

## HB 461 -- Tampering with Physical Evidence

Sponsor: Phillips

This bill changes the laws regarding the crime of tampering with physical evidence to include the refusal to submit to a law enforcement officer's request for a chemical test under the implied consent law found in Section 577.020, RSMo, or the failure to take the action necessary to properly complete any requested chemical test. Tampering with physical evidence is a class A misdemeanor, unless the person impairs or obstructs the prosecution or defense of a felony crime then it is a class D felony.

The bill revises the definition of "intoxication-related traffic offense" as used in Chapter 577 to include tampering with physical evidence as specified in these provisions.