

HCS#2 HB 1423 -- IGNITION INTERLOCK DEVICES

SPONSOR: St. Onge

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass" by the Committee on Transportation by a vote of 10 to 0.

This substitute specifies that anyone who has had his or her license and driving privilege suspended or revoked for a second or subsequent alcohol-related traffic offense cannot obtain a restricted driving privilege until the person has completed 30 days of a suspension and has filed proof with the Director of the Department of Revenue that his or her motor vehicle is equipped with a functioning, certified ignition interlock device as a required condition of the person's restricted driving privilege. The ignition interlock device must be maintained on all motor vehicles operated by the person for a period of at least six months following the date of reinstatement. If the person fails to maintain the proof, the restricted driving privilege will be terminated and the person will be guilty of a class A misdemeanor. Any person who has had his or her driving privilege revoked must also file proof of financial responsibility prior to reinstatement.

The substitute becomes effective July 1, 2009.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2009, FY 2010, and FY 2011.

PROponents: Supporters say that an ignition interlock device is one way to manage high-risk behavior by certain individuals for a specified period of time to protect other drivers on our roads.

Testifying for the bill were Representative St. Onge; Michael Boland, Mothers Against Drunk Driving; Dr. Richard Roth; Debra Coffey, Smart Start; Department of Revenue; Missouri Municipal League; State Highway Patrol; Division of Highway Safety, Department of Transportation; Missouri State Troopers Association; Missouri Safety Council; Dale Findlay, Missouri Coalition for Roadway Safety; Missouri Insurance Coalition; Dale Findlay, Missouri Advocates for Traffic Safety; Kathy Zents, Safety and Health Council of Western Missouri and Kansas; Debora Biggs, Safety Council of the Ozarks; Gerry Duty, St. Joseph Safety and Health Council, and Edward Tasch, National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse - St. Louis Area.

OPponents: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.