has previously been suspended or revoked under the 139 provisions of this section or section one of this article within 141 the ten years immediately preceding the date of arrest, the period of revocation shall be for the life of the person. 143 (h) If, in addition to a finding that the person did drive a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, controlled substances or drugs, or did drive a motor vehicle while having an alcohol concentration in the person's blood of eight hundredths of one percent or more, by weight, the Office of Administrative Hearings also finds by a

149 preponderance of the evidence that the person when driving

150 did an act forbidden by law or failed to perform a duty

imposed by law, which act or failure proximately caused the 151 152 death of a person, the commissioner shall revoke the person's 153 license for a period of five years: Provided, That if the 154 person's license has previously been suspended or revoked 155 under the provisions of this section or section one of this 156 article within the ten years immediately preceding the date of 157 arrest, the period of revocation shall be for the life of the 158 person. (i) (h) If, in addition to a finding that the person did drive 159 a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, 160 161 controlled substances or drugs, or did drive a motor vehicle while having an alcohol concentration in the person's blood 162 of eight hundredths of one percent or more, by weight, the 163 164 Office of Administrative Hearings also finds by a preponderance of the evidence that the person when driving

bodily injury to a person other than himself or herself, the commissioner shall revoke the person's license for a period

did an act forbidden by law or failed to perform a duty

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of two years: Provided, That if the license has previously 170 been suspended or revoked under the provisions of this 171 section or section one of this article within the ten years 172 173 immediately preceding the date of arrest, the period of 174 revocation shall be ten years: *Provided*, *however*, That if the person's license has previously been suspended or revoked 175 more than once under the provisions of this section or section 176 one of this article within the ten years immediately preceding 177 178 the date of arrest, the period of revocation shall be for the life 179 of the person.

180 (i) If the Office of Administrative Hearings finds by a preponderance of the evidence that the person did drive a 181 motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, 182 183 controlled substances or drugs, or did drive a motor vehicle 184 while having an alcohol concentration in the person's blood of eight hundredths of one percent or more, by weight, but 185 186 less than fifteen hundredths of one percent or more, by weight, or finds that the person knowingly permitted the 187 person's vehicle to be driven by another person who was 188

under the influence of alcohol, controlled substances or 189 190 drugs, or knowingly permitted the person's vehicle to be 191 driven by another person who had an alcohol concentration 192 in his or her blood of eight hundredths of one percent or 193 more, by weight the commissioner shall revoke the person's 194 license for a period of six months or a period of fifteen days with an additional one hundred and twenty days of 195 196 participation in the Motor Vehicle Alcohol Test and Lock 197 Program in accordance with the provisions of section three-a 198 of this article: *Provided*, That any period of participation in the Motor Vehicle Alcohol Test and Lock Program that has 199 been imposed by a court pursuant to section two-b, article 200 201 five of this chapter shall be credited against any period of 202 participation imposed by the commissioner: Provided, 203 however, That a person whose license is revoked for driving while under the influence of drugs is not eligible to 204 participate in the Motor Vehicle Alcohol Test and Lock 205 Program: Provided further, That if the person's license has 206 previously been suspended or revoked under the provisions 207

of this section or section one of this article within the ten 208 209 years immediately preceding the date of arrest, the period of revocation shall be ten years: And provided further, That if 210 the person's license has previously been suspended or 211 212 revoked more than once under the provisions of this section 213 or section one of this article within the ten years immediately preceding the date of arrest, the period of revocation shall be 214 215 for the life of the person.

(k) (j) (1) If in addition to finding by a preponderance of 216 the evidence that the person did drive a motor vehicle while 217 218 under the influence of alcohol, controlled substance or drugs, the Office of Administrative Hearings also finds by a 219 220 preponderance of the evidence that the person did drive a 221 motor vehicle while having an alcohol concentration in the 222 person's blood of fifteen hundredths of one percent or more, 223 by weight, the commissioner shall revoke the person's 224 license for a period of forty-five days with an additional two hundred and seventy days of participation in the Motor 225 226 Vehicle Alcohol Test and Lock Program in accordance with

the provisions of section three-a, article five-a, chapter 227 228 seventeen-c of this code: *Provided*, That if the person's 229 license has previously been suspended or revoked under the 230 provisions of this section or section one of this article within 231 the ten years immediately preceding the date of arrest, the 232 period of revocation shall be ten years: *Provided, however,* 233 That if the person's license has previously been suspended or 234 revoked the person's license more than once under the 235 provisions of this section or section one of this article within 236 the ten years immediately preceding the date of arrest, the 237 period of revocation shall be for the life of the person.

(2) If a person whose license is revoked pursuant to 238 239 subdivision (1) of this subsection proves by clear and 240 convincing evidence that they do not own a motor vehicle 241 upon which the alcohol test and lock device may be installed or is otherwise incapable of participating in the Motor 242 243 Vehicle Alcohol Test and Lock Program, the period of revocation shall be one hundred eighty days: Provided, That 244 245 if the person's license has previously been suspended or

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revoked under the provisions of this section or section one of 247 this article within the ten years immediately preceding the 248 date of arrest, the period of revocation shall be ten years: 249 Provided, however, That if the person's license has 250 previously been suspended or revoked more than once under the provisions of this section or section one of this article 251 252 within the ten years immediately preceding the date of arrest, 253 the period of revocation shall be for the life of the person. 254 (h) If, in addition to a finding that the person did drive 255 a motor vehicle while under the age of twenty-one years with an alcohol concentration in his or her blood of two 256 hundredths of one percent or more, by weight, but less than 257 eight hundredths of one percent, by weight, the Office of 258 259 Administrative Hearings also finds by a preponderance of the 260 evidence that the person when driving did an act forbidden by law or failed to perform a duty imposed by law, which act 261 262 or failure proximately caused the death of a person, and if the 263 Office of Administrative Hearings further finds that the

alcohol concentration in the blood was a contributing cause

to the death, the commissioner shall revoke the person's license for a period of five years: *Provided*, That if the person's license has previously been suspended or revoked under the provisions of this section or section one of this article within the ten years immediately preceding the date of arrest, the period of revocation shall be for the life of the person.

272 (m) (1) If, in addition to a finding that the person did drive a motor vehicle while under the age of twenty-one years with 273 an alcohol concentration in his or her blood of two 274 hundredths of one percent or more, by weight, but less than 275 eight hundredths of one percent, by weight, the Office of 276 277 Administrative Hearings also finds by a preponderance of the evidence that the person when driving did an act forbidden 278 by law or failed to perform a duty imposed by law, which act 279 280 or failure proximately caused bodily injury to a person other than himself or herself, and if the Office of Administrative 281 282 Hearings further finds that the alcohol concentration in the blood was a contributing cause to the bodily injury, the 283

commissioner shall revoke the person's license for a period 284 285 of two years: *Provided*, That if the person's license has previously been suspended or revoked under the provisions 286 287 of this section or section one of this article within the ten 288 years immediately preceding the date of arrest, the period of 289 revocation shall be ten years: *Provided, however,* That if the person's license has previously been suspended or revoked 290 291 more than once under the provisions of this section or section 292 one of this article within the ten years immediately preceding the date of arrest, the period of revocation shall be for the life 293 294 of the person.

296 (n) (m) If the Office of Administrative Hearings finds by
296 a preponderance of the evidence that the person did drive a
297 motor vehicle while under the age of twenty-one years with
298 an alcohol concentration in his or her blood of two
299 hundredths of one percent or more, by weight, but less than
300 eight hundredths of one percent, by weight, the commissioner
301 shall suspend the person's license for a period of sixty days:
302 *Provided*, That if the person's license has previously been

suspended or revoked under the provisions of this section or section one of this article, the period of revocation shall be for one year, or until the person's twenty-first birthday, whichever period is longer.

307 (o) (n) If, in addition to a finding that the person did drive a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, 308 controlled substances or drugs, or did drive a motor vehicle 309 310 while having an alcohol concentration in the person's blood of eight hundredths of one percent or more, by weight, the 311 312 Office of Administrative Hearings also finds by a preponderance of the evidence that the person when driving 313 did have on or within the Motor vehicle another person who 314 has not reached his or her sixteenth birthday, the 315 316 commissioner shall revoke the person's license for a period 317 of one year: Provided, That if the person's license has 318 previously been suspended or revoked under the provisions of this section or section one of this article within the ten 319 years immediately preceding the date of arrest, the period of 320 revocation shall be ten years: Provided, however, That if the 321

person's license has previously been suspended or revoked more than once under the provisions of this section or section one of this article within the ten years immediately preceding

325 the date of arrest, the period of revocation shall be for the life

326 of the person.

- 327 (p) (o) For purposes of this section, where reference is
 328 made to previous suspensions or revocations under this
 329 section, the following types of criminal convictions or
 330 administrative suspensions or revocations shall also be
 331 regarded as suspensions or revocations under this section or
 332 section one of this article:
- 333 (1) Any administrative revocation under the provisions of 334 the prior enactment of this section for conduct which 335 occurred within the ten years immediately preceding the date 336 of arrest;
- 337 (2) Any suspension or revocation on the basis of a 338 conviction under a municipal ordinance of another state or a 339 statute of the United States or of any other state of an offense 340 which has the same elements as an offense described in

- section two, article five of this chapter for conduct which
 occurred within the ten years immediately preceding the date
 of arrest; or
- (3) Any revocation under the provisions of section seven,
 article five of this chapter for conduct which occurred within
 the ten years immediately preceding the date of arrest.
- 347 (g) (p) In the case of a hearing in which a person is accused of refusing to submit to a designated secondary test, 348 the Office of Administrative Hearings shall make specific 349 350 findings as to: (1) Whether the arresting law-enforcement officer had reasonable grounds to believe the person had 351 been driving a motor vehicle in this state while under the 352 influence of alcohol, controlled substances or drugs; (2) 353 354 whether the person was lawfully placed under arrest for an 355 offense involving driving under the influence of alcohol, 356 controlled substances or drugs, or was lawfully taken into 357 custody for the purpose of administering a secondary test: 358 *Provided*. That this element shall be waived in cases where 359 no arrest occurred due to driver incapacitation; (3) whether

the person committed an offense relating to driving a motor 360 vehicle in this state while under the influence of alcohol, 361 362 controlled substances or drugs; (4) whether the person 363 refused to submit to the secondary test finally designated in 364 the manner provided in section four, article five of this 365 chapter; and (5) whether the person had been given a written 366 statement advising the person that the person's license to 367 operate a motor vehicle in this state would be revoked for at least forty-five days and up to life if the person refused to 368 369 submit to the test finally designated in the manner provided 370 in said section.

(r) (q) If the Office of Administrative Hearings finds by 371 a preponderance of the evidence that: (1) The investigating 372 373 officer had reasonable grounds to believe the person had 374 been driving a motor vehicle in this state while under the 375 influence of alcohol, controlled substances or drugs; (2) 376 whether the person was lawfully placed under arrest for an offense involving driving under the influence of alcohol, 377 controlled substances or drugs, or was lawfully taken into 378

379 custody for the purpose of administering a secondary test: Provided, That this element shall be waived in cases where 380 381 no arrest occurred due to driver incapacitation; (3) the person 382 committed an offense relating to driving a motor vehicle in 383 this state while under the influence of alcohol, controlled 384 substances or drugs; (4) the person refused to submit to the 385 secondary test finally designated in the manner provided in 386 section four, article five of this chapter; and (5) the person 387 had been given a written statement advising the person that 388 the person's license to operate a motor vehicle in this state 389 would be revoked for at least forty-five days and up to life if the person refused to submit to the test finally designated, the 390 391 commissioner shall revoke the person's license to operate a 392 motor vehicle in this state for the periods specified in section 393 seven, article five of this chapter. The revocation period 394 prescribed in this subsection shall run concurrently with any 395 other revocation period ordered under this section or section 396 one of this article arising out of the same occurrence. The revocation period prescribed in this subsection shall run 397

398 concurrently with any other revocation period ordered under 399 this section or section one of this article arising out of the 400 same occurrence.

(s) (r) If the Office of Administrative Hearings finds to 401 402 the contrary with respect to the above issues the commissioner shall rescind his or her earlier order of 403 revocation or shall reduce the order of revocation to the 404 405 appropriate period of revocation under this section or section 406 seven, article five of this chapter. A copy of the Office of Administrative Hearings' final order containing its findings 407 408 of fact and conclusions of law made and entered following the hearing shall be served upon the person whose license is 409 410 at issue or upon the person's legal counsel if the person is 411 represented by legal counsel by registered or certified mail, 412 return receipt requested or by electronic mail if available. The final order shall be served upon the commissioner by 413 electronic mail. During the pendency of any hearing, the 414 revocation of the person's license to operate a motor vehicle 415 416 in this state shall be stayed.

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A person whose license is at issue and the commissioner 417 418 shall be entitled to judicial review as set forth in chapter 419 twenty-nine-a of this code. Neither the commissioner nor the 420 Office of Administrative Hearings may stay enforcement of 421 the order. The court may grant a stay or supersede as of the 422 order only upon motion and hearing, and a finding by the 423 court upon the evidence presented, that there is a substantial probability that the appellant shall prevail upon the merits 424 and the appellant will suffer irreparable harm if the order is 425 426 not stayed: Provided, That in no event shall the stay or 427 supersedeas of the order exceed one hundred fifty days. Notwithstanding the provisions of section four, article five of 428 429 said chapter, the Office of Administrative Hearings may not be compelled to transmit a certified copy of the file or the 430 431 transcript of the hearing to the circuit court in less than sixty 432 days.

(t) (s) In any revocation or suspension pursuant to this

section, if the driver whose license is revoked or suspended

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had not reached the driver's eighteenth birthday at the time 435 436 of the conduct for which the license is revoked or suspended, 437 the driver's license shall be revoked or suspended until the 438 driver's eighteenth birthday or the applicable statutory period 439 of revocation or suspension prescribed by this section, 440 whichever is longer.

441 (u) (t) Funds for this section's hearing and appeal process may be provided from the Drunk Driving Prevention Fund, 442 as created by section forty-one, article two, chapter fifteen of 443 this code, upon application for the funds to the commission 444 on Drunk Driving Prevention. 445

§17C-5A-3. Safety and treatment program; reissuance of license.

- (a) The Department of Health and Human Resources, Division of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse shall administer a 2 3 comprehensive safety and treatment program for persons 4 whose licenses have been revoked under the provisions of 5 this article or section seven, article five of this chapter or
- subsection (6), section five, article three, chapter seventeen-b
- of this code and shall also establish the minimum

- 8 qualifications for mental health facilities, day report centers,
- 9 community correction centers or other public agencies or
- 10 private entities conducting the safety and treatment program:
- 11 Provided, That the Department of Health and Human
- 12 Resources, Division of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse may
- 13 establish standards whereby the division will accept or
- 14 approve participation by violators in another treatment
- 15 program which provides the same or substantially similar
- 16 benefits as the safety and treatment program established
- 17 pursuant to this section.
- 18 (b) The program shall include, but not be limited to,
- 19 treatment of alcoholism, alcohol and drug abuse,
- 20 psychological counseling, educational courses on the dangers
- 21 of alcohol and drugs as they relate to driving, defensive
- 22 driving or other safety driving instruction and other programs
- 23 designed to properly educate, train and rehabilitate the
- 24 offender.
- 25 (c) The Department of Health and Human Resources,
- 26 Division of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse shall provide for the

preparation of an educational and treatment program for each 27 person whose license has been revoked under the provisions 28 of this article or section seven, article five of this chapter or 29 30 subsection (6), section five, article three, chapter seventeen-b 31 of this code which shall contain the following: (1) A listing 32 and evaluation of the offender's prior traffic record; (2) the characteristics and history of alcohol or drug use, if any; (3) 33 34 his or her amenability to rehabilitation through the alcohol safety program; and (4) a recommendation as to treatment or 35 rehabilitation and the terms and conditions of the treatment 36 37 or rehabilitation. The program shall be prepared by persons knowledgeable in the diagnosis of alcohol or drug abuse and 38 39 treatment.

(d) There is hereby created a special revenue account within the State Treasury known as the Department of Health and Human Resources Safety and Treatment Fund. The account shall be administered by the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Resources for the purpose of administering the comprehensive safety and treatment

- 46 program established by subsection (a) of this section. The
- 47 account may be invested, and all earnings and interest
- 48 accruing shall be retained in the account. The Auditor shall
- 49 conduct an audit of the fund at least every three fiscal years.
- Effective July 1, 2010, the State Treasurer shall make a
- 51 one-time transfer of \$250,000 from the Motor Vehicle Fees
- 52 Fund into the Department of Health and Human Resources
- 53 Safety and Treatment Fund.
- (e) (1) The program provider shall collect the established
- 55 fee from each participant upon enrollment unless the
- 56 department has determined that the participant is an indigent
- 57 based upon criteria established pursuant to legislative rule
- 58 authorized in this section.
- 59 (2) If the department determined that a participant is an
- 60 indigent based upon criteria established pursuant to the
- 61 legislative rule authorized by this section, the department
- 62 shall provide the applicant with proof of its determination
- 63 regarding indigency, which proof the applicant shall present
- 64 to the interlock provider as part of the application process

- 65 provided in section three-a of this article and/or the rules
- 66 promulgated pursuant thereto.
- 67 (3) Program providers shall remit to the Department of
- 68 Health and Human Resources a portion of the fee collected,
- 69 which shall be deposited by the Secretary of the Department
- 70 of Health and Human Resources into the Department of
- 71 Health and Human Resources Safety and Treatment Fund.
- 72 The Department of Health and Human Resources shall
- 73 reimburse enrollment fees to program providers for each
- 74 eligible indigent offender.
- 75 (f) On or before January 15 of each year, the Secretary of
- 76 the Department of Health and Human Resources shall report
- 77 to the Legislature on:
- 78 (1) The total number of offenders participating in the
- 79 safety and treatment program during the prior year;
- 80 (2) The total number of indigent offenders participating
- 81 in the safety and treatment program during the prior year;
- 82 (3) The total number of program providers during the
- 83 prior year; and

- 84 (4) The total amount of reimbursements paid to program
- 85 provider during the prior year.
- 86 (g) The Commissioner of the Division of Motor Vehicles,
- 87 after giving due consideration to the program developed for
- 88 the offender, shall prescribe the necessary terms and
- 89 conditions for the reissuance of the license to operate a motor
- 90 vehicle in this state revoked under this article or section
- 91 seven, article five of this chapter or subsection (6), section
- 92 five, article three, chapter seventeen-b of this code which
- 93 shall include successful completion of the educational,
- 94 treatment or rehabilitation program, subject to the following:
- 95 (1) When the period of revocation is six months, the
- 96 license to operate a motor vehicle in this state may not be
- 97 reissued until: (A) At least ninety days have elapsed from the
- 98 date of the initial revocation, during which time the
- 99 revocation was actually in effect; (B) the offender has
- 100 successfully completed the program; (C) all costs of the
- 101 program and administration have been paid; and (D) all costs
- 102 assessed as a result of a revocation hearing have been paid.

(2) When the period of revocation is for a period of one 103 104 year or for more than a year, the license to operate a motor vehicle in this state may not be reissued until: (A) At least 105 106 one-half of the time period has elapsed from the date of the initial revocation, during which time the revocation was 107 actually in effect; (B) the offender has successfully 108 completed the program; (C) all costs of the program and 109 110 administration have been paid; and (D) all costs assessed as a result of a revocation hearing have been paid. 111 Notwithstanding any provision in this code, a person whose 112 license is revoked for refusing to take a chemical test as 113 required by section seven, article five of this chapter for a 114 first offense is not eligible to reduce the revocation period by 115 116 completing the safety and treatment program.

117 (3) When the period of revocation is for life, the license 118 to operate a motor vehicle in this state may not be reissued 119 until: (A) At least ten years have elapsed from the date of the 120 initial revocation, during which time the revocation was 121 actually in effect; (B) the offender has successfully

- 122 completed the program; (C) all costs of the program and 123 administration have been paid; and (D) all costs assessed as
- 124 a result of a revocation hearing have been paid.
- 125 (4) Notwithstanding any provision of this code or any
- 126 rule, any mental health facilities or other public agencies or
- 127 private entities conducting the safety and treatment program
- 128 when certifying that a person has successfully completed a
- 129 safety and treatment program shall only have to certify that
- 130 the person has successfully completed the program.
- (h) (1) The Department of Health and Human Resources,
- 132 Division of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse shall provide for the
- 133 preparation of an educational program for each person whose
- 134 license has been suspended for sixty days pursuant to the
- provisions of subsection $\frac{(m)}{(m)}$, section two, article five-a of
- 136 this chapter. The educational program shall consist of not
- 137 less than twelve nor more than eighteen hours of actual
- 138 classroom time.
- 139 (2) When a sixty-day period of suspension has been
- 140 ordered, the license to operate a motor vehicle may not be

reinstated until: (A) At least sixty days have elapsed from the
date of the initial suspension, during which time the
suspension was actually in effect; (B) the offender has
successfully completed the educational program; (C) all costs
of the program and administration have been paid; and (D)
all costs assessed as a result of a suspension hearing have
been paid.

148 (i) A required component of the treatment program provided in subsection (b) of this section and the education 149 program provided for in subsection (c) of this section shall be 150 participation by the violator with a victim impact panel 151 program providing a forum for victims of alcohol and 152 drug-related offenses and offenders to share first-hand 153 experiences on the impact of alcohol and drug-related 154 155 offenses in their lives. The Department of Health and Human Resources, Division of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse 156 157 shall propose and implement a plan for victim impact panels 158 where appropriate numbers of victims are available and 159 willing to participate and shall establish guidelines for other

- 160 innovative programs which may be substituted where the
- 161 victims are not available to assist persons whose licenses
- 162 have been suspended or revoked for alcohol and drug-related
- 163 offenses to gain a full understanding of the severity of their
- 164 offenses in terms of the impact of the offenses on victims and
- 165 offenders. The plan shall require, at a minimum, discussion
- and consideration of the following:
- 167 (A) Economic losses suffered by victims or offenders;
- 168 (B) Death or physical injuries suffered by victims or
- 169 offenders;
- 170 (C) Psychological injuries suffered by victims or
- 171 offenders;
- 172 (D) Changes in the personal welfare or familial
- 173 relationships of victims or offenders; and
- 174 (E) Other information relating to the impact of alcohol
- 175 and drug-related offenses upon victims or offenders.
- 176 The Department of Health and Human Resources,
- 177 Division of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse shall ensure that any

178 meetings between victims and offenders shall be 179 nonconfrontational and ensure the physical safety of the 180 persons involved.

(i)(1) The Secretary of the Department of Health and 181 182 Human Resources shall promulgate a rule for legislative 183 approval in accordance with article three, chapter 184 twenty-nine-a of this code to administer the provisions of this 185 section and establish a fee to be collected from each offender 186 enrolled in the safety and treatment program. The rule shall include: (A) A reimbursement mechanism to program 187 providers of required fees for the safety and treatment 188 program for indigent offenders, criteria for determining 189 eligibility of indigent offenders, and any necessary 190 191 application forms; and (B) program standards that encompass provider criteria including minimum professional training requirements for providers, curriculum approval, minimum 193 194 course length requirements and other items that may be necessary to properly implement the provisions of this 195 196 section.

- 197 (2) The Legislature finds that an emergency exists and,
 198 therefore, the Secretary shall file by July 1, 2010, an
 199 emergency rule to implement this section pursuant to the
 200 provisions of section fifteen, article three, chapter
 201 twenty-nine-a of this code.
- 202 (k) Nothing in this section may be construed to prohibit
 203 day report or community correction programs, authorized
 204 pursuant to article eleven-c, chapter sixty-two of this code,
 205 from administering a comprehensive safety and treatment
 206 program pursuant to this section.

§17C-5A-3a. Establishment of and participation in the Motor Vehicle Alcohol Test and Lock Program.

- 1 (a)(1) The Division of Motor Vehicles shall control and
- 2 regulate a Motor Vehicle Alcohol Test and Lock Program for
- 3 persons whose licenses have been revoked pursuant to this
- 4 article or the provisions of article five of this chapter or have
- 5 been convicted under section two, article five of this chapter,
- 6 or who are serving a term of a conditional probation pursuant
- 7 to section two-b, article five of this chapter.

- 8 (2) The program shall include the establishment of a users
- 9 fee for persons participating in the program which shall be
- 10 paid in advance and deposited into the Driver's
- 11 Rehabilitation Fund: Provided, That on and after July 1,
- 12 2007, any unexpended balance remaining in the Driver's
- 13 Rehabilitation Fund shall be transferred to the Motor Vehicle
- 14 Fees Fund created under the provisions of section
- 15 twenty-one, article two, chapter seventeen-a of this code and
- 16 all further fees collected shall be deposited in that fund.
- 17 (3) (A) Except where specified otherwise, the use of the
- 18 term "program" in this section refers to the Motor Vehicle
- 19 Alcohol Test and Lock Program.
- 20 (B) The Commissioner of the Division of Motor Vehicles
- 21 shall propose legislative rules for promulgation in accordance
- 22 with the provisions of chapter twenty-nine-a of this code for
- 23 the purpose of implementing the provisions of this section.
- 24 The rules shall also prescribe those requirements which, in
- 25 addition to the requirements specified by this section for
- 26 eligibility to participate in the program, the commissioner

- 27 determines must be met to obtain the commissioner's
- 28 approval to operate a motor vehicle equipped with a motor
- 29 vehicle alcohol test and lock system.
- 30 (C) Nothing in this section may be construed to prohibit
- 31 day report or community correction programs authorized
- 32 pursuant to article eleven-c, chapter sixty-two of this code, or
- 33 a home incarceration program authorized pursuant to article
- 34 eleven-b, chapter sixty-two of this code, from being a
- 35 provider of motor vehicle alcohol test and lock systems for
- 36 eligible participants as authorized by this section.
- 37 (4) For purposes of this section, a "motor vehicle alcohol
- 38 test and lock system" means a mechanical or computerized
- 39 system which, in the opinion of the commissioner, prevents
- 40 the operation of a motor vehicle when, through the system's
- 41 assessment of the blood alcohol content of the person
- 42 operating or attempting to operate the vehicle, the person is
- 43 determined to be under the influence of alcohol.
- 44 (5) The fee for installation and removal of ignition
- 45 interlock devices shall be waived for persons determined to

- 46 be indigent by the Department of Health and Human
- 47 Resources pursuant to section three, article five-a, chapter
- 48 seventeen-c of this code. The commissioner shall establish
- 49 by legislative rule, proposed pursuant to article three, chapter
- 50 twenty-nine-a of this code, procedures to be followed with
- 51 regard to persons determined by the Department of Health
- 52 and Human Resources to be indigent. The rule shall include,
- 53 but is not limited to, promulgation of application forms;
- 54 establishment of procedures for the review of applications;
- 55 and the establishment of a mechanism for the payment of
- 56 installations for eligible offenders.
- 57 (6) On or before January 15 of each year, the
- 58 Commissioner of the Division of Motor Vehicles shall report
- 59 to the Legislature on:
- 60 (A) The total number of offenders participating in the
- 61 program during the prior year;
- 62 (B) The total number of indigent offenders participating
- 63 in the program during the prior year;

- 64 (C) The terms of any contracts with the providers of
- 65 ignition interlock devices; and
- 66 (D) The total cost of the program to the state during the
- 67 prior year.
- (b)(1) Any person whose license is revoked for the first
- 69 time pursuant to this article or the provisions of article five of
- 70 this chapter is eligible to participate in the program when the
- 71 person's minimum revocation period as specified by
- 72 subsection (c) of this section has expired and the person is
- 73 enrolled in or has successfully completed the safety and
- 74 treatment program or presents proof to the commissioner
- 75 within sixty days of receiving approval to participate by the
- 76 commissioner that he or she is enrolled in a safety and
- 77 treatment program: *Provided*, That anyone whose license is
- 78 revoked for the first time pursuant to subsection (k), section
- 79 two of this article must participate in the program when the
- 80 person's minimum revocation period as specified by
- 81 subsection (c) of this section has expired and the person is
- 82 enrolled in or has successfully completed the safety and

- treatment program or presents proof to the commissioner within sixty days of receiving approval to participate by the commissioner that he or she is enrolled in a safety and treatment program.
- 87 (2) Any person whose license has been suspended pursuant to the provisions of subsection (n) (m), section two 88 of this article for driving a motor vehicle while under the age 89 90 of twenty-one years with an alcohol concentration in his or her blood of two hundredths of one percent or more, by 91 92 weight, but less than eight hundredths of one percent, by 93 weight, is eligible to participate in the program after thirty days have elapsed from the date of the initial suspension, 94 during which time the suspension was actually in effect: 95 Provided, That in the case of a person under the age of 96 97 eighteen, the person is eligible to participate in the program after thirty days have elapsed from the date of the initial 98 99 suspension, during which time the suspension was actually in effect or after the person's eighteenth birthday, whichever is 100 later. Before the commissioner approves a person to operate 101

- a motor vehicle equipped with a motor vehicle alcohol testand lock system, the person must agree to comply with the
- 104 following conditions:
- (A) If not already enrolled, the person shall enroll in and complete the educational program provided in subsection (d), section three of this article at the earliest time that placement in the educational program is available, unless good cause is demonstrated to the commissioner as to why placement should be postponed;
- 111 (B) The person shall pay all costs of the educational 112 program, any administrative costs and all costs assessed for 113 any suspension hearing.
- 114 (3) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section to the 115 contrary, a person eligible to participate in the program under 116 this subsection may not operate a motor vehicle unless 117 approved to do so by the commissioner.
- 118 (c) A person who participates in the program under 119 subdivision (1), subsection (b) of this section is subject to a 120 minimum revocation period and minimum period for the use 121 of the ignition interlock device as follows:

- (1) For a person whose license has been revoked for a 122 123 first offense for six months pursuant to the provisions of section one-a of this article for conviction of an offense 124 defined in subsection (d) or (g) (c) or (f), section two, article 125 126 five of this chapter or pursuant to subsection (i), section 127 two of this article, the minimum period of revocation for 128 participation in the test and lock program is fifteen days and 129 the minimum period for the use of the ignition interlock 130 device is one hundred and twenty-five days;
- 131 (2) For a person whose license has been revoked for a
 132 first offense pursuant to section seven, article five of this
 133 chapter, the minimum period of revocation for participation
 134 in the test and lock program is forty-five days and the
 135 minimum period for the use of the ignition interlock device
 136 is one year;
- 137 (3) For a person whose license has been revoked for a
 138 first offense pursuant to section one-a of this article for
 139 conviction of an offense defined in subsection (e) (f), section
 140 two, article five of this chapter or pursuant to subsection (i)

- 141 (i), section two of this article, the minimum period of 142 revocation for participation in the test and lock program is
- 143 forty-five days and the minimum period for the use of the
- 144 ignition interlock device is two hundred seventy days;
- 145 (4) For a person whose license has been revoked for a
- 146 first offense pursuant to the provisions of section one-a of
- 147 this article for conviction of an offense defined in subsection
- 148 (a), section two, article five of this chapter or pursuant to
- 149 subsection (f) (e), section two of this article, the minimum
- 150 period of revocation before the person is eligible for
- participation in the test and lock program is twelve months
- and the minimum period for the use of the ignition interlock
- 153 device is two years;
- (5) For a person whose license has been revoked for a
- 155 first offense pursuant to the provisions of section one-a of
- 156 this article for conviction of an offense defined in subsection
- 157 (b), section two, article five of this chapter or pursuant to
- subsection $\frac{h}{g}$, section two of this article, the minimum
- 159 period of revocation is six months and the minimum period
- 160 for the use of the ignition interlock device is two years;

- (6) For a person whose license has been revoked for a 161 first offense pursuant to the provisions of section one-a of 162 this article for conviction of an offense defined in subsection 163 164 (c) (b), section two, article five of this chapter or pursuant to 165 subsection (h) (g), section two of this article, the minimum period of revocation for participation in the program is two 166 months and the minimum period for the use of the ignition 167 168 interlock device is one year;
- 169 (7) For a person whose license has been revoked for a first offense pursuant to the provisions of section one-a of 170 this article for conviction of an offense defined in subsection 171 (i), section two, article five of this chapter or pursuant to 172 subsection (m) (1), section two of this article, the minimum 173 period of revocation for participation in the program is two 174 175 months and the minimum period for the use of the ignition interlock device is ten months; 176
- 177 (d) Notwithstanding any provision of the code to the 178 contrary, a person shall participate in the program if the 179 person is convicted under section two, article five of this

chapter or the person's license is revoked under section two 180 of this article or section seven, article five of this chapter and 181 182 the person was previously either convicted or his or her license was revoked under any provision cited in this 183 184 subsection within the past ten years. The minimum 185 revocation period for a person required to participate in the 186 program under this subsection is one year and the minimum period for the use of the ignition interlock device is two 187 years, except that the minimum revocation period for a 188 189 person required to participate because of a violation of 190 subsection (m), section two of this article or subsection (i) (h), section two, article five of this chapter is two months and 191 192 the minimum period of participation is one year. division shall add an additional two months to the minimum 193 period for the use of the ignition interlock device if the 194 offense was committed while a minor was in the vehicle. 195 196 The division shall add an additional six months to the 197 minimum period for the use of the ignition interlock device if a person other than the driver received injuries. The 198 division shall add an additional two years to the minimum 199

period for the use of the ignition interlock device if a person 200 other than the driver is injured and the injuries result in that 201 202 person's death. The division shall add one year to the 203 minimum period for the use of the ignition interlock device 204 for each additional previous conviction or revocation within 205 the past ten years. Any person required to participate under 206 this subsection must have an ignition interlock device installed on every vehicle he or she owns or operates. 207

- 208 (e) Notwithstanding any other provision in this code, a 209 person whose license is revoked for driving under the 210 influence of drugs is not eligible to participate in the Motor 211 Vehicle Alcohol Test and Lock Program.
- 212 (f) An applicant for the test and lock program may not
 213 have been convicted of any violation of section three, article
 214 four, chapter seventeen-b of this code for driving while the
 215 applicant's driver's license was suspended or revoked within
 216 the six-month period preceding the date of application for
 217 admission to the test and lock program unless such is
 218 necessary for employment purposes.

- 220 the program, the commissioner shall issue to the person, and
 221 the person is required to exhibit on demand, a driver's license
 222 which shall reflect that the person is restricted to the
 223 operation of a motor vehicle which is equipped with an
 224 approved motor vehicle alcohol test and lock system.
- 225 (h) The commissioner may extend the minimum period 226 of revocation and the minimum period of participation in the program for a person who violates the terms and conditions 227 of participation in the program as found in this section, or 228 legislative rule, or any agreement or contract between the 229 participant and the division or program service provider. If 230 the commissioner finds that any person participating in the 231 232 program pursuant to section two-b, article five of this chapter 233 must be removed therefrom for violation(s) of the terms and 234 conditions thereof, he or she shall notify the person, the court 235 that imposed the term of participation in the program, and the prosecuting attorney in the county wherein the order 236 237 imposing participation in the program was entered.

(i) A person whose license has been suspended pursuant 238 239 to the provisions of subsection (n) (m), section two of this 240 article who has completed the educational program and who 241 has not violated the terms required by the commissioner of 242 the person's participation in the program is entitled to the reinstatement of his or her driver's license six months from 243 244 the date the person is permitted to operate a motor vehicle by 245 the commissioner. When a license has been reinstated pursuant to this subsection, the records ordering the 246 suspension, records of any administrative hearing, records of 247 248 any blood alcohol test results and all other records pertaining to the suspension shall be expunged by operation of law: 249 250 *Provided*, That a person is entitled to expungement under the 251 provisions of this subsection only once. The expungement 252 shall be accomplished by physically marking the records to 253 show that the records have been expunged and by securely 254 sealing and filing the records. Expungement has the legal effect as if the suspension never occurred. The records may 255 256 not be disclosed or made available for inspection and in

response to a request for record information, the commissioner shall reply that no information is available. Information from the file may be used by the commissioner for research and statistical purposes so long as the use of the information does not divulge the identity of the person.

262 (i) In addition to any other penalty imposed by this code, 263 any person who operates a motor vehicle not equipped with 264 an approved motor vehicle alcohol test and lock system during that person's participation in the Motor Vehicle 265 Alcohol Test and Lock Program is guilty of a misdemeanor 266 267 and, upon conviction thereof, shall be confined in jail for a period not less than one month nor more than six months and 268 269 fined not less than \$100 nor more than \$500. Any person 270 who attempts to bypass the alcohol test and lock system is 271 guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall 272 be confined in jail not more than six months and fined not 273 less than \$100 nor more than \$1,000: Provided, That notwithstanding any provision of this code to the contrary, a 274 275 person enrolled and participating in the test and lock program 276 may operate a motor vehicle solely at his or her job site if the 277 operation is a condition of his or her employment. For the 278 purpose of this section, job site does not include any street or 279 highway open to the use of the public for purposes of 280 vehicular traffic.