

DROWSY DRIVING AMENDMENTS

2014 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Aaron Osmond

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill establishes a Drowsy Driving Awareness Week.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ provides that the third full week in August shall be commemorated annually as Drowsy Driving Awareness Week; and
- ▶ makes technical corrections.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

63G-1-401, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2013, Chapter 214

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

Section 1. Section **63G-1-401** is amended to read:

63G-1-401. Commemorative periods.

(1) The following days shall be commemorated yearly:

- (a) Bill of Rights Day, on December 15;
- (b) Constitution Day, on September 17;
- (c) Yellow Ribbon Day, on the third Monday in May, in honor of men and women who

30 are serving or have served in the U.S. armed forces around the world in defense of freedom;

31 (d) POW/MIA Recognition Day, on the third Friday in September;

32 (e) Indigenous People Day, the Monday immediately preceding Thanksgiving; and

33 (f) Utah State Flag Day, on March 9.

34 (2) The Department of Veterans' and Military Affairs shall coordinate activities, special
35 programs, and promotional information to heighten public awareness and involvement relating
36 to Subsections (1)(c) and (d).

37 (3) The month of October shall be commemorated yearly as Italian-American Heritage
38 Month.

39 (4) The month of November shall be commemorated yearly as American Indian
40 Heritage Month.

41 (5) The month of April shall be commemorated yearly as Clean Out the Medicine
42 Cabinet Month to recognize the urgent need to make Utah homes and neighborhoods safe from
43 prescription medication abuse and poisonings by the proper home storage and disposal of
44 prescription and over-the-counter medications, and to educate citizens about the permanent
45 medication disposal sites in Utah listed on useonlyasdirected.org that allow disposal throughout
46 the year.

47 (6) The first full week of May shall be commemorated yearly as State Water Week to
48 recognize the importance of water conservation, quality, and supply in the state.

49 (7) The second Friday and Saturday in August shall be commemorated yearly as Utah
50 Fallen Heroes Days to:

51 (a) honor fallen heroes who, during service in the military or public safety, have
52 sacrificed their lives to protect the country and the citizens of the state; and

53 (b) encourage political subdivisions to acknowledge and honor fallen heroes.

54 (8) The third full week in August shall be commemorated annually as Drowsy Driving
55 Awareness Week to:

56 (a) educate the public about the relationship between fatigue and driving performance;
57 and

58 (b) encourage the Department of Public Safety and the Department of Transportation to
59 recognize and promote educational efforts on the dangers of drowsy driving.