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DRUNK DRIVING PREVENTION ACT

Each and every one of us has a right to live in a safe and secure community. It is irresponsible and unacceptable to continue to ignore preventable deaths and injuries due to drunk driving. It is time for Wisconsin's elected officials to support the Drunk Driving Prevention Act to create safer roadways for all drivers. The use of ignition interlock devices (IIDs) has been successful in changing offenders' behavior. The legislation being proposed will mandate that all drivers convicted of an OWI must install an IID.

Current Law:

First-time offenders face fines from \$150 to \$300, an alcohol treatment course, and a six to nine month suspension of their driver's license, but no jail time. Additionally, beginning in 2009, an IID is only required if offended was above .15 BAC or refused field or blood test. Since 2010, judges must order ignition interlocks for all refusals, repeat, and first-time convicted drunk drivers with a BAC of .15 or greater. Presently, it takes FIVE OWI offenses in ten years or FOUR OWI offenses in five years to constitute a Class H felony, which can lead to a jail sentence of up to six years.

The Truth About Drunk Driving:

In a 2009 study, 26% of Wisconsin adults admitted to operating a vehicle while intoxicated. Alarmingly, first-time OWI offenders are estimated to have driven under the influence at least 80 times before their initial conviction.

How IIDs Will Help:

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention IIDs reduce drunk driving recidivism by 67%. In Wisconsin, from December 1, 2015 to December 1, 2016, IIDs have prevented 37,229 attempts to drive drunk on our roads.

Drunk Driving Statistics:

- It is irresponsible and unacceptable to continue to ignore preventable deaths and injuries due to drunk driving.
- We call on Wisconsin's elected officials to support the Drunk Driving Prevention Act to create safer roadways for all drivers. The use of ignition interlock devices (IIDs) has been successful in changing offenders' behavior. The legislation being proposed will mandate that all drivers convicted of an OWI must install an IID, no matter their BAC level. We must do everything we can to change the drunk driving culture in our state.

IGNITION INTERLOCK DEVICE COSTS

\$75 - \$150 Installation fee

\$60 - \$90 Monthly fee

\$40 - \$60 Removal fee

*A person with a household income at or below 150% of the federal (non-farm) can file a petition for the reduction of costs of the IID to one-half the cost of installation and one half the cost of per day maintenance of the device.



“All Wisconsinites deserve to live in safe and healthy communities. With drunk driving accounting for 32% of all traffic fatalities in the state of Wisconsin, it is clear we must do more to reduce that rate and increase public safety on our roads.”

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