

**DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE -  
CONDITIONAL LICENSING**

1998 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

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AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY; AMENDING IMPLIED CONSENT PROVISIONS; ESTABLISHING A NO ALCOHOL CONDITIONAL LICENSE FOR PERSONS WITH PRIOR DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE CONVICTIONS; CREATING THE CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS FOR CONDITIONAL LICENSES; PROVIDING PENALTIES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

This act affects sections of Utah Code Annotated 1953 as follows:

AMENDS:

**41-6-44.10**, as last amended by Chapter 10, Laws of Utah 1997

**53-3-220**, as last amended by Chapter 51, Laws of Utah 1997

ENACTS:

**53-3-232**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

Section 1. Section **41-6-44.10** is amended to read:

**41-6-44.10. Implied consent to chemical tests for alcohol or drug -- Number of tests -- Refusal -- Warning, report -- Hearing, revocation of license -- Appeal -- Person incapable of refusal -- Results of test available -- Who may give test -- Evidence.**

(1) (a) A person operating a motor vehicle in this state is considered to have given his consent to a chemical test or tests of his breath, blood, or urine for the purpose of determining whether he was operating or in actual physical control of a motor vehicle while having a blood or breath alcohol content statutorily prohibited under Section 41-6-44 [or], 53-3-231, or 53-3-232, while under the influence of alcohol, any drug, or combination of alcohol and any drug under Section 41-6-44, or while having any measurable controlled substance or metabolite of a controlled

1 substance in the person's body in violation of Section 41-6-44.6, if the test is or tests are  
2 administered at the direction of a peace officer having grounds to believe that person to have been  
3 operating or in actual physical control of a motor vehicle while having a blood or breath alcohol  
4 content statutorily prohibited under Section 41-6-44 [or], 53-3-231, or 53-3-232, or while under  
5 the influence of alcohol, any drug, or combination of alcohol and any drug under Section 41-6-44,  
6 or while having any measurable controlled substance or metabolite of a controlled substance in the  
7 person's body in violation of Section 41-6-44.6.

8 (b) (i) The peace officer determines which of the tests are administered and how many of  
9 them are administered.

10 (ii) If an officer requests more than one test, refusal by a person to take one or more  
11 requested tests, even though he does submit to any other requested test or tests, is a refusal under  
12 this section.

13 (c) (i) A person who has been requested under this section to submit to a chemical test or  
14 tests of his breath, blood, or urine, may not select the test or tests to be administered.

15 (ii) The failure or inability of a peace officer to arrange for any specific chemical test is  
16 not a defense to taking a test requested by a peace officer, and it is not a defense in any criminal,  
17 civil, or administrative proceeding resulting from a person's refusal to submit to the requested test  
18 or tests.

19 (2) (a) If the person has been placed under arrest, has then been requested by a peace  
20 officer to submit to any one or more of the chemical tests under Subsection (1), and refuses to  
21 submit to any chemical test requested, the person shall be warned by the peace officer requesting  
22 the test or tests that a refusal to submit to the test or tests can result in revocation of the person's  
23 license to operate a motor vehicle.

24 (b) Following the warning under Subsection (a), if the person does not immediately  
25 request that the chemical test or tests as offered by a peace officer be administered a peace officer  
26 shall serve on the person, on behalf of the Driver License Division, immediate notice of the Driver  
27 License Division's intention to revoke the person's privilege or license to operate a motor vehicle.  
28 When the officer serves the immediate notice on behalf of the Driver License Division, he shall:

29 (i) take the Utah license certificate or permit, if any, of the operator;

30 (ii) issue a temporary license effective for only 29 days; and

31 (iii) supply to the operator, on a form approved by the Driver License Division, basic

1 information regarding how to obtain a hearing before the Driver License Division.

2 (c) A citation issued by a peace officer may, if approved as to form by the Driver License  
3 Division, serve also as the temporary license.

4 (d) The peace officer shall submit a signed report, within five days after the date of the  
5 arrest, that he had grounds to believe the arrested person had been operating or was in actual  
6 physical control of a motor vehicle while having a blood or breath alcohol content statutorily  
7 prohibited under Section 41-6-44 [or], 53-3-231, or 53-3-232, or while under the influence of  
8 alcohol, any drug, or combination of alcohol and any drug under Section 41-6-44, or while having  
9 any measurable controlled substance or metabolite of a controlled substance in the person's body  
10 in violation of Section 41-6-44.6, and that the person had refused to submit to a chemical test or  
11 tests under Subsection (1).

12 (e) (i) A person who has been notified of the Driver License Division's intention to revoke  
13 his license under this section is entitled to a hearing.

14 (ii) A request for the hearing shall be made in writing within ten days after the date of the  
15 arrest.

16 (iii) Upon written request, the division shall grant to the person an opportunity to be heard  
17 within 29 days after the date of arrest.

18 (iv) If the person does not make a timely written request for a hearing before the division,  
19 his privilege to operate a motor vehicle in the state is revoked beginning on the 30th day after the  
20 date of arrest for a period of:

21 (A) one year unless Subsection (B) applies; or

22 (B) 18 months if the person has had a previous license sanction after July 1, 1993, under  
23 this section, Section 41-6-44.6, 53-3-223, [or] 53-3-231, 53-3-232, or a conviction after July 1,  
24 1993, under Section 41-6-44.

25 (f) If a hearing is requested by the person and conducted by the Driver License Division,  
26 the hearing shall be documented and shall cover the issues of:

27 (i) whether a peace officer had reasonable grounds to believe that a person was operating  
28 a motor vehicle in violation of Section 41-6-44, 41-6-44.6, or 53-3-231; and

29 (ii) whether the person refused to submit to the test.

30 (g) (i) In connection with the hearing, the division or its authorized agent:

31 (A) may administer oaths and may issue subpoenas for the attendance of witnesses and

1 the production of relevant books and papers; and

2 (B) shall issue subpoenas for the attendance of necessary peace officers.

3 (ii) The division shall pay witness fees and mileage from the Transportation Fund in  
4 accordance with the rates established in Section 21-5-4.

5 (h) If after a hearing, the Driver License Division determines that the person was requested  
6 to submit to a chemical test or tests and refused to submit to the test or tests, or if the person fails  
7 to appear before the Driver License Division as required in the notice, the Driver License Division  
8 shall revoke his license or permit to operate a motor vehicle in Utah beginning on the date the  
9 hearing is held for a period of:

10 (i) (A) one year unless Subsection (B) applies; or

11 (B) 18 months if the person has had a previous license sanction after July 1, 1993, under  
12 this section, Section [~~53-3-223,~~] 41-6-44.6, [~~or~~] 53-3-223, 53-3-231, 53-3-232, or a conviction  
13 after July 1, 1993, under Section 41-6-44.

14 (ii) The Driver License Division shall also assess against the person, in addition to any fee  
15 imposed under Subsection 53-3-205(14), a fee under Section 53-3-105, which shall be paid before  
16 the person's driving privilege is reinstated, to cover administrative costs.

17 (iii) The fee shall be cancelled if the person obtains an unappealed court decision  
18 following a proceeding allowed under this subsection that the revocation was improper.

19 (i) (i) Any person whose license has been revoked by the Driver License Division under  
20 this section may seek judicial review.

21 (ii) Judicial review of an informal adjudicative proceeding is a trial. Venue is in the  
22 district court in the county in which the person resides.

23 (3) Any person who is dead, unconscious, or in any other condition rendering him  
24 incapable of refusal to submit to any chemical test or tests is considered to not have withdrawn the  
25 consent provided for in Subsection (1), and the test or tests may be administered whether the  
26 person has been arrested or not.

27 (4) Upon the request of the person who was tested, the results of the test or tests shall be  
28 made available to him.

29 (5) (a) Only a physician, registered nurse, practical nurse, or person authorized under  
30 Section 26-1-30, acting at the request of a peace officer, may withdraw blood to determine the  
31 alcoholic or drug content. This limitation does not apply to taking a urine or breath specimen.

1 (b) Any physician, registered nurse, practical nurse, or person authorized under Section  
2 26-1-30 who, at the direction of a peace officer, draws a sample of blood from any person whom  
3 a peace officer has reason to believe is driving in violation of this chapter, or hospital or medical  
4 facility at which the sample is drawn, is immune from any civil or criminal liability arising from  
5 drawing the sample, if the test is administered according to standard medical practice.

6 (6) (a) The person to be tested may, at his own expense, have a physician of his own  
7 choice administer a chemical test in addition to the test or tests administered at the direction of a  
8 peace officer.

9 (b) The failure or inability to obtain the additional test does not affect admissibility of the  
10 results of the test or tests taken at the direction of a peace officer, or preclude or delay the test or  
11 tests to be taken at the direction of a peace officer.

12 (c) The additional test shall be subsequent to the test or tests administered at the direction  
13 of a peace officer.

14 (7) For the purpose of determining whether to submit to a chemical test or tests, the person  
15 to be tested does not have the right to consult an attorney or have an attorney, physician, or other  
16 person present as a condition for the taking of any test.

17 (8) If a person under arrest refuses to submit to a chemical test or tests or any additional  
18 test under this section, evidence of any refusal is admissible in any civil or criminal action or  
19 proceeding arising out of acts alleged to have been committed while the person was operating or  
20 in actual physical control of a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, any drug,  
21 combination of alcohol and any drug, or while having any measurable controlled substance or  
22 metabolite of a controlled substance in the person's body.

23 Section 2. Section **53-3-220** is amended to read:

24 **53-3-220. Offenses requiring mandatory revocation, denial, suspension, or**  
25 **disqualification of license -- Offense requiring an extension of period -- Hearing -- Limited**  
26 **driving privileges.**

27 (1) (a) The division shall immediately revoke or, when this chapter or Title 41, Chapter  
28 6, Traffic Rules and Regulations, specifically provides for denial, suspension, or disqualification,  
29 the division shall deny, suspend, or disqualify the license of a person upon receiving a record of  
30 his conviction for any of the following offenses:

31 (i) manslaughter or negligent homicide resulting from driving a motor vehicle, or

1 automobile homicide under Section 76-5-207;

2 (ii) driving or being in actual physical control of a motor vehicle while under the influence  
3 of alcohol, any drug, or combination of them to a degree that renders the person incapable of safely  
4 driving a motor vehicle as prohibited in Section 41-6-44 or as prohibited in an ordinance that  
5 complies with the requirements of Subsection 41-6-43(1);

6 (iii) driving or being in actual physical control of a motor vehicle while having a blood or  
7 breath alcohol content prohibited in Section 41-6-44 or as prohibited in an ordinance that complies  
8 with the requirements of Subsection 41-6-43(1);

9 (iv) perjury or the making of a false affidavit to the division under this chapter, Title 41,  
10 Motor Vehicles, or any other law of this state requiring the registration of motor vehicles or  
11 regulating driving on highways;

12 (v) any offense punishable as a felony under the motor vehicle laws of this state;

13 (vi) any other felony in which a motor vehicle is used;

14 (vii) failure to stop and render aid as required under the laws of this state if a motor vehicle  
15 accident results in the death or personal injury of another;

16 (viii) two charges of reckless driving committed within a period of 12 months; but if upon  
17 a first conviction of reckless driving the judge or justice recommends suspension of the convicted  
18 person's license, the division may after a hearing suspend the license for a period of three months;

19 (ix) failure to bring a motor vehicle to a stop at the command of a peace officer as required  
20 in Section 41-6-13.5;

21 (x) any offense specified in Part 4 of this chapter that requires disqualification;

22 (xi) discharging or allowing the discharge of a firearm from a vehicle in violation of  
23 Subsection 76-10-508(2);

24 (xii) using, allowing the use of, or causing to be used any explosive, chemical, or  
25 incendiary device from a vehicle in violation of Subsection 76-10-306(4)(b); [and]

26 (xiii) operating or being in actual physical control of a motor vehicle while having any  
27 measurable controlled substance or metabolite of a controlled substance in the person's body in  
28 violation of Section 41-6-44.6[-]; and

29 (xiv) operating or being in actual physical control of a motor vehicle while having any  
30 alcohol in the person's body in violation of Section 53-3-232.

31 (b) The division shall immediately revoke the license of a person upon receiving a record

1 of an adjudication under Title 78, Chapter 3a, Juvenile Courts, for any of the following offenses:

2 (i) discharging or allowing the discharge of a firearm from a vehicle in violation of  
3 Subsection 76-10-508(2); and

4 (ii) using, allowing the use of, or causing to be used any explosive, chemical, or incendiary  
5 device from a vehicle in violation of Subsection 76-10-306(4)(b).

6 (c) Except when action is taken under Section 53-3-219 for the same offense, the division  
7 shall immediately suspend for six months the license of a person upon receiving a record of  
8 conviction for any of the following offenses:

9 (i) any violation of:

10 (A) Title 58, Chapter 37, Utah Controlled Substances Act;

11 (B) Title 58, Chapter 37a, Utah Drug Paraphernalia Act;

12 (C) Title 58, Chapter 37b, Imitation Controlled Substances Act;

13 (D) Title 58, Chapter 37c, Utah Controlled Substance Precursor Act; or

14 (E) Title 58, Chapter 37d, Clandestine Drug Lab Act; or

15 (ii) any criminal offense that prohibits:

16 (A) possession, distribution, manufacture, cultivation, sale, or transfer of any substance  
17 that is prohibited under the acts described in Subsection (c)(i); or

18 (B) the attempt or conspiracy to possess, distribute, manufacture, cultivate, sell, or transfer  
19 any substance that is prohibited under the acts described in Subsection (c)(i).

20 (2) The division shall extend the period of the first denial, suspension, revocation, or  
21 disqualification for an additional like period, to a maximum of one year, upon receiving:

22 (a) a record of the conviction of any person on a charge of driving a motor vehicle while  
23 the person's license is denied, suspended, revoked, or disqualified;

24 (b) a record of a conviction of the person for any violation of the motor vehicle law in  
25 which the person was involved as a driver;

26 (c) a report of an arrest of the person for any violation of the motor vehicle law in which  
27 the person was involved as a driver; or

28 (d) a report of an accident in which the person was involved as a driver.

29 (3) When the division receives a report under Subsection (2)(c) or (d) that a person is  
30 driving while the person's license is denied, suspended, disqualified, or revoked, the person is  
31 entitled to a hearing regarding the extension of the time of denial, suspension, disqualification, or

1 revocation originally imposed under Section 53-3-221.

2 (4) (a) The division may extend to a person the limited privilege of driving a motor vehicle  
3 to and from the person's place of employment or within other specified limits on recommendation  
4 of the trial judge in any case where a person is convicted of any of the offenses referred to in  
5 Subsections (1) and (2) except:

6 (i) automobile homicide under Subsection (1)(a)(i);

7 (ii) those offenses referred to in Subsections (1) (a)(ii), (a)(iii), (a)(xi), (a)(xii), (a)(xiii),  
8 (1)(b), and (1)(c); and

9 (iii) those offenses referred to in Subsection (2) when the original denial, suspension,  
10 revocation, or disqualification was imposed because of a violation of Section 41-6-44, Section  
11 41-6-44.6, a local ordinance which complies with the requirements of Subsection 41-6-43(1),  
12 Section 41-6-44.10, or Section 76-5-207, or a criminal prohibition that the person was charged  
13 with violating as a result of a plea bargain after having been originally charged with violating one  
14 or more of these sections or ordinances.

15 (b) This discretionary privilege is limited to when undue hardship would result from a  
16 failure to grant the privilege and may be granted only once to any individual during any single  
17 period of denial, suspension, revocation, or disqualification, or extension of that denial,  
18 suspension, revocation, or disqualification.

19 (c) A limited CDL may not be granted to an individual disqualified under Part 4 of this  
20 chapter or whose license has been revoked, suspended, cancelled, or denied under this chapter.

21 Section 3. Section **53-3-232** is enacted to read:

22 **53-3-232. Conditional license -- May not operate vehicle with alcohol in body penalty.**

23 (1) As used in this section, "qualifying conviction" means:

24 (a) a conviction of a violation of Section 41-6-44, Section 41-6-44.6, a local ordinance  
25 which complies with the requirements of Subsection 41-6-43(1), Section 76-5-207, or of  
26 alcohol-related reckless driving as described under Subsection 41-6-44(9);

27 (b) a refusal and suspension under Section 41-6-44.10; or

28 (c) a violation of Subsection (3).

29 (2) The division may only issue, reinstate, or renew a driver license in the form of a no  
30 alcohol conditional license to a person who has a qualifying conviction for a period of:

31 (a) one year after reinstatement of the driver license following a first qualifying conviction;



1 and

2 (b) six years after reinstatement of the driver license following a second or subsequent  
3 qualifying conviction.

4 (3) A no alcohol conditional license shall be issued on the condition that the person may  
5 not operate or be in actual physical control of a vehicle in this state with any alcohol in the person's  
6 body.

7 (4) It is a class B misdemeanor for a person who has been issued a no alcohol conditional  
8 license to operate or be in actual physical control of a vehicle in this state in violation of  
9 Subsection (3).

10 Section 4. **Effective date.**

11 This act takes effect on July 1, 1998.

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**Legislative Review Note**  
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A limited legal review of this bill raises no obvious constitutional or statutory concerns.

**Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel**

**Committee Note**

The Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Interim Committee recommended this bill.