

HB 2063 -- Ignition Interlock Devices

Sponsor: Denison

This bill specifies that any person whose license is suspended due to a first conviction of driving while intoxicated or driving with blood alcohol content of .08 or more will not have his or her driver's license suspended if he or she agrees to equip his or her vehicle with an ignition interlock device, but instead will have a 90-day period of restricted driving privilege.

The bill requires that any person who has a driver's license suspended for the refusal upon the request of law enforcement to submit to a test for blood alcohol content to have an ignition interlock device installed on all motor vehicles operated by the person for a period of not less than one year. The court must require any person who is found guilty or pleads guilty to an intoxication-related traffic offense to not operate any motor vehicle unless equipped with ignition interlock device for a period of not less than 90 days if convicted of a first intoxication-related traffic offense, not less than one year if convicted of a second, not less than five years if convicted of a third or fourth, and for the duration of the person's life if convicted of a fifth. A person convicted of his or her fifth intoxication-related traffic offense is eligible to have his or her restriction reviewed by the department after operating a motor vehicle equipped with an ignition interlock device in full compliance for five years.

The bill requires that any ignition interlock device required by these provisions to have photo identification technology and global positioning system features.

The bill requires the Department of Revenue to issue a special driver's license to any person required to use an ignition interlock device that signifies that the driver must not operate a vehicle that does not contain a device. Costs associated with issuing the special license or reissuing the person's regular driver's license, upon completion of the restricted driving period, are to be paid by the individual, but are not to exceed \$50. Any person required to have this special license must have it for the duration of the restricted driving period and until the person maintains a period of 90 days without the ignition interlock device registering a level of alcohol above the level set by the department and without any reports of tampering or circumventing the device. If a violation occurs, the restricted driving period must be extended for an additional 90 days.