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Representative Andrew Stoddard proposes the following substitute bill:

### SENTENCING MODIFICATIONS FOR CERTAIN DUI OFFENSES

2024 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor:** ~~Andrew Stoddard~~

**Senate Sponsor:** ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~

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#### LONG TITLE

##### General Description:

This bill modifies provisions related to negligently operating a vehicle resulting in death.

##### Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ renames the offense of negligently operating a vehicle resulting in death;
- ▶ creates a sentencing guideline for automobile homicide;
- ▶ adds automobile homicide to the list of crimes for which probation, suspension of sentence, a lower category of offense, or hospitalization may not be granted; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

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### Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

### Other Special Clauses:

None

### Utah Code Sections Affected:

#### AMENDS:

**41-6a-501**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapters 328, 415

**41-6a-1901**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2022, Chapter 116

**53-3-220**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 415

**53-3-414**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2022, Chapters 46, 116

**53-10-403**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapters 328, 457

**75-2-803**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2022, Chapters 116, 157 and 430 and last amended by Coordination Clause, Laws of Utah 2022, Chapter 157

**76-3-406**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 184

**76-5-201**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2022, Chapters 116, 181 and last amended by Coordination Clause, Laws of Utah 2022, Chapters 116, 181

**76-5-207**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 415

**78B-9-402**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2022, Chapters 116, 430

**80-6-712**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2022, Chapters 116, 155, 426, and 430

**80-6-804**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 236

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*Be it 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) "Actual physical control" is determined by a consideration of the totality of the circumstances, but does not include a circumstance in which:

- (i) the person is asleep inside the vehicle;
- (ii) the person is not in the driver's seat of the vehicle;
- (iii) the engine of the vehicle is not running;
- (iv) the vehicle is lawfully parked; and

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(v) under the facts presented, it is evident that the person did not drive the vehicle to the location while under the influence of alcohol, a drug, or the combined influence of alcohol and any drug.

(b) "Assessment" means an in-depth clinical interview with a licensed mental health therapist:

(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)(b)(i)(A) and (B); and

(ii) that is approved by the Division of Integrated Healthcare in accordance with Section 26B-5-104.

(c) "Driving under the influence court" means a court that is approved as a driving under the influence court by the Judicial Council according to standards established by the Judicial Council.

(d) "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) a substance that, when knowingly, intentionally, or recklessly taken into the human body, can impair the ability of a person to safely operate a motor vehicle.

(e) "Educational series" means an educational series obtained at a substance abuse program that is approved by the Division of Integrated Healthcare in accordance with Section 26B-5-104.

(f) "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.

(g) "Novice learner driver" means an individual who:

(i) has applied for a Utah driver license;

(ii) has not previously held a driver license in this state or another state; and

(iii) has not completed the requirements for issuance of a Utah driver license.

(h) "Screening" means a preliminary appraisal of a person:

(i) used to determine if the person is in need of:

(A) an assessment; or

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(B) an educational series; and

(ii) that is approved by the Division of Integrated Healthcare in accordance with Section 26B-5-104.

(i) "Serious bodily injury" means bodily injury that creates or causes:

(i) serious permanent disfigurement;

(ii) protracted loss or impairment of the function of any bodily member or organ; or

(iii) a substantial risk of death.

(j) "Substance abuse treatment" means treatment obtained at a substance abuse program that is approved by the Division of Integrated Healthcare in accordance with Section 26B-5-104.

(k) "Substance abuse treatment program" means a state licensed substance abuse program.

(l) (i) "Vehicle" or "motor vehicle" means a vehicle or motor vehicle as defined in Section 41-6a-102; and

(ii) "Vehicle" or "motor vehicle" includes:

(A) an off-highway vehicle as defined under Section 41-22-2; and

(B) a motorboat as defined in Section 73-18-2.

(2) As used in Sections 41-6a-502 and 41-6a-520.1:

(a) "Conviction" means any conviction arising from a separate episode of driving for a violation of:

(i) driving under the influence under Section 41-6a-502;

(ii) (A) for an offense committed before July 1, 2008, alcohol, any drug, or a combination of both-related reckless driving under Sections 41-6a-512 and 41-6a-528; or

(B) for an offense committed on or after July 1, 2008, impaired driving under Section 41-6a-502.5;

(iii) driving with any measurable controlled substance that is taken illegally in the body under Section 41-6a-517;

(iv) local ordinances similar to Section 41-6a-502, alcohol, any drug, or a combination of both-related reckless driving, or impaired driving under Section 41-6a-502.5 adopted in compliance with Section 41-6a-510;

(v) Section 76-5-207;

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(vi) operating a motor vehicle with any amount of a controlled substance in an individual's body and causing serious bodily injury or death, as codified before May 4, 2022, Laws of Utah 2021, Chapter 236, Section 1, Subsection 58-37-8(2)(g);

(vii) negligently operating a vehicle resulting in injury under Section 76-5-102.1;

(viii) a violation described in Subsections (2)(a)(i) through (vii), which judgment of conviction is reduced under Section 76-3-402;

(ix) refusal of a chemical test under Subsection 41-6a-520.1(1); or

(x) statutes or ordinances previously in effect in this state or in effect in any other state, the United States, or any district, possession, or territory of the United States which would constitute a violation of Section 41-6a-502 or alcohol, any drug, or a combination of both-related reckless driving if committed in this state, including punishments administered under 10 U.S.C. Sec. 815.

(b) A plea of guilty or no contest to a violation described in Subsections (2)(a)(i) through (x) which plea was held in abeyance under Title 77, Chapter 2a, Pleas in Abeyance, prior to July 1, 2008, is the equivalent of a conviction, even if the charge has been subsequently reduced or dismissed in accordance with the plea in abeyance agreement, for purposes of:

(i) enhancement of penalties under this part; and

(ii) expungement under Title 77, Chapter 40a, Expungement.

(c) An admission to a violation of Section 41-6a-502 in juvenile court is the equivalent of a conviction even if the charge has been subsequently dismissed in accordance with the Utah Rules of Juvenile Procedure for the purposes of enhancement of penalties under:

(i) this part;

(ii) negligently operating a vehicle resulting in injury under Section 76-5-102.1; and

(iii) [~~negligently operating a vehicle resulting in death~~] automobile homicide under Section 76-5-207.

(3) As used in Section 41-6a-505, "controlled substance" does not include an inactive metabolite of a controlled substance.

Section 2. Section **41-6a-1901** is amended to read:

**41-6a-1901. Applicability -- Law enforcement officer duties -- Documents and records -- Notice to Department of State.**

(1) As used in this section, "diplomat" means an individual who:

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- (a) has a driver license issued by the United States Department of State; or
- (b) claims immunities or privileges under 22 U.S.C. [~~Sections~~] Secs. 254a through 258a with respect to:
  - (i) a moving traffic violation under this title or a moving traffic violation of an ordinance of a local authority; or
  - (ii) operating a motor vehicle while committing any of the following offenses:
    - (A) [~~negligently operating a vehicle resulting in death~~] automobile homicide under Section 76-5-207;
    - (B) manslaughter under Section 76-5-205;
    - (C) negligent homicide under Section 76-5-206;
    - (D) aggravated assault under Section 76-5-103; or
    - (E) reckless endangerment under Section 76-5-112.
- (2) A law enforcement officer who stops a motor vehicle and has probable cause to believe that the driver is a diplomat that has committed a violation described under Subsection (1)(b)(i) or (ii) shall:
  - (a) as soon as practicable, contact the United States Department of State in order to verify the driver's status and immunity, if any;
  - (b) record all relevant information from any driver license or identification card, including a driver license or identification card issued by the United States Department of State; and
  - (c) within five working days after the date the officer stops the driver, forward all of the following to the Department of Public Safety:
    - (i) if the driver is involved in a vehicle accident, the vehicle accident report;
    - (ii) if a citation or other charging document was issued to the driver, a copy of the citation or other charging document; and
    - (iii) if a citation or other charging document was not issued to the driver, a written report of the incident.
- (3) The Department of Public Safety shall:
  - (a) file each vehicle accident report, citation or other charging document, and incident report that the Department of Public Safety receives under this section;
  - (b) keep convenient records or make suitable notations showing each:

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- (i) conviction;
- (ii) finding of responsibility; and
- (iii) vehicle accident; and

(c) within five working days after receipt, send a copy of each document and record described in Subsection (3) to the Bureau of Diplomatic Security, Office of Foreign Missions, of the United States Department of State.

(4) This section does not prohibit or limit the application of any law to a criminal or motor vehicle violation committed by a diplomat.

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

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

(1) (a) The division shall immediately revoke or, when this chapter, Title 41, Chapter 6a, Traffic Code, or Section 76-5-303, specifically provides for denial, suspension, or disqualification, the division shall deny, suspend, or disqualify the license of a person upon receiving a record of the person's conviction for:

(i) manslaughter or negligent homicide resulting from driving a motor vehicle, [~~negligently operating a vehicle resulting in death~~] automobile homicide under Section 76-5-207, or automobile homicide involving using a handheld wireless communication device while driving under Section 76-5-207.5;

(ii) driving or being in actual physical control of a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, any drug, or combination of them to a degree that renders the person incapable of safely driving a motor vehicle as prohibited in Section 41-6a-502 or as prohibited in an ordinance that complies with the requirements of Subsection 41-6a-510(1);

(iii) driving or being in actual physical control of a motor vehicle while having a blood or breath alcohol content as prohibited in Section 41-6a-502 or as prohibited in an ordinance that complies with the requirements of Subsection 41-6a-510(1);

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

(v) any felony under the motor vehicle laws of this state;

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- (vi) any other felony in which a motor vehicle is used to facilitate the offense;
  - (vii) failure to stop and render aid as required under the laws of this state if a motor vehicle accident results in the death or personal injury of another;
  - (viii) two charges of reckless driving, impaired driving, or any combination of reckless driving and impaired driving committed within a period of 12 months; but if upon a first conviction of reckless driving or impaired driving the judge or justice recommends suspension of the convicted person's license, the division may after a hearing suspend the license for a period of three months;
  - (ix) failure to bring a motor vehicle to a stop at the command of a law enforcement officer as required in Section 41-6a-210;
  - (x) any offense specified in Part 4, Uniform Commercial Driver License Act, that requires disqualification;
  - (xi) a felony violation of Section 76-10-508 or 76-10-508.1 involving discharging or allowing the discharge of a firearm from a vehicle;
  - (xii) using, allowing the use of, or causing to be used any explosive, chemical, or incendiary device from a vehicle in violation of Subsection 76-10-306(4)(b);
  - (xiii) operating or being in actual physical control of a motor vehicle while having any measurable controlled substance or metabolite of a controlled substance in the person's body in violation of Section 41-6a-517;
  - (xiv) operating or being in actual physical control of a motor vehicle while having any measurable or detectable amount of alcohol in the person's body in violation of Section 41-6a-530;
  - (xv) engaging in a motor vehicle speed contest or exhibition of speed on a highway in violation of Section 41-6a-606;
  - (xvi) operating or being in actual physical control of a motor vehicle in this state without an ignition interlock system in violation of Section 41-6a-518.2; or
  - (xvii) refusal of a chemical test under Subsection 41-6a-520.1(1).
- (b) The division shall immediately revoke the license of a person upon receiving a record of an adjudication under Section 80-6-701 for:
- (i) a felony violation of Section 76-10-508 or 76-10-508.1 involving discharging or allowing the discharge of a firearm from a vehicle; or

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

(c) (i) Except when action is taken under Section 53-3-219 for the same offense, upon receiving a record of conviction, the division shall immediately suspend for six months the license of the convicted person if the person was convicted of violating any one of the following offenses while the person was an operator of a motor vehicle, and the court finds that a driver license suspension is likely to reduce recidivism and is in the interest of public safety:

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

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

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

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

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

(F) any criminal offense that prohibits possession, distribution, manufacture, cultivation, sale, or transfer of any substance that is prohibited under the acts described in Subsections (1)(c)(i)(A) through (E), or the attempt or conspiracy to possess, distribute, manufacture, cultivate, sell, or transfer any substance that is prohibited under the acts described in Subsections (1)(c)(i)(A) through (E).

(ii) Notwithstanding the provisions in Subsection (1)(c)(i), the division shall reinstate a person's driving privilege before completion of the suspension period imposed under Subsection (1)(c)(i) if the reporting court notifies the Driver License Division, in a manner specified by the division, that the defendant is participating in or has successfully completed a drug court program as defined in Section 78A-5-201.

(iii) If a person's driving privilege is reinstated under Subsection (1)(c)(ii), the person is required to pay the license reinstatement fees under Subsection 53-3-105(26).

(iv) The court shall notify the division, in a manner specified by the division, if a person fails to complete all requirements of the drug court program.

(v) Upon receiving the notification described in Subsection (1)(c)(iv), the division shall suspend the person's driving privilege for a period of six months from the date of the notice, and no days shall be subtracted from the six-month suspension period for which a driving privilege was previously suspended under Subsection (1)(c)(i).

(d) (i) The division shall immediately suspend a person's driver license for conviction

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of the offense of theft of motor vehicle fuel under Section 76-6-404.7 if the division receives:

(A) an order from the sentencing court requiring that the person's driver license be suspended; and

(B) a record of the conviction.

(ii) An order of suspension under this section is at the discretion of the sentencing court, and may not be for more than 90 days for each offense.

(e) (i) The division shall immediately suspend for one year the license of a person upon receiving a record of:

(A) conviction for the first time for a violation under Section 32B-4-411; or

(B) an adjudication under Section 80-6-701 for a violation under Section 32B-4-411.

(ii) The division shall immediately suspend for a period of two years the license of a person upon receiving a record of:

(A) (I) conviction for a second or subsequent violation under Section 32B-4-411; and

(II) the violation described in Subsection (1)(e)(ii)(A)(I) is within 10 years of a prior conviction for a violation under Section 32B-4-411; or

(B) (I) a second or subsequent adjudication under Section 80-6-701 for a violation under Section 32B-4-411; and

(II) the adjudication described in Subsection (1)(e)(ii)(B)(I) is within 10 years of a prior adjudication under Section 80-6-701 for a violation under Section 32B-4-411.

(iii) Upon receipt of a record under Subsection (1)(e)(i) or (ii), the division shall:

(A) for a conviction or adjudication described in Subsection (1)(e)(i):

(I) impose a suspension for one year beginning on the date of conviction; or

(II) if the person is under the age of eligibility for a driver license, impose a suspension that begins on the date of conviction and continues for one year beginning on the date of eligibility for a driver license; or

(B) for a conviction or adjudication described in Subsection (1)(e)(ii):

(I) impose a suspension for a period of two years; or

(II) if the person is under the age of eligibility for a driver license, impose a suspension that begins on the date of conviction and continues for two years beginning on the date of eligibility for a driver license.

(iv) Upon receipt of the first order suspending a person's driving privileges under

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Section 32B-4-411, the division shall reduce the suspension period under Subsection (1)(e)(i) if ordered by the court in accordance with Subsection 32B-4-411(3)(a).

(v) Upon receipt of the second or subsequent order suspending a person's driving privileges under Section 32B-4-411, the division shall reduce the suspension period under Subsection (1)(e)(ii) if ordered by the court in accordance with Subsection 32B-4-411(3)(b).

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

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

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

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

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

(3) When the division receives a report under Subsection (2)(c) or (d) that a person is driving while the person's license is denied, suspended, disqualified, or revoked, the person is entitled to a hearing regarding the extension of the time of denial, suspension, disqualification, or revocation originally imposed under Section 53-3-221.

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

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

(ii) those offenses referred to in Subsection (2) when the original denial, suspension, revocation, or disqualification was imposed because of a violation of Section 41-6a-502, 41-6a-517, a local ordinance that complies with the requirements of Subsection 41-6a-510(1), Section 41-6a-520, 41-6a-520.1, 76-5-102.1, or 76-5-207, or a criminal prohibition that the person was charged with violating as a result of a plea bargain after having been originally charged with violating one or more of these sections or ordinances, unless:

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(A) the person has had the period of the first denial, suspension, revocation, or disqualification extended for a period of at least three years;

(B) the division receives written verification from the person's primary care physician that:

(I) to the physician's knowledge the person has not used any narcotic drug or other controlled substance except as prescribed by a licensed medical practitioner within the last three years; and

(II) the physician is not aware of any physical, emotional, or mental impairment that would affect the person's ability to operate a motor vehicle safely; and

(C) for a period of one year prior to the date of the request for a limited driving privilege:

(I) the person has not been convicted of a violation of any motor vehicle law in which the person was involved as the operator of the vehicle;

(II) the division has not received a report of an arrest for a violation of any motor vehicle law in which the person was involved as the operator of the vehicle; and

(III) the division has not received a report of an accident in which the person was involved as an operator of a vehicle.

(b) (i) Except as provided in Subsection (4)(b)(ii), the discretionary privilege authorized in this Subsection (4):

(A) is limited to when undue hardship would result from a failure to grant the privilege; and

(B) may be granted only once to any person during any single period of denial, suspension, revocation, or disqualification, or extension of that denial, suspension, revocation, or disqualification.

(ii) The discretionary privilege authorized in Subsection (4)(a)(ii):

(A) is limited to when the limited privilege is necessary for the person to commute to school or work; and

(B) may be granted only once to any person during any single period of denial, suspension, revocation, or disqualification, or extension of that denial, suspension, revocation, or disqualification.

(c) A limited CDL may not be granted to a person disqualified under Part 4, Uniform

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Commercial Driver License Act, or whose license has been revoked, suspended, cancelled, or denied under this chapter.

Section 4. Section **53-3-414** is amended to read:

### **53-3-414. CDL disqualification or suspension -- Grounds and duration --**

#### **Procedure.**

(1) (a) An individual who holds or is required to hold a CDL is disqualified from driving a commercial motor vehicle for a period of not less than one year effective seven days from the date of notice to the driver if convicted of a first offense of:

(i) driving a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, drugs, a controlled substance, or more than one of these;

(ii) driving a commercial motor vehicle while the concentration of alcohol in the person's blood, breath, or urine is .04 grams or more;

(iii) leaving the scene of an accident involving a motor vehicle the person was driving;

(iv) failing to provide reasonable assistance or identification when involved in an accident resulting in:

(A) personal injury in accordance with Section 41-6a-401.3;

(B) death in accordance with Section 41-6a-401.5; or

(v) using a motor vehicle in the commission of a felony;

(vi) refusal to submit to a test to determine the concentration of alcohol in the person's blood, breath, or urine;

(vii) driving a commercial motor vehicle while the person's commercial driver license is disqualified in accordance with the provisions of this section for violating an offense described in this section; or

(viii) operating a commercial motor vehicle in a negligent manner causing the death of another including the offenses of manslaughter under Section 76-5-205, negligent homicide under Section 76-5-206, or [~~negligently operating a vehicle resulting in death~~] automobile homicide under Section 76-5-207.

(b) The division shall subtract from any disqualification period under Subsection (1)(a)(i) the number of days for which a license was previously disqualified under Subsection (1)(a)(ii) or (14) if the previous disqualification was based on the same occurrence upon which the record of conviction is based.

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(2) If any of the violations under Subsection (1) occur while the driver is transporting a hazardous material required to be placarded, the driver is disqualified for not less than three years.

(3) (a) Except as provided under Subsection (4), a driver of a motor vehicle who holds or is required to hold a CDL is disqualified for life from driving a commercial motor vehicle if convicted of or administrative action is taken for two or more of any of the offenses under Subsection (1), (5), or (14) arising from two or more separate incidents.

(b) Subsection (3)(a) applies only to those offenses committed after July 1, 1989.

(4) (a) Any driver disqualified for life from driving a commercial motor vehicle under this section may apply to the division for reinstatement of the driver's CDL if the driver:

(i) has both voluntarily enrolled in and successfully completed an appropriate rehabilitation program that:

(A) meets the standards of the division; and

(B) complies with 49 C.F.R. Sec. 383.51;

(ii) has served a minimum disqualification period of 10 years; and

(iii) has fully met the standards for reinstatement of commercial motor vehicle driving privileges established by rule of the division.

(b) If a reinstated driver is subsequently convicted of another disqualifying offense under this section, the driver is permanently disqualified for life and is ineligible to again apply for a reduction of the lifetime disqualification.

(5) A driver of a motor vehicle who holds or is required to hold a CDL is disqualified for life from driving a commercial motor vehicle if the driver uses a motor vehicle in the commission of any felony involving:

(a) the manufacturing, distributing, or dispensing of a controlled substance, or possession with intent to manufacture, distribute, or dispense a controlled substance and is ineligible to apply for a reduction of the lifetime disqualification under Subsection (4); or

(b) an act or practice of severe forms of trafficking in persons as defined and described in 22 U.S.C. Sec. 7102(11).

(6) (a) Subject to Subsection (6)(b), a driver of a commercial motor vehicle who holds or is required to hold a CDL is disqualified for not less than:

(i) 60 days from driving a commercial motor vehicle if the driver is convicted of two

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serious traffic violations; and

(ii) 120 days if the driver is convicted of three or more serious traffic violations.

(b) The disqualifications under Subsection (6)(a) are effective only if the serious traffic violations:

(i) occur within three years of each other;

(ii) arise from separate incidents; and

(iii) involve the use or operation of a commercial motor vehicle.

(c) If a driver of a commercial motor vehicle who holds or is required to hold a CDL is disqualified from driving a commercial motor vehicle and the division receives notice of a subsequent conviction for a serious traffic violation that results in an additional disqualification period under this Subsection (6), the subsequent disqualification period is effective beginning on the ending date of the current serious traffic violation disqualification period.

(7) (a) A driver of a commercial motor vehicle who is convicted of violating an out-of-service order while driving a commercial motor vehicle is disqualified from driving a commercial motor vehicle for a period not less than:

(i) 180 days if the driver is convicted of a first violation;

(ii) two years if, during any 10 year period, the driver is convicted of two violations of out-of-service orders in separate incidents;

(iii) three years but not more than five years if, during any 10 year period, the driver is convicted of three or more violations of out-of-service orders in separate incidents;

(iv) 180 days but not more than two years if the driver is convicted of a first violation of an out-of-service order while transporting hazardous materials required to be placarded or while operating a motor vehicle designed to transport 16 or more passengers, including the driver; or

(v) three years but not more than five years if, during any 10 year period, the driver is convicted of two or more violations, in separate incidents, of an out-of-service order while transporting hazardous materials required to be placarded or while operating a motor vehicle designed to transport 16 or more passengers, including the driver.

(b) A driver of a commercial motor vehicle who is convicted of a first violation of an out-of-service order is subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$2,500.

(c) A driver of a commercial motor vehicle who is convicted of a second or subsequent

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violation of an out-of-service order is subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$5,000.

(8) A driver of a commercial motor vehicle who holds or is required to hold a CDL is disqualified for not less than 60 days if the division determines, in its check of the driver's driver license status, application, and record prior to issuing a CDL or at any time after the CDL is issued, that the driver has falsified information required to apply for a CDL in this state.

(9) A driver of a commercial motor vehicle who is convicted of violating a railroad-highway grade crossing provision under Section 41-6a-1205, while driving a commercial motor vehicle is disqualified from driving a commercial motor vehicle for a period not less than:

(a) 60 days if the driver is convicted of a first violation;

(b) 120 days if, during any three-year period, the driver is convicted of a second violation in separate incidents; or

(c) one year if, during any three-year period, the driver is convicted of three or more violations in separate incidents.

(10) (a) The division shall update its records and notify the CDLIS within 10 days of suspending, revoking, disqualifying, denying, or cancelling a CDL to reflect the action taken.

(b) When the division suspends, revokes, cancels, or disqualifies a nonresident CDL, the division shall notify the licensing authority of the issuing state or other jurisdiction and the CDLIS within 10 days after the action is taken.

(c) When the division suspends, revokes, cancels, or disqualifies a CDL issued by this state, the division shall notify the CDLIS within 10 days after the action is taken.

(11) (a) The division may immediately suspend or disqualify the CDL of a driver without a hearing or receiving a record of the driver's conviction when the division has reason to believe that the:

(i) CDL was issued by the division through error or fraud;

(ii) applicant provided incorrect or incomplete information to the division;

(iii) applicant cheated on any part of a CDL examination;

(iv) driver no longer meets the fitness standards required to obtain a CDL; or

(v) driver poses an imminent hazard.

(b) Suspension of a CDL under this Subsection (11) shall be in accordance with

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Section 53-3-221.

(c) If a hearing is held under Section 53-3-221, the division shall then rescind the suspension order or cancel the CDL.

(12) (a) Subject to Subsection (12)(b), a driver of a motor vehicle who holds or is required to hold a CDL is disqualified for not less than:

(i) 60 days from driving a commercial motor vehicle if the driver is convicted of two serious traffic violations; and

(ii) 120 days if the driver is convicted of three or more serious traffic violations.

(b) The disqualifications under Subsection (12)(a) are effective only if the serious traffic violations:

(i) occur within three years of each other;

(ii) arise from separate incidents; and

(iii) result in a denial, suspension, cancellation, or revocation of the non-CDL driving privilege from at least one of the violations.

(c) If a driver of a motor vehicle who holds or is required to hold a CDL is disqualified from driving a commercial motor vehicle and the division receives notice of a subsequent conviction for a serious traffic violation that results in an additional disqualification period under this Subsection (12), the subsequent disqualification period is effective beginning on the ending date of the current serious traffic violation disqualification period.

(13) (a) Upon receiving a notice that a person has entered into a plea of guilty or no contest to a violation of a disqualifying offense described in this section which plea is held in abeyance pursuant to a plea in abeyance agreement, the division shall disqualify, suspend, cancel, or revoke the person's CDL for the period required under this section for a conviction of that disqualifying offense, even if the charge has been subsequently reduced or dismissed in accordance with the plea in abeyance agreement.

(b) The division shall report the plea in abeyance to the CDLIS within 10 days of taking the action under Subsection (13)(a).

(c) A plea which is held in abeyance may not be removed from a person's driving record for 10 years from the date of the plea in abeyance agreement, even if the charge is:

(i) reduced or dismissed in accordance with the plea in abeyance agreement; or

(ii) expunged under Title 77, Chapter 40a, Expungement.

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(14) The division shall disqualify the CDL of a driver for an arrest of a violation of Section 41-6a-502 when administrative action is taken against the operator's driving privilege pursuant to Section 53-3-223 for a period of:

- (a) one year; or
- (b) three years if the violation occurred while transporting hazardous materials.

(15) The division may concurrently impose any disqualification periods that arise under this section while a driver is disqualified by the Secretary of the United States Department of Transportation under 49 C.F.R. Sec. 383.52 for posing an imminent hazard.

Section 5. Section **53-10-403** is amended to read:

### **53-10-403. DNA specimen analysis -- Application to offenders, including minors.**

(1) Sections 53-10-403.6, 53-10-404, 53-10-404.5, 53-10-405, and 53-10-406 apply to any person who:

(a) has pled guilty to or has been convicted of any of the offenses under Subsection (2)(a) or (b) on or after July 1, 2002;

(b) has pled guilty to or has been convicted by any other state or by the United States government of an offense which if committed in this state would be punishable as one or more of the offenses listed in Subsection (2)(a) or (b) on or after July 1, 2003;

(c) has been booked on or after January 1, 2011, through December 31, 2014, for any offense under Subsection (2)(c);

(d) has been booked:

(i) by a law enforcement agency that is obtaining a DNA specimen on or after May 13, 2014, through December 31, 2014, under Subsection 53-10-404(4)(b) for any felony offense; or

(ii) on or after January 1, 2015, for any felony offense; or

(e) is a minor under Subsection (3).

(2) Offenses referred to in Subsection (1) are:

(a) any felony or class A misdemeanor under the Utah Code;

(b) any offense under Subsection (2)(a):

(i) for which the court enters a judgment for conviction to a lower degree of offense under Section 76-3-402; or

(ii) regarding which the court allows the defendant to enter a plea in abeyance as defined in Section 77-2a-1; or

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- (c) (i) any violent felony as defined in Section 53-10-403.5;
- (ii) sale or use of body parts, Section 26B-8-315;
- (iii) failure to stop at an accident that resulted in death, Section 41-6a-401.5;
- (iv) operating a motor vehicle with any amount of a controlled substance in an individual's body and causing serious bodily injury or death, as codified before May 4, 2022, Laws of Utah 2021, Chapter 236, Section 1, Subsection 58-37-8(2)(g);
- (v) a felony violation of enticing a minor, Section 76-4-401;
- (vi) negligently operating a vehicle resulting in injury, Subsection 76-5-102.1(2)(b);
- (vii) a felony violation of propelling a substance or object at a correctional officer, a peace officer, or an employee or a volunteer, including health care providers, Section 76-5-102.6;
- (viii) [~~negligently operating a vehicle resulting in death~~] automobile homicide, Subsection 76-5-207(2)(b);
- (ix) aggravated human trafficking, Section 76-5-310, and aggravated human smuggling, Section 76-5-310.1;
- (x) a felony violation of unlawful sexual activity with a minor, Section 76-5-401;
- (xi) a felony violation of sexual abuse of a minor, Section 76-5-401.1;
- (xii) unlawful sexual contact with a 16 or 17-year old, Section 76-5-401.2;
- (xiii) sale of a child, Section 76-7-203;
- (xiv) aggravated escape, Subsection 76-8-309(2);
- (xv) a felony violation of assault on an elected official, Section 76-8-315;
- (xvi) influencing, impeding, or retaliating against a judge or member of the Board of Pardons and Parole, Section 76-8-316;
- (xvii) advocating criminal syndicalism or sabotage, Section 76-8-902;
- (xviii) assembly for advocating criminal syndicalism or sabotage, Section 76-8-903;
- (xix) a felony violation of sexual battery, Section 76-9-702.1;
- (xx) a felony violation of lewdness involving a child, Section 76-9-702.5;
- (xxi) a felony violation of abuse or desecration of a dead human body, Section 76-9-704;
- (xxii) manufacture, possession, sale, or use of a weapon of mass destruction, Section 76-10-402;

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(xxiii) manufacture, possession, sale, or use of a hoax weapon of mass destruction, Section 76-10-403;

(xxiv) possession of a concealed firearm in the commission of a violent felony, Subsection 76-10-504(4);

(xxv) assault with the intent to commit bus hijacking with a dangerous weapon, Subsection 76-10-1504(3);

(xxvi) commercial obstruction, Subsection 76-10-2402(2);

(xxvii) a felony violation of failure to register as a sex or kidnap offender, Section 77-41-107;

(xxviii) repeat violation of a protective order, Subsection 77-36-1.1(4); or

(xxix) violation of condition for release after arrest under Section 78B-7-802.

(3) A minor under Subsection (1) is a minor 14 years old or older who is adjudicated by the juvenile court due to the commission of any offense described in Subsection (2), and who:

(a) committed an offense under Subsection (2) within the jurisdiction of the juvenile court on or after July 1, 2002; or

(b) is in the legal custody of the Division of Juvenile Justice and Youth Services on or after July 1, 2002, for an offense under Subsection (2).

Section 6. Section **75-2-803** is amended to read:

**75-2-803. Definitions -- Effect of homicide on intestate succession, wills, trusts, joint assets, life insurance, and beneficiary designations -- Petition -- Forfeiture -- Revocation.**

(1) As used in this section:

(a) "Conviction" means the same as that term is defined in Section 77-38b-102.

(b) "Decedent" means a deceased individual.

(c) "Disposition or appointment of property" includes a transfer of an item of property or any other benefit to a beneficiary designated in a governing instrument.

(d) (i) Except as provided in Subsection (1)(d)(ii), "disqualifying homicide" means any felony homicide offense described in Title 76, Chapter 5, Offenses Against the Individual, for which the elements are established by a preponderance of the evidence and by applying the same principles of culpability and defenses described in Title 76, Utah Criminal Code.

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(ii) "Disqualifying homicide" does not include an offense for:

(A) [~~negligently operating a vehicle resulting in death~~] automobile homicide, as described in Section 76-5-207; and

(B) automobile homicide involving using a handheld wireless communication device while driving, as described in Section 76-5-207.5.

(e) "Governing instrument" means a governing instrument executed by the decedent.

(f) "Killer" means an individual who commits a disqualifying homicide.

(g) "Revocable" means a disposition, appointment, provision, or nomination under which the decedent, at the time of or immediately before death, was alone empowered, by law or under the governing instrument, to cancel the designation in favor of the killer regardless of whether at the time or immediately before death:

(i) the decedent was empowered to designate the decedent in place of the decedent's killer; or

(ii) the decedent had the capacity to exercise the power.

(2) (a) An individual who commits a disqualifying homicide of the decedent forfeits all benefits under this chapter with respect to the decedent's estate, including an intestate share, an elective share, an omitted spouse's or child's share, a homestead allowance, exempt property, and a family allowance.

(b) If the decedent died intestate, the decedent's intestate estate passes as if the killer disclaimed the killer's intestate share.

(3) The killing of the decedent by means of a disqualifying homicide:

(a) revokes any revocable:

(i) disposition or appointment of property made by the decedent to the killer in a governing instrument;

(ii) provision in a governing instrument conferring a general or nongeneral power of appointment on the killer; and

(iii) nomination of the killer in a governing instrument, nominating or appointing the killer to serve in any fiduciary or representative capacity, including a personal representative, executor, trustee, or agent; and

(b) severs the interests of the decedent and killer in property held by them at the time of the killing as joint tenants with the right of survivorship, transforming the interests of the

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decedent and killer into tenancies in common.

(4) A severance under Subsection (3)(b) does not affect any third-party interest in property acquired for value and in good faith reliance on an apparent title by survivorship in the killer unless a writing declaring the severance has been noted, registered, filed, or recorded in records appropriate to the kind and location of the property which are relied upon, in the ordinary course of transactions involving such property, as evidence of ownership.

(5) Provisions of a governing instrument are given effect as if the killer disclaimed all provisions revoked by this section or, in the case of a revoked nomination in a fiduciary or representative capacity, as if the killer predeceased the decedent.

(6) A wrongful acquisition of property or interest by one who kills another under circumstances not covered by this section shall be treated in accordance with the principle that a killer cannot profit from the killer's wrong.

(7) (a) An interested person may petition the court to determine whether an individual has committed a disqualifying homicide of the decedent.

(b) An individual has committed a disqualifying homicide of the decedent for purposes of this section if:

(i) unless the court finds that disinheritance would create a manifest injustice, the court finds that, by a preponderance of the evidence, the individual has committed a disqualifying homicide of the decedent; or

(ii) the court finds that a judgment of conviction has been entered against the individual for a disqualifying homicide of the decedent and all direct appeals for the judgment have been exhausted.

(8) (a) Before a court determines whether an individual committed a disqualifying homicide of the decedent under Subsection (7), the decedent's estate may petition the court to:

(i) enter a temporary restraining order, an injunction, or a temporary restraining order and an injunction, to preserve the property or assets of the killer or the killer's estate;

(ii) require the execution of a trustee's bond under Section 75-7-702 for the killer's estate;

(iii) establish a constructive trust on any property or assets of the killer or the killer's estate that is effective from the time the killer's act caused the death of the decedent; or

(iv) take any other action necessary to preserve the property or assets of the killer or the

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killer's estate:

(A) until a court makes a determination under Subsection (7); or

(B) for the payment of all damages and judgments for conduct resulting in the disqualifying homicide of the decedent.

(b) Upon a petition for a temporary restraining order or an injunction under Subsection (8)(a)(i), a court may enter a temporary restraining order against an owner's property in accordance with Rule 65A of the Utah Rules of Civil Procedure, without notice or opportunity of a hearing, if the court determines that:

(i) there is a substantial likelihood that the property is, or will be, necessary to satisfy a judgment or damages owed by the killer for conduct resulting in the disqualifying homicide of the decedent; and

(ii) notice of the hearing would likely result in the property being:

(A) sold, distributed, destroyed, or removed; and

(B) unavailable to satisfy a judgment or damages owed by the killer for conduct resulting in the disqualifying homicide of the decedent.

(9) (a) (i) A payor or other third party is not liable for having made a payment or transferred an item of property or any other benefit to a beneficiary designated in a governing instrument affected by a disqualifying homicide, or for having taken any other action in good faith reliance on the validity of the governing instrument, upon request and satisfactory proof of the decedent's death, before the payor or other third party received written notice of a claimed forfeiture or revocation under this section.

(ii) A payor or other third party is liable for a payment made or other action taken after the payor or other third party received written notice of a claimed forfeiture or revocation under this section.

(b) (i) Written notice of a claimed forfeiture or revocation under Subsection (9)(a) shall be mailed to the payor's or other third party's main office or home by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, or served upon the payor or other third party in the same manner as a summons in a civil action.

(ii) Upon receipt of written notice of a claimed forfeiture or revocation under this section, a payor or other third party may pay any amount owed or transfer or deposit any item of property held by the payor or third party to or with:

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(A) the court having jurisdiction of the probate proceedings relating to the decedent's estate; or

(B) if no proceedings have been commenced, the court having jurisdiction of probate proceedings relating to the decedent's estates located in the county of the decedent's residence.

(iii) The court shall hold the funds or item of property and, upon the court's determination under this section, shall order disbursement in accordance with the determination.

(iv) Payments, transfers, or deposits made to or with the court discharge the payor or other third party from all claims for the value of amounts paid to or items of property transferred to or deposited with the court.

(10) (a) A person who purchases property for value and without notice, or who receives a payment or other item of property in partial or full satisfaction of a legally enforceable obligation, is:

(i) not obligated under this section to return the payment, item of property, or benefit; and

(ii) not liable under this section for the amount of the payment or the value of the item of property or benefit.

(b) Notwithstanding Subsection (10)(a), a person who, not for value, receives a payment, item of property, or any other benefit to which the person is not entitled under this section is:

(i) obligated to return the payment, item of property, or benefit to the person who is entitled to the payment, property, or benefit under this section; and

(ii) personally liable for the amount of the payment or the value of the item of property or benefit to the person who is entitled to the payment, property, or benefit under this section.

(c) If this section or any part of this section is preempted by federal law with respect to a payment, an item of property, or any other benefit covered by this section, a person who, not for value, receives the payment, item of property, or any other benefit to which the person is not entitled under this section is:

(i) obligated to return the payment, item of property, or benefit to the person who would have been entitled to the payment, property, or benefit if this section or part were not preempted; and

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(ii) personally liable for the amount of the payment or the value of the item of property or benefit, to the person who would have been entitled to the payment, property, or benefit if this section or part were not preempted.

### Section 7. Section 76-3-406 is amended to read:

**76-3-406. Crimes for which probation, suspension of sentence, lower category of offense, or hospitalization may not be granted.**

(1) Notwithstanding Sections 76-3-201 and 77-18-105 and Title 77, Chapter 16a, Commitment and Treatment of Individuals with a Mental Condition, except as provided in Section 76-5-406.5 or Subsection 77-16a-103(6) or (7), probation may not be granted, the execution or imposition of sentence may not be suspended, the court may not enter a judgment for a lower category of offense, and hospitalization may not be ordered, the effect of which would in any way shorten the prison sentence for an individual who commits:

(a) a capital felony or a first degree felony involving:

~~[(a)]~~ (i) Section 76-5-202, aggravated murder;

~~[(b)]~~ (ii) Section 76-5-203, murder;

~~[(c)]~~ (iii) Section 76-5-301.1, child kidnaping;

~~[(d)]~~ (iv) Section 76-5-302, aggravated kidnaping;

~~[(e)]~~ (v) Section 76-5-402, rape, if the individual is sentenced under Subsection 76-5-402(3)(b), (3)(c), or (4);

~~[(f)]~~ (vi) Section 76-5-402.1, rape of a child;

~~[(g)]~~ (vii) Section 76-5-402.2, object rape, if the individual is sentenced under Subsection 76-5-402.2(3)(b), (3)(c), or (4);

~~[(h)]~~ (viii) Section 76-5-402.3, object rape of a child;

~~[(i)]~~ (ix) Section 76-5-403, forcible sodomy, if the individual is sentenced under Subsection 76-5-403(3)(b), (3)(c), or (4);

~~[(j)]~~ (x) Section 76-5-403.1, sodomy on a child;

~~[(k)]~~ (xi) Section 76-5-404, forcible sexual abuse, if the individual is sentenced under Subsection 76-5-404(3)(b)(i) or (ii);

~~[(l)]~~ (xii) Section 76-5-404.3, aggravated sexual abuse of a child;

~~[(m)]~~ (xiii) Section 76-5-405, aggravated sexual assault; or

~~[(n)]~~ (xiv) any attempt to commit a felony listed in Subsection ~~[(1)(f), (h), or (j)]~~

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(1)(a)(vi), (viii), or (x); or

(b) automobile homicide, as described in Section 76-5-207.

(2) Except for an offense before the district court in accordance with Section 80-6-502 or 80-6-504, the provisions of this section do not apply if the sentencing court finds that the defendant:

(a) was under 18 years old at the time of the offense; and

(b) could have been adjudicated in the juvenile court but for the delayed reporting or delayed filing of the information.

Section ~~77~~8. Section **76-5-201** is amended to read:

**76-5-201. Criminal homicide -- Designations of offenses -- Exceptions --**

**Application of consensual altercation defense.**

(1) (a) As used in this section:

(i) "Abortion" means the same as that term is defined in Section 76-7-301.

(ii) "Criminal homicide" means an act causing the death of another human being, including an unborn child at any stage of the unborn child's development.

(b) The terms defined in Section 76-1-101.5 apply to this section.

(2) The following are criminal homicide:

(a) aggravated murder;

(b) murder;

(c) manslaughter;

(d) child abuse homicide;

(e) homicide by assault;

(f) negligent homicide; and

(g) [~~negligently operating a vehicle resulting in death~~] automobile homicide.

(3) Notwithstanding Subsection (2), an actor is not guilty of criminal homicide if:

(a) the death of an unborn child is caused by an abortion;

(b) the sole reason for the death of an unborn child is that the actor:

(i) refused to consent to:

(A) medical treatment; or

(B) a cesarean section; or

(ii) failed to follow medical advice; or

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(c) a woman causes the death of her own unborn child, and the death:

(i) is caused by a criminally negligent act or reckless act of the woman; and

(ii) is not caused by an intentional or knowing act of the woman.

(4) The provisions governing a defense of a consensual altercation as described in Section 76-5-104 apply to this part.

Section ~~78~~9. Section **76-5-207** is amended to read:

### **76-5-207. Automobile homicide -- Penalties -- Evidence.**

(1) (a) As used in this section:

(i) "Controlled substance" means the same as that term is defined in Section 58-37-2.

(ii) "Criminally negligent" means the same as that term is described in Subsection 76-2-103(4).

(iii) "Drug" means:

(A) a controlled substance;

(B) a drug as defined in Section 58-37-2; or

(C) a substance that, when knowingly, intentionally, or recklessly taken into the human body, can impair the ability of an individual to safely operate a vehicle.

(iv) "Negligent" or "negligence" means simple negligence, the failure to exercise that degree of care that reasonable and prudent persons exercise under like or similar circumstances.

(v) "Vehicle" means the same as that term is defined in Section 41-6a-501.

(b) Terms defined in Section 76-1-101.5 apply to this section.

(2) An actor commits [~~negligently operating a vehicle resulting in death~~] automobile homicide if the actor:

(a) (i) operates a vehicle in a negligent or criminally negligent manner causing the death of another individual;

(ii) (A) has sufficient alcohol in the actor's body such that a subsequent chemical test shows that the actor has a blood or breath alcohol concentration of .05 grams or greater at the time of the test;

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

(C) has a blood or breath alcohol concentration of .05 grams or greater at the time of operation; or

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- (b) (i) operates a vehicle in a criminally negligent manner causing death to another; and
- (ii) has in the actor's body any measurable amount of a controlled substance.

(3) Except as provided in Subsection ~~§(4)~~~~§(5)~~, an actor who violates Subsection (2) is guilty of:

(a) a second degree felony, punishable by a term of imprisonment of not less than five years nor more than 15 years; and

(b) a separate offense for each victim suffering death as a result of the actor's violation of this section, regardless of whether the deaths arise from the same episode of driving.

~~§(4) A defendant who is convicted of automobile homicide shall be sentenced to imprisonment for an indeterminate term of not less than 5 years and which may be for 15 years.~~

~~§(4)~~~~§(5)~~ An actor is not guilty of a violation of [~~negligently operating a vehicle resulting in death~~] automobile homicide under Subsection (2)(b) if:

(a) the controlled substance was obtained under a valid prescription or order, directly from a practitioner while acting in the course of the practitioner's professional practice, or as otherwise authorized by Title 58, Occupations and Professions;

(b) the controlled substance is 11-nor-9-carboxy-tetrahydrocannabinol; or

(c) the actor possessed, in the actor's body, a controlled substance listed in Section 58-37-4.2 if:

(i) the actor is the subject of medical research conducted by a holder of a valid license to possess controlled substances under Section 58-37-6; and

(ii) the substance was administered to the actor by the medical researcher.

~~§(5)~~~~§(6)~~ (a) A judge imposing a sentence under this section may consider:

(i) the sentencing guidelines developed in accordance with Section 63M-7-404;

(ii) the defendant's history;

(iii) the facts of the case;

(iv) aggravating and mitigating factors; or

(v) any other relevant fact.

(b) The judge may not impose a lesser sentence than would be required for a conviction based on the defendant's history under Section 41-6a-505.

(c) 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

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apply to determination and proof of blood alcohol content under this section.

(d) A calculation of blood or breath alcohol concentration under this section shall be made in accordance with Subsection 41-6a-502(3).

(e) Except as provided in Subsection ~~§(4)~~~~§(5)~~, the fact that an actor charged with violating this section is or has been legally entitled to use alcohol or a drug is not a defense.

(f) Evidence of a defendant's blood or breath alcohol content or drug content is admissible except when prohibited by the Utah Rules of Evidence, the United States Constitution, or the Utah Constitution.

(g) In accordance with Subsection 77-2a-3(8), a guilty or no contest plea to an offense described in this section may not be held in abeyance.

(6) Imprisonment under this section is mandatory in accordance with Section 76-3-406.

Section ~~§9~~10. Section **78B-9-402** is amended to read:

**78B-9-402. Petition for determination of factual innocence -- Sufficient allegations -- Notification of victim -- Payment to surviving spouse.**

(1) A person who has been convicted of a felony offense may petition the district court in the county in which the person was convicted for a hearing to establish that the person is factually innocent of the crime or crimes of which the person was convicted.

(2) (a) The petition shall contain an assertion of factual innocence under oath by the petitioner and shall aver, with supporting affidavits or other credible documents, that:

(i) newly discovered material evidence exists that, if credible, establishes that the petitioner is factually innocent;

(ii) the specific evidence identified by the petitioner in the petition establishes innocence;

(iii) the material evidence is not merely cumulative of evidence that was known;

(iv) the material evidence is not merely impeachment evidence; and

(v) viewed with all the other evidence, the newly discovered evidence demonstrates that the petitioner is factually innocent.

(b) (i) The court shall review the petition in accordance with the procedures in Subsection (9)(b), and make a finding that the petition has satisfied the requirements of Subsection (2)(a).

(ii) If the court finds the petition does not meet all the requirements of Subsection

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(2)(a), the court shall dismiss the petition without prejudice and send notice of the dismissal to the petitioner and the attorney general.

(3) (a) The petition shall also contain an averment that:

(i) neither the petitioner nor the petitioner's counsel knew of the evidence at the time of trial or sentencing or in time to include the evidence in any previously filed post-trial motion or postconviction motion, and the evidence could not have been discovered by the petitioner or the petitioner's counsel through the exercise of reasonable diligence; or

(ii) a court has found ineffective assistance of counsel for failing to exercise reasonable diligence in uncovering the evidence.

(b) (i) Upon entry of a finding that the petition is sufficient under Subsection (2)(a), the court shall then review the petition to determine if Subsection (3)(a) has been satisfied.

(ii) If the court finds that the requirements of Subsection (3)(a) have not been satisfied, the court may dismiss the petition without prejudice and give notice to the petitioner and the attorney general of the dismissal, or the court may waive the requirements of Subsection (3)(a) if the court finds the petition should proceed to hearing based upon the strength of the petition, and that there is other evidence that could have been discovered through the exercise of reasonable diligence by the petitioner or the petitioner's counsel at trial, and the other evidence:

(A) was not discovered by the petitioner or the petitioner's counsel;

(B) is material upon the issue of factual innocence; and

(C) has never been presented to a court.

(4) (a) If the conviction for which the petitioner asserts factual innocence was based upon a plea of guilty, the petition shall contain the specific nature and content of the evidence that establishes factual innocence.

(b) The court shall review the evidence and may dismiss the petition at any time in the course of the proceedings, if the court finds that the evidence of factual innocence relies solely upon the recantation of testimony or prior statements made by a witness against the petitioner, and the recantation appears to the court to be equivocal or self serving.

(5) A person who has already obtained postconviction relief that vacated or reversed the person's conviction or sentence may also file a petition under this part in the same manner and form as described above, if no retrial or appeal regarding this offense is pending.

(6) If some or all of the evidence alleged to be exonerating is biological evidence

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subject to DNA testing, the petitioner shall seek DNA testing in accordance with Section 78B-9-301.

(7) Except as provided in Subsection (9), the petition and all subsequent proceedings shall be in compliance with and governed by Utah Rules of Civil Procedure, Rule 65C and shall include the underlying criminal case number.

(8) After a petition is filed under this section, prosecutors, law enforcement officers, and crime laboratory personnel shall cooperate in preserving evidence and in determining the sufficiency of the chain of custody of the evidence which is the subject of the petition.

(9) (a) A person who files a petition under this section shall serve notice of the petition and a copy of the petition upon the office of the prosecutor who obtained the conviction and upon the Utah attorney general.

(b) (i) The assigned judge shall conduct an initial review of the petition.

(ii) If it is apparent to the court that the petitioner is either merely relitigating facts, issues, or evidence presented in previous proceedings or presenting issues that appear frivolous or speculative on their face, the court shall dismiss the petition, state the basis for the dismissal, and serve notice of dismissal upon the petitioner and the attorney general.

(iii) If, upon completion of the initial review, the court does not dismiss the petition, the court shall order the attorney general to file a response to the petition.

(iv) The attorney general shall, within 30 days after the day on which the attorney general receives the court's order, or within any additional period of time the court allows, answer or otherwise respond to all proceedings initiated under this part.

(c) (i) After the time for response by the attorney general under Subsection (9)(b) has passed, the court shall order a hearing if the court finds the petition meets the requirements of Subsections (2) and (3) and finds there is a bona fide and compelling issue of factual innocence regarding the charges of which the petitioner was convicted.

(ii) No bona fide and compelling issue of factual innocence exists if the petitioner is merely relitigating facts, issues, or evidence presented in a previous proceeding or if the petitioner is unable to identify with sufficient specificity the nature and reliability of the newly discovered evidence that establishes the petitioner's factual innocence.

(d) (i) If the parties stipulate that the evidence establishes that the petitioner is factually innocent, the court may find the petitioner is factually innocent without holding a hearing.

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(ii) If the state will not stipulate that the evidence establishes that the petitioner is factually innocent, no determination of factual innocence may be made by the court without first holding a hearing under this part.

(10) The court may not grant a petition for a hearing under this part during the period in which criminal proceedings in the matter are pending before any trial or appellate court, unless stipulated to by the parties.

(11) Any victim of a crime that is the subject of a petition under this part, and who has elected to receive notice under Section 77-38-3, shall be notified by the state's attorney of any hearing regarding the petition.

(12) (a) A petition to determine factual innocence under this part, or Part 3, Postconviction Testing of DNA, shall be filed separately from any petition for postconviction relief under Part 1, General Provisions.

(b) Separate petitions may be filed simultaneously in the same court.

(13) The procedures governing the filing and adjudication of a petition to determine factual innocence apply to all petitions currently filed or pending in the district court and any new petitions filed on or after June 1, 2012.

(14) (a) As used in this Subsection (14) and in Subsection (15):

(i) "Married" means the legal marital relationship established between two individuals and as recognized by the law; and

(ii) "Spouse" means an individual married to the petitioner at the time the petitioner was found guilty of the offense regarding which a petition is filed and who has since then been continuously married to the petitioner until the petitioner's death.

(b) A claim for determination of factual innocence under this part is not extinguished upon the death of the petitioner.

(c) (i) If any payments are already being made to the petitioner under this part at the time of the death of the petitioner, or if the finding of factual innocence occurs after the death of the petitioner, the payments due under Section 78B-9-405 shall be paid in accordance with Section 78B-9-405 to the petitioner's surviving spouse.

(ii) Payments cease upon the death of the spouse.

(15) The spouse under Subsection (14) forfeits all rights to receive any payment under this part if the spouse is charged with a homicide established by a preponderance of the

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evidence that meets the elements of any felony homicide offense in Title 76, Chapter 5, Offenses Against the Individual, except [~~negligently operating a vehicle resulting in death~~] automobile homicide under Section 76-5-207, applying the same principles of culpability and defenses as in Title 76, Utah Criminal Code, including Title 76, Chapter 2, Principles of Criminal Responsibility.

Section ~~10~~11. Section **80-6-712** is amended to read:

### **80-6-712. Time periods for supervision of probation or placement -- Termination of continuing jurisdiction.**

(1) If the juvenile court places a minor on probation under Section 80-6-702, the juvenile court shall establish a period of time for supervision for the minor that is:

- (a) if the minor is placed on intake probation, no more than three months; or
- (b) if the minor is placed on formal probation, from four to six months, but may not

exceed six months.

(2) (a) If the juvenile court commits a minor to the division under Section 80-6-703, and the minor's case is under the jurisdiction of the court, the juvenile court shall establish:

(i) for a minor placed out of the home, a period of custody from three to six months, but may not exceed six months; and

(ii) for aftercare services if the minor was placed out of the home, a period of supervision from three to four months, but may not exceed four months.

(b) A minor may be supervised for aftercare services under Subsection (2)(a)(ii):

- (i) in the home of a qualifying relative or guardian;
- (ii) at an independent living program contracted or operated by the division; or
- (iii) in a family-based setting with approval by the director or the director's designee if

the minor does not qualify for an independent living program due to age, disability, or another reason or the minor cannot be placed with a qualifying relative or guardian.

(3) If the juvenile court orders a minor to secure care, the authority shall:

- (a) have jurisdiction over the minor's case; and
- (b) apply the provisions of Part 8, Commitment and Parole.

(4) (a) The juvenile court shall terminate continuing jurisdiction over a minor's case at the end of the time period described in Subsection (1) for probation or Subsection (2) for commitment to the division, unless:

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(i) termination would interrupt the completion of the treatment program determined to be necessary by the results of a validated risk and needs assessment under Section 80-6-606;

(ii) the minor commits a new misdemeanor or felony offense;

(iii) the minor has not completed community or compensatory service hours;

(iv) there is an outstanding fine; or

(v) the minor has not paid restitution in full.

(b) The juvenile court shall determine whether a minor has completed a treatment program under Subsection (4)(a)(i) by considering:

(i) the recommendations of the licensed service provider for the treatment program;

(ii) the minor's record in the treatment program; and

(iii) the minor's completion of the goals of the treatment program.

(5) Subject to Subsections (6) and (7), if one of the circumstances under Subsection (4) exists the juvenile court may extend supervision for the time needed to address the specific circumstance.

(6) If the juvenile court extends supervision solely on the ground that the minor has not yet completed community or compensatory service hours under Subsection (4)(a)(iii), the juvenile court may only extend supervision:

(a) one time for no more than three months; and

(b) as intake probation.

(7) (a) If the juvenile court extends jurisdiction solely on the ground that the minor has not paid restitution in full as described in Subsection (4)(a)(v):

(i) the juvenile court may only:

(A) extend jurisdiction up to four times for no more than three months at a time;

(B) consider the efforts of the minor to pay restitution in full when determining whether to extend jurisdiction under Subsection (7)(a)(i); and

(C) make orders concerning the payment of restitution during the period for which jurisdiction is extended;

(ii) the juvenile court shall terminate any intake probation or formal probation of the minor; and

(iii) a designated staff member of the juvenile court shall submit a report to the juvenile court every three months regarding the minor's efforts to pay restitution.

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(b) If the juvenile court finds that a minor is not making an effort to pay restitution, the juvenile court shall:

- (i) terminate jurisdiction over the minor's case; and
- (ii) record the amount of unpaid restitution as a civil judgment in accordance with

Subsection 80-6-709(8).

(8) If the juvenile court extends supervision or jurisdiction under this section, the grounds for the extension and the length of any extension shall be recorded in the court records and tracked in the data system used by the Administrative Office of the Courts and the division.

(9) If a minor leaves supervision without authorization for more than 24 hours, the supervision period for the minor shall toll until the minor returns.

(10) This section does not apply to any minor adjudicated under this chapter for:

- (a) Section 76-5-103, aggravated assault resulting in serious bodily injury to another;
- (b) Section 76-5-202, aggravated murder or attempted aggravated murder;
- (c) Section 76-5-203, murder or attempted murder;
- (d) Section 76-5-205, manslaughter;
- (e) Section 76-5-206, negligent homicide;
- (f) Section 76-5-207, [~~negligently operating a vehicle resulting in death~~] automobile

homicide;

(g) Section 76-5-207.5, automobile homicide involving using a wireless communication device while operating a motor vehicle;

- (h) Section 76-5-208, child abuse homicide;
- (i) Section 76-5-209, homicide by assault;
- (j) Section 76-5-302, aggravated kidnapping;
- (k) Section 76-5-405, aggravated sexual assault;
- (l) a felony violation of Section 76-6-103, aggravated arson;
- (m) Section 76-6-203, aggravated burglary;
- (n) Section 76-6-302, aggravated robbery;
- (o) Section 76-10-508.1, felony discharge of a firearm;

(p) (i) an offense other than an offense listed in Subsections (10)(a) through (o) involving the use of a dangerous weapon, as defined in Section 76-1-101.5, that is a felony; and

- (ii) the minor has been previously adjudicated or convicted of an offense involving the

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use of a dangerous weapon; or

(q) a felony offense other than an offense listed in Subsections (10)(a) through (p) and the minor has been previously committed to the division for secure care.

Section ~~44~~12. Section **80-6-804** is amended to read:

### **80-6-804. Review and termination of secure care.**

(1) If a juvenile offender is ordered to secure care under Section 80-6-705, the juvenile offender shall appear before the authority within 45 days after the day on which the juvenile offender is ordered to secure care for review of a treatment plan and to establish parole release guidelines.

(2) (a) Except as provided in Subsections (2)(b) and (2)(h), if a juvenile offender is ordered to secure care under Section 80-6-705, the authority shall set a presumptive term of secure care for the juvenile offender from three to six months, but the presumptive term may not exceed six months.

(b) If a juvenile offender is ordered to secure care for a misdemeanor offense, the authority may immediately release the juvenile offender on parole if there is a treatment program available for the juvenile offender in a community-based setting.

(c) Except as provided in Subsection (2)(h), the authority shall release the juvenile offender on parole at the end of the presumptive term of secure care unless:

(i) termination would interrupt the completion of a treatment program determined to be necessary by the results of a validated risk and needs assessment under Section 80-6-606; or

(ii) the juvenile offender commits a new misdemeanor or felony offense.

(d) The authority shall determine whether a juvenile offender has completed a treatment program under Subsection (2)(c)(i) by considering:

(i) the recommendations of the licensed service provider for the treatment program;

(ii) the juvenile offender's record in the treatment program; and

(iii) the juvenile offender's completion of the goals of the treatment program.

(e) Except as provided in Subsection (2)(h), the authority may extend the length of secure care and delay parole release for the time needed to address the specific circumstance if one of the circumstances under Subsection (2)(c) exists.

(f) The authority shall:

(i) record the length of the extension and the grounds for the extension; and

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(ii) report annually the length and grounds of extension to the commission.

(g) Records under Subsection (2)(f) shall be tracked in the data system used by the juvenile court and the division.

(h) If a juvenile offender is ordered to secure care for a misdemeanor offense, the authority may not:

(i) set a juvenile offender's presumptive term of secure care under Subsection (2)(a) that would result in a term of secure care that exceeds a term of incarceration for an adult under Section 76-3-204 for the same misdemeanor offense; or

(ii) extend the juvenile offender's term of secure care under Subsections (2)(c) and (e) if the extension would result in a term of secure care that exceeds the term of incarceration for an adult under Section 76-3-204 for the same misdemeanor offense.

(3) (a) If a juvenile offender is ordered to secure care, the authority shall set a presumptive term of parole supervision, including aftercare services, from three to four months, but the presumptive term may not exceed four months.

(b) If the authority determines that a juvenile offender is unable to return home immediately upon release, the juvenile offender may serve the term of parole:

(i) in the home of a qualifying relative or guardian;

(ii) at an independent living program contracted or operated by the division; or

(iii) in a family-based setting with approval by the director or the director's designee if the minor does not qualify for an independent living program due to age, disability, or another reason or the minor cannot be placed with a qualifying relative or guardian.

(c) The authority shall release a juvenile offender from parole and terminate the authority's jurisdiction at the end of the presumptive term of parole, unless:

(i) termination would interrupt the completion of a treatment program that is determined to be necessary by the results of a validated risk and needs assessment under Section 80-6-606;

(ii) the juvenile offender commits a new misdemeanor or felony offense; or

(iii) restitution has not been completed.

(d) The authority shall determine whether a juvenile offender has completed a treatment program under Subsection (3)(c)(i) by considering:

(i) the recommendations of the licensed service provider;

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- (ii) the juvenile offender's record in the treatment program; and
- (iii) the juvenile offender's completion of the goals of the treatment program.
- (e) If one of the circumstances under Subsection (3)(c) exists, the authority may delay parole release only for the time needed to address the specific circumstance.
- (f) The authority shall:
  - (i) record the grounds for extension of the presumptive length of parole and the length of the extension; and
  - (ii) report annually the extension and the length of the extension to the commission.
- (g) Records under Subsection (3)(f) shall be tracked in the data system used by the juvenile court and the division.
- (h) If a juvenile offender leaves parole supervision without authorization for more than 24 hours, the term of parole shall toll until the juvenile offender returns.
- (4) Subsections (2) and (3) do not apply to a juvenile offender ordered to secure care for:
  - (a) Section 76-5-103, aggravated assault resulting in serious bodily injury to another;
  - (b) Section 76-5-202, aggravated murder or attempted aggravated murder;
  - (c) Section 76-5-203, murder or attempted murder;
  - (d) Section 76-5-205, manslaughter;
  - (e) Section 76-5-206, negligent homicide;
  - (f) Section 76-5-207, [~~negligently operating a vehicle resulting in death~~] automobile homicide;
  - (g) Section 76-5-207.5, automobile homicide involving using a wireless communication device while operating a motor vehicle;
  - (h) Section 76-5-208, child abuse homicide;
  - (i) Section 76-5-209, homicide by assault;
  - (j) Section 76-5-302, aggravated kidnapping;
  - (k) Section 76-5-405, aggravated sexual assault;
  - (l) a felony violation of Section 76-6-103, aggravated arson;
  - (m) Section 76-6-203, aggravated burglary;
  - (n) Section 76-6-302, aggravated robbery;
  - (o) Section 76-10-508.1, felony discharge of a firearm;

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(p) (i) an offense other than an offense listed in Subsections (4)(a) through (o) involving the use of a dangerous weapon, as defined in Section 76-1-101.5, that is a felony; and

(ii) the juvenile offender has been previously adjudicated or convicted of an offense involving the use of a dangerous weapon, as defined in Section 76-1-101.5; or

(q) an offense other than an offense listed in Subsections (4)(a) through (p) and the juvenile offender has been previously ordered to secure care.

Section ~~{12}~~13. **Effective date.**

This bill takes effect on May 1, 2024.