

HB 1176 -- INTOXICATION-RELATED OFFENSES

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This bill changes the laws regarding intoxication-related offenses. In its main provisions, the bill:

- 1) Removes the Department of Revenue's ability to assess points for felony use of a motor vehicle when the underlying felony resulted from aggregated violations of alcohol regulations;
- 2) Allows the Department of Revenue to extend the period a motorist is required to maintain the ignition interlock device on his or her vehicle by three months if the ignition interlock device detects an attempt to tamper with the device or detects an alcohol concentration above the set point within the last three months of the required installation period. The time must be extended until he or she has gone three months without any violations;
- 3) Expands the list of offenses that allows an individual to receive limited driving privileges provided the he or she has an ignition interlock device installed;
- 4) Removes the mandatory suspension period for alcohol related offenses but requires that an individual must have an ignition interlock device installed on his or her vehicle. Currently, except for a first time DWI offense, alcohol related driving offenses require a certain period of suspension before an individual is eligible for limited or restricted driving privileges; and
- 5) Removes the requirement that DWI courts cannot grant limited driving privileges to a participant for the first 45 days of participation.