

1 **DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE SENTENCING**

2 **REVISIONS**

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4 STATE OF UTAH

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8 **LONG TITLE**

9 **General Description:**

10 This bill modifies the Traffic Code by amending provisions relating to sentencing  
11 requirements for driving under the influence violations.

12 **Highlighted Provisions:**

13 This bill:

14 ▶ requires the court to impose, for a felony driving under the influence violation, an  
15 order requiring the person to obtain a screening and assessment, and subsequent  
16 substance abuse treatment at a substance abuse treatment program providing  
17 intensive care or inpatient treatment and long-term closely supervised  
18 follow-through after treatment for not less than 240 hours;

19 ▶ requires the court to order the installation of the ignition interlock system, at the  
20 person's expense, for all motor vehicles registered to that person and all motor  
21 vehicles operated by that person if a person is convicted of a driving under the  
22 influence violation within 10 years of a prior conviction;

23 ▶ provides that a person who operates a motor vehicle without an ignition interlock  
24 device as ordered by the court is in violation of driving without an ignition interlock  
25 system; and

26 ▶ makes technical corrections.

27 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**



28 None

29 **Other Special Clauses:**

30 None

31 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

32 AMENDS:

33 **41-6a-502.5**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2010, Chapter 109

34 **41-6a-505**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2013, Chapter 71

35 **41-6a-512**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2008, Chapter 226

36 **41-6a-518**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2011, Chapter 421



38 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

39 Section 1. Section **41-6a-502.5** is amended to read:

40 **41-6a-502.5. Impaired driving -- Penalty -- Reporting of convictions -- Sentencing**  
41 **requirements.**

42 (1) With the agreement of the prosecutor, a plea to a class B misdemeanor violation of  
43 Section **41-6a-502** committed on or after July 1, 2008, may be entered as a conviction of  
44 impaired driving under this section if:

45 (a) the defendant completes court ordered probation requirements; or

46 (b) (i) the prosecutor agrees as part of a negotiated plea; and

47 (ii) the court finds the plea to be in the interest of justice.

48 (2) A conviction entered under this section is a class B misdemeanor.

49 (3) (a) (i) If the entry of an impaired driving plea is based on successful completion of  
50 probation under Subsection (1)(a), the court shall enter the conviction at the time of the plea.

51 (ii) If the defendant fails to appear before the court and establish successful completion  
52 of the court ordered probation requirements under Subsection (1)(a), the court shall enter an  
53 amended conviction of Section **41-6a-502**.

54 (iii) The date of entry of the amended order under Subsection (3)(a)(ii) is the date of  
55 conviction.

56 (b) The court may enter a conviction of impaired driving immediately under  
57 Subsection (1)(b).

58 (4) For purposes of Section **76-3-402**, the entry of a plea to a class B misdemeanor

59 violation of Section 41-6a-502 as impaired driving under this section is a reduction of one  
60 degree.

61 (5) (a) The court shall notify the Driver License Division of each conviction entered  
62 under this section.

63 (b) Beginning on July 1, 2012, a court shall, monthly, send to the Division of  
64 Occupational and Professional Licensing, created in Section 58-1-103, a report containing the  
65 name, case number, and, if known, the date of birth of each person convicted during the  
66 preceding month of a violation of this section for whom there is evidence that the person was  
67 driving while impaired, in whole or in part, by a prescribed controlled substance.

68 (6) (a) The provisions in Subsections 41-6a-505(1), (2), and [~~(3)~~] (4) that require a  
69 sentencing court to order a convicted person to participate in a screening, an assessment, or an  
70 educational series, or obtain substance abuse treatment or do a combination of those things,  
71 apply to a conviction entered under this section.

72 (b) The court shall render the same order regarding screening, assessment, an  
73 educational series, or substance abuse treatment in connection with a first, second, or  
74 subsequent conviction under this section as the court would render in connection with applying  
75 respectively, the first, second, or subsequent conviction requirements of Subsection  
76 41-6a-505(1), (2), or [~~(3)~~] (4).

77 (7) (a) Except as provided in Subsection (7)(b), a report authorized by Section  
78 53-3-104 may not contain any evidence of a conviction for impaired driving in this state if the  
79 reporting court notifies the Driver License Division that the defendant is participating in or has  
80 successfully completed the program of a driving under the influence court.

81 (b) The provisions of Subsection (7)(a) do not apply to a report concerning:

- 82 (i) a CDL license holder; or  
83 (ii) a violation that occurred in a commercial motor vehicle.

84 Section 2. Section 41-6a-505 is amended to read:

85 **41-6a-505. Sentencing requirements for driving under the influence of alcohol,**  
86 **drugs, or a combination of both violations.**

87 (1) As part of any sentence for a first conviction of Section 41-6a-502:

88 (a) the court shall:

89 (i) (A) impose a jail sentence of not less than 48 consecutive hours;

90 (B) require the person to work in a compensatory-service work program for not less  
91 than 48 hours; or

92 (C) require the person to participate in home confinement of not fewer than 48  
93 consecutive hours through the use of electronic monitoring in accordance with Section  
94 41-6a-506;

95 (ii) order the person to participate in a screening;

96 (iii) order the person to participate in an assessment, if it is found appropriate by a  
97 screening under Subsection (1)(a)(ii);

98 (iv) order the person to participate in an educational series if the court does not order  
99 substance abuse treatment as described under Subsection (1)(b);

100 (v) impose a fine of not less than \$700; and

101 (vi) order probation for the person in accordance with Section 41-6a-507, if there is  
102 admissible evidence that the person had a blood alcohol level of .16 or higher; and

103 (b) the court may:

104 (i) order the person to obtain substance abuse treatment if the substance abuse  
105 treatment program determines that substance abuse treatment is appropriate; or

106 (ii) order probation for the person in accordance with Section 41-6a-507.

107 (2) If a person is convicted under Section 41-6a-502 within 10 years of a prior  
108 conviction as defined in Subsection 41-6a-501(2):

109 (a) the court shall:

110 (i) (A) impose a jail sentence of not less than 240 consecutive hours;

111 (B) require the person to work in a compensatory-service work program for not less  
112 than 240 hours; or

113 (C) require the person to participate in home confinement of not fewer than 240  
114 consecutive hours through the use of electronic monitoring in accordance with Section  
115 41-6a-506;

116 (ii) order the person to participate in a screening;

117 (iii) order the person to participate in an assessment, if it is found appropriate by a  
118 screening under Subsection (2)(a)(ii);

119 (iv) order the person to participate in an educational series if the court does not order  
120 substance abuse treatment as described under Subsection (2)(b);

- 121 (v) impose a fine of not less than \$800; and
- 122 (vi) order probation for the person in accordance with Section 41-6a-507; and
- 123 (b) the court may order the person to obtain substance abuse treatment if the substance
- 124 abuse treatment program determines that substance abuse treatment is appropriate.

125 (3) Under Subsection 41-6a-503(2), if the court suspends the execution of a prison

126 sentence and places the defendant on probation:

- 127 (a) the court shall impose:
  - 128 (i) a fine of not less than \$1,500;
  - 129 (ii) a jail sentence of not less than 1,500 hours; and
  - 130 (iii) supervised probation; and

131 [~~(iv) an order requiring the person to obtain a screening and assessment and substance~~

132 ~~abuse treatment at a substance abuse treatment program providing intensive care or inpatient~~

133 ~~treatment and long-term closely supervised follow-through after treatment for not less than 240~~

134 ~~hours; and]~~

135 (b) in lieu of Subsection (3)(a)(ii), the court may require the person to participate in

136 home confinement of not fewer than 1,500 hours through the use of electronic monitoring in

137 accordance with Section 41-6a-506.

138 (4) For Subsection (3)(a) or Subsection 41-6a-503(2)(b), the court shall impose an

139 order requiring the person to obtain a screening and assessment and substance abuse treatment

140 at a substance abuse treatment program providing intensive care or inpatient treatment and

141 long-term closely supervised follow-through after treatment for not less than 240 hours.

142 [~~(4)~~] (5) (a) The requirements of Subsections (1)(a), (2)(a), [and] (3)(a), and (4) may

143 not be suspended.

144 (b) Probation or parole resulting from a conviction for a violation under this section

145 may not be terminated.

146 [~~(5)~~] (6) If a person is convicted of a violation of Section 41-6a-502 and there is

147 admissible evidence that the person had a blood alcohol level of .16 or higher, the court shall

148 order the following, or describe on record why the order or orders are not appropriate:

- 149 (a) treatment as described under Subsection (1)(b), (2)(b), or [~~(3)(a)(iv)~~] (4); and
- 150 (b) one or more of the following:
  - 151 (i) the installation of an ignition interlock system as a condition of probation for the

152 person in accordance with Section 41-6a-518;

153 (ii) the imposition of an ankle attached continuous transdermal alcohol monitoring  
154 device as a condition of probation for the person; or

155 (iii) the imposition of home confinement through the use of electronic monitoring in  
156 accordance with Section 41-6a-506.

157 Section 3. Section 41-6a-512 is amended to read:

158 **41-6a-512. Factual basis for alcohol or drug-related reckless driving plea.**

159 (1) (a) The prosecution shall state for the record a factual basis for a plea, including  
160 whether or not there had been consumption of alcohol, drugs, or a combination of both, by the  
161 defendant in connection with the violation when the prosecution agrees to a plea of guilty or no  
162 contest to a charge of a violation of the following in satisfaction of, or as a substitute for, an  
163 original charge of a violation of Section 41-6a-502 for an offense committed before July 1,  
164 2008:

165 (i) reckless driving under Section 41-6a-528; or

166 (ii) an ordinance enacted under Section 41-6a-510.

167 (b) The statement under Subsection (1)(a) is an offer of proof of the facts that shows  
168 whether there was consumption of alcohol, drugs, or a combination of both, by the defendant,  
169 in connection with the violation.

170 (2) The court shall advise the defendant before accepting the plea offered under this  
171 section of the consequences of a violation of Section 41-6a-528.

172 (3) The court shall notify the Driver License Division of each conviction of Section  
173 41-6a-528 entered under this section.

174 (4) (a) The provisions in Subsections 41-6a-505(1), (2), and [~~3~~] (4) that require a  
175 sentencing court to order a convicted person to participate in a screening, an assessment, or an  
176 educational series or obtain substance abuse treatment or do a combination of those things,  
177 apply to a conviction for a violation of Section 41-6a-528 under Subsection (1).

178 (b) The court shall render the same order regarding screening, assessment, an  
179 educational series, or substance abuse treatment in connection with a first, second, or  
180 subsequent conviction under Section 41-6a-528 under Subsection (1), as the court would  
181 render in connection with applying respectively, the first, second, or subsequent conviction  
182 requirements of Subsections 41-6a-505(1), (2), and [~~3~~] (4).

183 Section 4. Section **41-6a-518** is amended to read:

184 **41-6a-518. Ignition interlock devices -- Use -- Probationer to pay cost --**

185 **Impecuniosity -- Fee.**

186 (1) As used in this section:

187 (a) "Commissioner" means the commissioner of the Department of Public Safety.

188 (b) "Ignition interlock system" or "system" means a constant monitoring device or any  
189 similar device certified by the commissioner that prevents a motor vehicle from being started  
190 or continuously operated without first determining the driver's breath alcohol concentration.

191 (c) "Probation provider" means the supervisor and monitor of the ignition interlock  
192 system required as a condition of probation who contracts with the court in accordance with  
193 Subsections [41-6a-507\(2\)](#) and (3).

194 (2) (a) In addition to any other penalties imposed under Sections [41-6a-503](#) and  
195 [41-6a-505](#), and in addition to any requirements imposed as a condition of probation, the court  
196 may require that any person who is convicted of violating Section [41-6a-502](#) and who is  
197 granted probation may not operate a motor vehicle during the period of probation unless that  
198 motor vehicle is equipped with a functioning, certified ignition interlock system installed and  
199 calibrated so that the motor vehicle will not start or continuously operate if the operator's blood  
200 alcohol concentration exceeds a level ordered by the court.

201 (b) If a person convicted of violating Section [41-6a-502](#) was under the age of 21 when  
202 the violation occurred, the court shall order the installation of the ignition interlock system as a  
203 condition of probation.

204 (c) (i) If a person is convicted of a violation of Section [41-6a-502](#) within 10 years of a  
205 prior conviction as defined in Subsection [41-6a-501\(2\)](#), the court shall order the installation of  
206 the ignition interlock system, at the person's expense, for all motor vehicles registered to that  
207 person and all motor vehicles operated by that person.

208 (ii) A person who operates a motor vehicle without an ignition interlock device as  
209 required under this Subsection (2)(c) is in violation of Section [41-6a-518.2](#).

210 ~~(c)~~ (d) The division shall post the ignition interlock restriction on the electronic  
211 record available to law enforcement.

212 ~~(d)~~ (e) This section does not apply to a person convicted of a violation of Section  
213 [41-6a-502](#) whose violation involves drugs other than alcohol.

214 (3) If the court imposes the use of an ignition interlock system as a condition of  
215 probation, the court shall:

216 (a) stipulate on the record the requirement for and the period of the use of an ignition  
217 interlock system;

218 (b) order that an ignition interlock system be installed on each motor vehicle owned or  
219 operated by the probationer, at the probationer's expense;

220 (c) immediately notify the Driver License Division and the person's probation provider  
221 of the order; and

222 (d) require the probationer to provide proof of compliance with the court's order to the  
223 probation provider within 30 days of the order.

224 (4) (a) The probationer shall provide timely proof of installation within 30 days of an  
225 order imposing the use of a system or show cause why the order was not complied with to the  
226 court or to the probationer's probation provider.

227 (b) The probation provider shall notify the court of failure to comply under Subsection  
228 (4)(a).

229 (c) For failure to comply under Subsection (4)(a) or upon receiving the notification  
230 under Subsection (4)(b), the court shall order the Driver License Division to suspend the  
231 probationer's driving privileges for the remaining period during which the compliance was  
232 imposed.

233 (d) Cause for failure to comply means any reason the court finds sufficiently justifiable  
234 to excuse the probationer's failure to comply with the court's order.

235 (5) (a) Any probationer required to install an ignition interlock system shall have the  
236 system monitored by the manufacturer or dealer of the system for proper use and accuracy at  
237 least semiannually and more frequently as the court may order.

238 (b) (i) A report of the monitoring shall be issued by the manufacturer or dealer to the  
239 court or the person's probation provider.

240 (ii) The report shall be issued within 14 days following each monitoring.

241 (6) (a) If an ignition interlock system is ordered installed, the probationer shall pay the  
242 reasonable costs of leasing or buying and installing and maintaining the system.

243 (b) A probationer may not be excluded from this section for inability to pay the costs,  
244 unless:



- 245 (i) the probationer files an affidavit of impecuniosity; and
- 246 (ii) the court enters a finding that the probationer is impecunious.
- 247 (c) In lieu of waiver of the entire amount of the cost, the court may direct the
- 248 probationer to make partial or installment payments of costs when appropriate.
- 249 (d) The ignition interlock provider shall cover the costs of waivers by the court under
- 250 this Subsection (6).

251 (7) (a) If a probationer is required in the course and scope of employment to operate a

252 motor vehicle owned by the probationer's employer, the probationer may operate that motor

253 vehicle without installation of an ignition interlock system only if:

- 254 (i) the motor vehicle is used in the course and scope of employment;
- 255 (ii) the employer has been notified that the employee is restricted; and
- 256 (iii) the employee has proof of the notification in the employee's possession while
- 257 operating the employer's motor vehicle.

258 (b) (i) To the extent that an employer-owned motor vehicle is made available to a

259 probationer subject to this section for personal use, no exemption under this section shall apply.

260 (ii) A probationer intending to operate an employer-owned motor vehicle for personal

261 use and who is restricted to the operation of a motor vehicle equipped with an ignition interlock

262 system shall notify the employer and obtain consent in writing from the employer to install a

263 system in the employer-owned motor vehicle.

264 (c) A motor vehicle owned by a business entity that is all or partly owned or controlled

265 by a probationer subject to this section is not a motor vehicle owned by the employer and does

266 not qualify for an exemption under this Subsection (7).

267 (8) (a) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act,

268 the commissioner shall make rules setting standards for the certification of ignition interlock

269 systems.

- 270 (b) The standards under Subsection (8)(a) shall require that the system:
- 271 (i) not impede the safe operation of the motor vehicle;
- 272 (ii) have features that make circumventing difficult and that do not interfere with the
- 273 normal use of the motor vehicle;
- 274 (iii) require a deep lung breath sample as a measure of breath alcohol concentration;
- 275 (iv) prevent the motor vehicle from being started if the driver's breath alcohol

276 concentration exceeds a specified level;

277 (v) work accurately and reliably in an unsupervised environment;

278 (vi) resist tampering and give evidence if tampering is attempted;

279 (vii) operate reliably over the range of motor vehicle environments; and

280 (viii) be manufactured by a party who will provide liability insurance.

281 (c) The commissioner may adopt in whole or in part, the guidelines, rules, studies, or

282 independent laboratory tests relied upon in certification of ignition interlock systems by other

283 states.

284 (d) A list of certified systems shall be published by the commissioner and the cost of

285 certification shall be borne by the manufacturers or dealers of ignition interlock systems

286 seeking to sell, offer for sale, or lease the systems.

287 (e) (i) In accordance with Section [63J-1-504](#), the commissioner may establish an

288 annual dollar assessment against the manufacturers of ignition interlock systems distributed in

289 the state for the costs incurred in certifying.

290 (ii) The assessment under Subsection (8)(e)(i) shall be apportioned among the

291 manufacturers on a fair and reasonable basis.

292 (f) The commissioner shall require a provider of an ignition interlock system certified

293 in accordance with this section to comply with the requirements of Title 53, Chapter 3, Part 10,

294 Ignition Interlock System Program Act.

295 (9) There shall be no liability on the part of, and no cause of action of any nature shall

296 arise against, the state or its employees in connection with the installation, use, operation,

297 maintenance, or supervision of an interlock ignition system as required under this section.

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