

Proposed law changes the requirements for credit toward suspension from a combination or a repeat of two of eight listed violations, to only one of the eight violations and the occurrence does not have to be a repeat violation.

Proposed law provides upon notice of a violation, the Department of Public Safety and Corrections is required to extend the period the ignition interlock device by an additional six months and further restrict the driver's license.

Present law provides after the first conviction, along with other requirements, a functioning ignition interlock device shall remain installed on the offender's vehicle during the first twelve-month period of the suspension of his driver's license. Proposed law changes the suspension period from the first twelve-month period to the entire period the driver's license is suspended.

Present law provides after the second conviction, along with other requirements, a functioning ignition interlock device shall remain installed on the offender's vehicle during the first three-year period of the four-year period of the suspension of his driver's license. Proposed law changes the suspension period from the first three-year period to the entire four year period the driver's license is suspended.

Present law provides any licensee who has had his license suspended for operating a motor vehicle, under the influence of alcoholic beverages is eligible to apply for a restricted driver's license after a period of twelve months and proof the motor vehicle has been equipped with an ignition interlock device. Proposed law changes the period of eligibility for restricted license from proof the vehicle has been equipped with an interlocking device and a period of twelve months to no waiting period.

Present law provides an offender shall be eligible for a restricted license after a period of forty-five days of suspension for the remainder of the four-year period of suspension. Proposed law provides a functioning ignition interlock device shall remain installed on his vehicle during the entire four-year period of the suspension.

Proposed law provides that proposed law shall be known and cited as the "Bowling, Coss, and Dufrene Drunk Driving Prevention Act"

Effective August 1, 2023.

(Amends R.S. 14:98.1(A)(3)(c) and 98.2(A)(3)(c), R.S. 32:378.2(A), (B)(1)(a)(ii)(aa) and (bb), (H), and (M)(2), and 414(A)(1)(c)(i) and (ii) and (D)(1)(b), 667(B)(1)(b) and (3)(b) and (c), and (I)(1)(a), and 668(B)(1)(a)(intro para); adds R.S. 15:307.1 and R.S. 32:378.2(O))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Transportation, Highways, and Public Works to the original bill

1. Provides for an effective date for implementation by state police regarding

complaints for refusal of service.

2. Provides for the Act to be known and cited as the "Bowling, Coss, and Dufrene Drunk Driving Prevention Act".