
DIGEST

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Abstract: Authorizes an individual whose driving privilege is restricted and whose vehicle is equipped with an ignition interlock device to receive credit towards suspension time or any reinstatement requirement under certain circumstances.

Proposed law authorizes an individual who installs a Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections approved ignition interlock device as a requirement of bail, a part of a pre-trial diversion program, or a term of a suspended or deferred sentence as provided in present law, for an offense involving the operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or both, and was arrested or subsequently convicted of such an offense, to receive credit towards suspension time or any reinstatement requirement that may be imposed if any of the following occurs:

- (1) The installation and monitoring of the ignition interlock device is reported to the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections by the manufacturer in accordance with present law.
- (2) The individual whose driving privilege is restricted appears at an office of motor vehicle field office and is issued a renewed or duplicate driver's license that contains a restriction code indicating that any vehicle operated by the individual must be equipped with an ignition interlock device.

Proposed law prohibits an individual from receiving credit towards suspension time or any reinstatement requirement if the manufacturer reports to the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections that any combination of two of the following violations have occurred in a one- month period, including any repeat violation of the same type:

- (1) Tampering with the device.
- (2) Circumventing the device.
- (3) Failure to bring the ignition interlock device in for required service.
- (4) Failure to take or pass a re-test.
- (5) Failure to pass a breath test.
- (6) Use of the emergency override feature without justification.

(7) Unauthorized removal of the device.

Proposed law prohibits an individual from receiving credit towards suspension time or any reinstatement requirement if the individual is charged or arrested for any offense involving the operation of a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or both, during the period in which the individual is required to have an ignition interlock device as a requirement of bail, a part of a pre-trial diversion program, or a term of a suspended or deferred sentence as provided in present law.

Proposed law authorizes the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections to promulgate such rules and regulations as are necessary to implement the provisions of proposed law.

(Amends R.S. 32:378.2(M); Adds R.S. 32:378.2(N))