CRIMINAL PENALTY AMENDMENTS
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LONG TITLE
General Description:
This bill modifies provisions relating to certain criminal penalty provisions.
Highlighted Provisions:
This bill:
 provides that the definition of a conviction, for purposes of certain driving under
the influence provisions, only includes convictions arising from a separate episode
of driving;
• clarifies that a person is guilty of a separate offense for each victim suffering bodily
injury, serious bodily injury, or death as a result of the person's violation of the
driving under the influence or automobile homicide provisions whether or not the
injuries arise from the same episode of driving;
 clarifies that a person is guilty of a separate offense for each victim suffering
serious bodily injury or death as a result of the person's violation of the prohibition
on driving a vehicle in a negligent manner and having a measurable amount of a
controlled substance in the person's body whether or not the injuries arise from the
same episode of driving; and
makes technical changes.
Monies Appropriated in this Bill:
None
Other Special Clauses:
None
Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMI	ENDS:
	41-6a-501, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2008, Chapter 226
	41-6a-503, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2007, Chapter 261
	58-37-8, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2008, Chapter 295
	76-5-207, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2008, Chapter 226
Be it	t enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:
	Section 1. Section 41-6a-501 is amended to read:
	41-6a-501. Definitions.
	(1) As used in this part:
	(a) "Assessment" means an in-depth clinical interview with a licensed mental health
thera	apist:
	(i) used to determine if a person is in need of:
	(A) substance abuse treatment that is obtained at a substance abuse program;
	(B) an educational series; or
	(C) a combination of Subsections (1)(a)(i)(A) and (B); and
	(ii) that is approved by the Board of Substance Abuse and Mental Health in
acco	rdance with Section 62A-15-105.
	(b) "Drug" or "drugs" means:
	(i) a controlled substance as defined in Section 58-37-2;
	(ii) a drug as defined in Section 58-17b-102; or
	(iii) any substance that, when knowingly, intentionally, or recklessly taken into the
hum	an body, can impair the ability of a person to safely operate a motor vehicle.
	(c) "Educational series" means an educational series obtained at a substance abuse
prog	ram that is approved by the Board of Substance Abuse and Mental Health in accordance
with	Section 62A-15-105.
	(d) "Negligence" means simple negligence, the failure to exercise that degree of care

that an ordinarily reasonable and prudent person exercises under like or similar circumstances.

58	(e) "Screening" means a preliminary appraisal of a person:
59	(i) used to determine if the person is in need of:
60	(A) an assessment; or
61	(B) an educational series; and
62	(ii) that is approved by the Board of Substance Abuse and Mental Health in
63	accordance with Section 62A-15-105.
64	(f) "Serious bodily injury" means bodily injury that creates or causes:
65	(i) serious permanent disfigurement;
66	(ii) protracted loss or impairment of the function of any bodily member or organ; or
67	(iii) a substantial risk of death.
68	(g) "Substance abuse treatment" means treatment obtained at a substance abuse
69	program that is approved by the Board of Substance Abuse and Mental Health in accordance
70	with Section 62A-15-105.
71	(h) "Substance abuse treatment program" means a state licensed substance abuse
72	program.
73	(i) (i) "Vehicle" or "motor vehicle" means a vehicle or motor vehicle as defined in
74	Section 41-6a-102; and
75	(ii) "Vehicle" or "motor vehicle" includes:
76	(A) an off-highway vehicle as defined under Section 41-22-2; and
77	(B) a motorboat as defined in Section 73-18-2.
78	(2) As used in Section 41-6a-503:
79	(a) "Conviction" means any conviction <u>arising from a separate episode of driving</u> for a
80	violation of:
81	(i) driving under the influence under Section 41-6a-502;
82	(ii) (A) for an offense committed before July 1, 2008, alcohol, any drug, or a
83	combination of both-related reckless driving under:
84	(I) Section 41-6a-512; and
85	(II) Section 41-6a-528; or

86	(B) for an offense committed on or after July 1, 2008, impaired driving under Section
87	41-6a-502.5;
88	(iii) driving with any measurable controlled substance that is taken illegally in the
89	body under Section 41-6a-517;
90	(iv) local ordinances similar to Section 41-6a-502, alcohol, any drug, or a combination
91	of both-related reckless driving, or impaired driving under Section 41-6a-502.5 adopted in
92	compliance with Section 41-6a-510;
93	(v) automobile homicide under Section 76-5-207;
94	(vi) Subsection 58-37-8(2)(g);
95	(vii) a violation described in Subsections (2)(a)(i) through (vi), which judgment of
96	conviction is reduced under Section 76-3-402; or
97	(viii) statutes or ordinances previously in effect in this state or in effect in any other
98	state, the United States, or any district, possession, or territory of the United States which
99	would constitute a violation of Section 41-6a-502 or alcohol, any drug, or a combination of
100	both-related reckless driving if committed in this state, including punishments administered
101	under 10 U.S.C. Sec. 815.
102	(b) A plea of guilty or no contest to a violation described in Subsections (2)(a)(i)
103	through (viii) which plea was held in abeyance under Title 77, Chapter 2a, Pleas in Abeyance,
104	prior to July 1, 2008, is the equivalent of a conviction, even if the charge has been
105	subsequently reduced or dismissed in accordance with the plea in abeyance agreement, for
106	purposes of:
107	(i) enhancement of penalties under:
108	(A) this Chapter 6a, Part 5, Driving Under the Influence and Reckless Driving; and
109	(B) automobile homicide under Section 76-5-207; and
110	(ii) expungement under Section 77-18-12.
111	Section 2. Section 41-6a-503 is amended to read:
112	41-6a-503. Penalties for driving under the influence violations.
113	(1) A person [convicted] who violates for the first or second time [of a violation of]

114	Section 41-6a-502 is guilty of a:
115	(a) class B misdemeanor; or
116	(b) class A misdemeanor if the person:
117	(i) has also inflicted bodily injury upon another as a proximate result of having
118	operated the vehicle in a negligent manner;
119	(ii) had a passenger under 16 years of age in the vehicle at the time of the offense; or
120	(iii) was 21 years of age or older and had a passenger under 18 years of age in the
121	vehicle at the time of the offense.
122	(2) A person [convicted of a violation of] who violates Section 41-6a-502 is guilty of a
123	third degree felony if:
124	(a) the person has also inflicted serious bodily injury upon another as a proximate
125	result of having operated the vehicle in a negligent manner;
126	(b) the person has two or more prior convictions as defined in Subsection
127	41-6a-501(2), each of which is within ten years of:
128	(i) the current conviction under Section 41-6a-502; or
129	(ii) the commission of the offense upon which the current conviction is based; or
130	(c) the conviction under Section 41-6a-502 is at any time after a conviction of:
131	(i) automobile homicide under Section 76-5-207 that is committed after July 1, 2001;
132	(ii) a felony violation of Section 41-6a-502 or a statute previously in effect in this state
133	that would constitute a violation of Section 41-6a-502 that is committed after July 1, 2001; or
134	(iii) any conviction described in Subsection (2)(c)(i) or (ii) which judgment of
135	conviction is reduced under Section 76-3-402.
136	(3) A person is guilty of a separate offense for each victim suffering bodily injury or
137	serious bodily injury as a result of the person's violation of Section 41-6a-502 or death as a
138	result of the person's violation of Section 76-5-207 whether or not the injuries arise from the
139	same episode of driving.
140	Section 3. Section 58-37-8 is amended to read:

58-37-8. Prohibited acts -- Penalties.

142	(1) Prohibited acts A Penalties:
143	(a) Except as authorized by this chapter, it is unlawful for any person to knowingly
144	and intentionally:
145	(i) produce, manufacture, or dispense, or to possess with intent to produce,
146	manufacture, or dispense, a controlled or counterfeit substance;
147	(ii) distribute a controlled or counterfeit substance, or to agree, consent, offer, or
148	arrange to distribute a controlled or counterfeit substance;
149	(iii) possess a controlled or counterfeit substance with intent to distribute; or
150	(iv) engage in a continuing criminal enterprise where:
151	(A) the person participates, directs, or engages in conduct which results in any
152	violation of any provision of Title 58, Chapters 37, 37a, 37b, 37c, or 37d that is a felony; and
153	(B) the violation is a part of a continuing series of two or more violations of Title 58,
154	Chapters 37, 37a, 37b, 37c, or 37d on separate occasions that are undertaken in concert with
155	five or more persons with respect to whom the person occupies a position of organizer,
156	supervisor, or any other position of management.
157	(b) Any person convicted of violating Subsection (1)(a) with respect to:
158	(i) a substance classified in Schedule I or II, a controlled substance analog, or
159	gammahydroxybutyric acid as listed in Schedule III is guilty of a second degree felony and
160	upon a second or subsequent conviction is guilty of a first degree felony;
161	(ii) a substance classified in Schedule III or IV, or marijuana, is guilty of a third degree
162	felony, and upon a second or subsequent conviction is guilty of a second degree felony; or
163	(iii) a substance classified in Schedule V is guilty of a class A misdemeanor and upon
164	a second or subsequent conviction is guilty of a third degree felony.
165	(c) Any person who has been convicted of a violation of Subsection (1)(a)(ii) or (iii)
166	may be sentenced to imprisonment for an indeterminate term as provided by law, but if the
167	trier of fact finds a firearm as defined in Section 76-10-501 was used, carried, or possessed on
168	his person or in his immediate possession during the commission or in furtherance of the
169	offense, the court shall additionally sentence the person convicted for a term of one year to run

consecutively and not concurrently; and the court may additionally sentence the person convicted for an indeterminate term not to exceed five years to run consecutively and not concurrently.

- (d) Any person convicted of violating Subsection (1)(a)(iv) is guilty of a first degree felony punishable by imprisonment for an indeterminate term of not less than seven years and which may be for life. Imposition or execution of the sentence may not be suspended, and the person is not eligible for probation.
 - (2) Prohibited acts B -- Penalties:
- 178 (a) It is unlawful:

- (i) for any person knowingly and intentionally to possess or use a controlled substance analog or a controlled substance, unless it was obtained under a valid prescription or order, directly from a practitioner while acting in the course of his professional practice, or as otherwise authorized by this chapter;
- (ii) for any owner, tenant, licensee, or person in control of any building, room, tenement, vehicle, boat, aircraft, or other place knowingly and intentionally to permit them to be occupied by persons unlawfully possessing, using, or distributing controlled substances in any of those locations; or
- (iii) for any person knowingly and intentionally to possess an altered or forged prescription or written order for a controlled substance.
 - (b) Any person convicted of violating Subsection (2)(a)(i) with respect to:
 - (i) marijuana, if the amount is 100 pounds or more, is guilty of a second degree felony;
- (ii) a substance classified in Schedule I or II, marijuana, if the amount is more than 16 ounces, but less than 100 pounds, or a controlled substance analog, is guilty of a third degree felony; or
- (iii) marijuana, if the marijuana is not in the form of an extracted resin from any part of the plant, and the amount is more than one ounce but less than 16 ounces, is guilty of a class A misdemeanor.
 - (c) Upon a person's conviction of a violation of this Subsection (2) subsequent to a

conviction under Subsection (1)(a), that person shall be sentenced to a one degree greater penalty than provided in this Subsection (2).

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- (d) Any person who violates Subsection (2)(a)(i) with respect to all other controlled substances not included in Subsection (2)(b)(i), (ii), or (iii), including less than one ounce of marijuana, is guilty of a class B misdemeanor. Upon a second conviction the person is guilty of a class A misdemeanor, and upon a third or subsequent conviction the person is guilty of a third degree felony.
- (e) Any person convicted of violating Subsection (2)(a)(i) while inside the exterior boundaries of property occupied by any correctional facility as defined in Section 64-13-1 or any public jail or other place of confinement shall be sentenced to a penalty one degree greater than provided in Subsection (2)(b), and if the conviction is with respect to controlled substances as listed in:
- (i) Subsection (2)(b), the person may be sentenced to imprisonment for an indeterminate term as provided by law, and:
- (A) the court shall additionally sentence the person convicted to a term of one year to run consecutively and not concurrently; and
- (B) the court may additionally sentence the person convicted for an indeterminate term not to exceed five years to run consecutively and not concurrently; and
- (ii) Subsection (2)(d), the person may be sentenced to imprisonment for an indeterminate term as provided by law, and the court shall additionally sentence the person convicted to a term of six months to run consecutively and not concurrently.
 - (f) Any person convicted of violating Subsection (2)(a)(ii) or (2)(a)(iii) is:
- (i) on a first conviction, guilty of a class B misdemeanor;
 - (ii) on a second conviction, guilty of a class A misdemeanor; and
- 222 (iii) on a third or subsequent conviction, guilty of a third degree felony.
- 223 (g) A person is subject to the penalties under Subsection (2)(h) who, in an offense not 224 amounting to a violation of Section 76-5-207:
- (i) violates Subsection (2)(a)(i) by knowingly and intentionally having in his body any

226	measurable amount of a controlled substance; and
227	(ii) operates a motor vehicle as defined in Section 76-5-207 in a negligent manner,
228	causing serious bodily injury as defined in Section 76-1-601 or the death of another.
229	(h) A person who violates Subsection (2)(g) by having in his body:
230	(i) a controlled substance classified under Schedule I, other than those described in
231	Subsection (2)(h)(ii), or a controlled substance classified under Schedule II is guilty of a
232	second degree felony;
233	(ii) marijuana, tetrahydrocannabinols, or equivalents described in Subsection
234	58-37-4(2)(a)(iii)(S) or (AA) is guilty of a third degree felony; or
235	(iii) any controlled substance classified under Schedules III, IV, or V is guilty of a
236	class A misdemeanor.
237	(i) A person is guilty of a separate offense for each victim suffering serious bodily
238	injury or death as a result of the person's negligent driving in violation of Subsection
239	58-37-8(2)(g) whether or not the injuries arise from the same episode of driving.
240	(3) Prohibited acts C Penalties:
241	(a) It is unlawful for any person knowingly and intentionally:
242	(i) to use in the course of the manufacture or distribution of a controlled substance a
243	license number which is fictitious, revoked, suspended, or issued to another person or, for the
244	purpose of obtaining a controlled substance, to assume the title of, or represent himself to be, a
245	manufacturer, wholesaler, apothecary, physician, dentist, veterinarian, or other authorized
246	person;
247	(ii) to acquire or obtain possession of, to procure or attempt to procure the
248	administration of, to obtain a prescription for, to prescribe or dispense to any person known to
249	be attempting to acquire or obtain possession of, or to procure the administration of any
250	controlled substance by misrepresentation or failure by the person to disclose his receiving any
251	controlled substance from another source, fraud, forgery, deception, subterfuge, alteration of a
252	prescription or written order for a controlled substance, or the use of a false name or address;
253	(iii) to make any false or forged prescription or written order for a controlled

substance, or to utter the same, or to alter any prescription or written order issued or written under the terms of this chapter; or

- (iv) to make, distribute, or possess any punch, die, plate, stone, or other thing designed to print, imprint, or reproduce the trademark, trade name, or other identifying mark, imprint, or device of another or any likeness of any of the foregoing upon any drug or container or labeling so as to render any drug a counterfeit controlled substance.
- (b) Any person convicted of violating Subsection (3)(a) is guilty of a third degree felony.
 - (4) Prohibited acts D -- Penalties:

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- (a) Notwithstanding other provisions of this section, a person not authorized under this chapter who commits any act declared to be unlawful under this section, Title 58, Chapter 37a, Utah Drug Paraphernalia Act, or under Title 58, Chapter 37b, Imitation Controlled Substances Act, is upon conviction subject to the penalties and classifications under this Subsection (4) if the trier of fact finds the act is committed:
- (i) in a public or private elementary or secondary school or on the grounds of any of those schools;
- (ii) in a public or private vocational school or postsecondary institution or on the grounds of any of those schools or institutions;
- (iii) in those portions of any building, park, stadium, or other structure or grounds which are, at the time of the act, being used for an activity sponsored by or through a school or institution under Subsections (4)(a)(i) and (ii);
 - (iv) in or on the grounds of a preschool or child-care facility;
- (v) in a public park, amusement park, arcade, or recreation center;
 - (vi) in or on the grounds of a house of worship as defined in Section 76-10-501;
- (vii) in a shopping mall, sports facility, stadium, arena, theater, movie house,
- 279 playhouse, or parking lot or structure adjacent thereto;

(viii) in or on the grounds of a library;

281 (ix) within any area that is within 1,000 feet of any structure, facility, or grounds

included in Subsections (4)(a)(i), (ii), (iv), (vi), and (vii);

(x) in the presence of a person younger than 18 years of age, regardless of where the act occurs; or

- (xi) for the purpose of facilitating, arranging, or causing the transport, delivery, or distribution of a substance in violation of this section to an inmate or on the grounds of any correctional facility as defined in Section 76-8-311.3.
- (b) (i) A person convicted under this Subsection (4) is guilty of a first degree felony and shall be imprisoned for a term of not less than five years if the penalty that would otherwise have been established but for this Subsection (4) would have been a first degree felony.
- (ii) Imposition or execution of the sentence may not be suspended, and the person is not eligible for probation.
- (c) If the classification that would otherwise have been established would have been less than a first degree felony but for this Subsection (4), a person convicted under this Subsection (4) is guilty of one degree more than the maximum penalty prescribed for that offense. This Subsection (4)(c) does not apply to a violation of Subsection (2)(g).
 - (d) (i) If the violation is of Subsection (4)(a)(xi):
- (A) the person may be sentenced to imprisonment for an indeterminate term as provided by law, and the court shall additionally sentence the person convicted for a term of one year to run consecutively and not concurrently; and
- (B) the court may additionally sentence the person convicted for an indeterminate term not to exceed five years to run consecutively and not concurrently; and
- (ii) the penalties under this Subsection (4)(d) apply also to any person who, acting with the mental state required for the commission of an offense, directly or indirectly solicits, requests, commands, coerces, encourages, or intentionally aids another person to commit a violation of Subsection (4)(a)(xi).
- (e) It is not a defense to a prosecution under this Subsection (4) that the actor mistakenly believed the individual to be 18 years of age or older at the time of the offense or

was unaware of the individual's true age; nor that the actor mistakenly believed that the location where the act occurred was not as described in Subsection (4)(a) or was unaware that the location where the act occurred was as described in Subsection (4)(a).

(5) Any violation of this chapter for which no penalty is specified is a class B misdemeanor.

- (6) For purposes of penalty enhancement under Subsections (1)(b) and (2)(c), a plea of guilty or no contest to a violation of this section which is held in abeyance under Title 77, Chapter 2a, Pleas in Abeyance, is the equivalent of a conviction, even if the charge has been subsequently reduced or dismissed in accordance with the plea in abeyance agreement.
- (7) A person may be charged and sentenced for a violation of this section, notwithstanding a charge and sentence for a violation of any other section of this chapter.
- (8) (a) Any penalty imposed for violation of this section is in addition to, and not in lieu of, any civil or administrative penalty or sanction authorized by law.
- (b) Where violation of this chapter violates a federal law or the law of another state, conviction or acquittal under federal law or the law of another state for the same act is a bar to prosecution in this state.
- (9) In any prosecution for a violation of this chapter, evidence or proof which shows a person or persons produced, manufactured, possessed, distributed, or dispensed a controlled substance or substances, is prima facie evidence that the person or persons did so with knowledge of the character of the substance or substances.
- (10) This section does not prohibit a veterinarian, in good faith and in the course of his professional practice only and not for humans, from prescribing, dispensing, or administering controlled substances or from causing the substances to be administered by an assistant or orderly under his direction and supervision.
 - (11) Civil or criminal liability may not be imposed under this section on:
- (a) any person registered under this chapter who manufactures, distributes, or possesses an imitation controlled substance for use as a placebo or investigational new drug by a registered practitioner in the ordinary course of professional practice or research; or

338	(b) any law enforcement officer acting in the course and legitimate scope of his
339	employment.
340	(12) (a) Civil or criminal liability may not be imposed under this section on any
341	Indian, as defined in Subsection 58-37-2(1)(v), who uses, possesses, or transports peyote for
342	bona fide traditional ceremonial purposes in connection with the practice of a traditional
343	Indian religion as defined in Subsection 58-37-2(1)(w).
344	(b) In a prosecution alleging violation of this section regarding peyote as defined in
345	Subsection 58-37-4(2)(a)(iii)(V), it is an affirmative defense that the peyote was used,
346	possessed, or transported by an Indian for bona fide traditional ceremonial purposes in
347	connection with the practice of a traditional Indian religion.
348	(c) (i) The defendant shall provide written notice of intent to claim an affirmative
349	defense under this Subsection (12) as soon as practicable, but not later than ten days prior to
350	trial.
351	(ii) The notice shall include the specific claims of the affirmative defense.
352	(iii) The court may waive the notice requirement in the interest of justice for good
353	cause shown, if the prosecutor is not unfairly prejudiced by the lack of timely notice.
354	(d) The defendant shall establish the affirmative defense under this Subsection (12) by
355	a preponderance of the evidence. If the defense is established, it is a complete defense to the
356	charges.
357	(13) If any provision of this chapter, or the application of any provision to any person
358	or circumstances, is held invalid, the remainder of this chapter shall be given effect without
359	the invalid provision or application.
360	Section 4. Section 76-5-207 is amended to read:
361	76-5-207. Automobile homicide.
362	(1) As used in this section:
363	(a) "Drug" or "drugs" means:
364	(i) a controlled substance as defined in Section 58-37-2;
365	(ii) a drug as defined in Section 58-17b-102; or

366 (iii) any substance that, when knowingly, intentionally, or recklessly taken into the 367 human body, can impair the ability of a person to safely operate a motor vehicle. (b) "Motor vehicle" means any self-propelled vehicle and includes any automobile, 368 369 truck, van, motorcycle, train, engine, watercraft, or aircraft. 370 (2) (a) Criminal homicide is automobile homicide, a third degree felony, if the person 371 operates a motor vehicle in a negligent manner causing the death of another and: 372 (i) has sufficient alcohol in his body that a subsequent chemical test shows that the 373 person has a blood or breath alcohol concentration of .08 grams or greater at the time of the 374 test; 375 (ii) is under the influence of alcohol, any drug, or the combined influence of alcohol 376 and any drug to a degree that renders the person incapable of safely operating a vehicle; or 377 (iii) has a blood or breath alcohol concentration of .08 grams or greater at the time of 378 operation. 379 (b) A conviction for a violation of this Subsection (2) is a second degree felony if it is 380 subsequent to a conviction as defined in Subsection 41-6a-501(2). (c) As used in this Subsection (2), "negligent" means simple negligence, the failure to 381 382 exercise that degree of care that reasonable and prudent persons exercise under like or similar 383 circumstances. 384 (3) (a) Criminal homicide is automobile homicide, a second degree felony, if the 385 person operates a motor vehicle in a criminally negligent manner causing the death of another 386 and: 387 (i) has sufficient alcohol in his body that a subsequent chemical test shows that the 388 person has a blood or breath alcohol concentration of .08 grams or greater at the time of the 389 test;

(ii) is under the influence of alcohol, any drug, or the combined influence of alcohol and any drug to a degree that renders the person incapable of safely operating a vehicle; or

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(iii) has a blood or breath alcohol concentration of .08 grams or greater at the time of operation.

(b) As used in this Subsection (3), "criminally negligent" means criminal negligence as defined by Subsection 76-2-103(4).

- (4) The standards for chemical breath analysis as provided by Section 41-6a-515 and the provisions for the admissibility of chemical test results as provided by Section 41-6a-516 apply to determination and proof of blood alcohol content under this section.
- (5) Calculations of blood or breath alcohol concentration under this section shall be made in accordance with Subsection 41-6a-502(1).
- (6) The fact that a person charged with violating this section is or has been legally entitled to use alcohol or a drug is not a defense.
- (7) Evidence of a defendant's blood or breath alcohol content or drug content is admissible except when prohibited by Rules of Evidence or the constitution.
- (8) A person is guilty of a separate offense for each victim suffering bodily injury or serious bodily injury as a result of the person's violation of Section 41-6a-502 or death as a result of the person's violation of this section whether or not the injuries arise from the same episode of driving.