

Subject DWI license reinstatement provisions

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Overview

A person whose license has been revoked for driving under the influence of alcohol or other substances must meet several requirements to drive legally. The specific requirements generally depend on the number of prior convictions or license suspensions the person has. This bill would eliminate the requirement that those individuals take an examination before being eligible for license reinstatement, limit the use of special registration plates (“whiskey plates”), and make changes related to participation in the ignition interlock program.

Summary

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| 1 | Reinstatement of driving privileges; notice.
Removes the requirement that a person whose license was revoked for driving under the influence of alcohol or other substances take an examination before being eligible for reinstatement of driving privileges. |
| 2 | Special registration plates.
Requires issuance of new registration plates, instead of special registration plates (“whiskey plates”), to a person who becomes a program participant in the ignition interlock program. |
| 3 | Examination required.
Conforms to the change in section 1, removing the requirement that a person whose license was revoked for driving under the influence of alcohol or other substances take an examination before being eligible for reinstatement of driving privileges. |
| 4 | Conditions of issuance.
Removes the ability of a person to obtain a limited license if the person also has a restricted license under the ignition interlock program. A limited license permits individuals to drive at specific times and for specific purposes, such as going to treatment. A restricted license under the ignition interlock program permits a person |

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	to drive at any time provided the person is driving a vehicle equipped with the ignition interlock device.
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5	Issuance of restricted license.
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	Limits the requirement that a person seeking to participate in the ignition interlock program show proof of motor vehicle insurance to individuals who have prior convictions for driving without insurance. Removes the requirement that a person seeking license reinstatement comply with the provisions in the section of law regarding limited licenses and inserts the requirement that the person complete chemical dependency treatment or rehabilitation if that is recommended by a chemical use assessment. Removes the requirement that the restricted license of a person who submits a sample showing a breath alcohol concentration of 0.02 or higher be cancelled and replaces that with the requirement to restart the time period that the participant must participate in the program to reach the required abstinence period.
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