

Ignition Interlock Makes Our Roads Safer

In order to start a vehicle, an individual blows into a tube that measures the person's alcohol concentration. If it measures at 0.02 or higher, the vehicle will not start. After a passing test, the vehicle starts, and the device collects random breath samples to ensure that alcohol is not consumed after the vehicle starts. This ensures that drivers are not driving impaired on Minnesota's roads. Furthermore, statistics show that 39% of program graduates are less likely to reoffend.



We Can Increase Ignition Interlock Participation

In 2019, there were nearly 28,000 DWI arrests in the state of Minnesota. In 2020, despite the pandemic, there were 22,653 DWI arrests. Currently, however, there are only 10,542 participants in ignition interlock. Many individuals want to enroll in ignition interlock but cannot or choose not to because of many unnecessary barriers. The goal of this bill is to remove unnecessary barriers and increase incentives to enroll in the ignition interlock program and ensure safe, legal drivers on Minnesota's roads.

- **Replace a Limited License with Conditional Reinstatement for Ignition Interlock Participants**, which would eliminate unnecessary, sometimes debilitating restrictions for someone who is ensured to be driving safely through the use of ignition interlock
- **Eliminate Special Registration Plates for Ignition Interlock Participants** given that special registration plates do not protect public safety, but ignition interlock does
- **Eliminate the DWI Written Test**, which is generic, not based on best practices, and is superseded by individualized education and treatment that is tailored towards each offender's needs
- **Limit the SR-22 Insurance Certificate Requirement**, which unnecessarily requires all ignition interlock applicants – regardless of whether or not they have previous insurance violations – to pre-pay for one year of insurance and obtain a specialized certificate rather than simply provide proof of valid insurance



Ignition Interlock Promotes Safe, Legal Drivers

Without Ignition Interlock

- Drivers can drive impaired
- Drivers drive illegally with revoked or canceled driver's licenses
- Drivers drive without insurance
- Special registration license plate are viewable on a vehicle
- **PUBLIC SAFETY IS AT RISK**



With Ignition Interlock

- ✓ I.I. prevents impaired driving
- ✓ I.I. participants drive legally with conditionally reinstated licenses
- ✓ I.I. requires valid insurance
- ✓ I.I. will not allow a vehicle to start if a driver is impaired
- ✓ **PUBLIC SAFETY IS PROTECTED**

Stakeholders Believe That H.F. 502 Promotes Public Safety

The following organizations proudly support H.F. 502:

Minnesota DWI Task Force
 Minnesota County Attorney's Association
 Minnesota Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers
 Minnesota Intensive Supervision Program Collaborative

Minnesota Chiefs of Police Association
 Mothers Against Drunk Driving
 Minnesotans for Safe Driving