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A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing for a .08 blood alcohol concentration limit for
2 motor vehicle operating while intoxicated offenses.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 321J.2, subsection 1, paragraph b, Code
2 2001, is amended to read as follows:

3 b. While having an alcohol concentration of ~~not less than~~ .08 or
4 more.

5 Sec. 2. Section 321J.6, subsection 1, paragraph g, Code
6 2001, is amended to read as follows:

7 g. The preliminary breath screening test was administered
8 and it indicated an alcohol concentration of .02 or more but
9 less than ~~not less than~~ .08 and the person is under the age of twenty-
10 one.

11 Sec. 3. Section 321J.12, subsection 5, Code 2001, is
12 amended to read as follows:

13 5. Upon certification, subject to penalty of perjury, by
14 the peace officer that there existed reasonable grounds to
15 believe that the person had been operating a motor vehicle in
16 violation of section 321J.2A, that there existed one or more
17 of the necessary conditions for chemical testing described in
18 section 321J.6, subsection 1, and that the person submitted to
19 chemical testing and the test results indicated an alcohol
20 concentration ~~as defined in section 321J.1~~ of .02 or more but
21 less than ~~not less than~~ .08, the department shall revoke the person's
22 driver's license or operating privilege for a period of sixty
23 days if the person has had no previous revocation under this
24 chapter, and for a period of ninety days if the person has had
25 a previous revocation under this chapter.

26 Sec. 4. IMPLEMENTATION OF ACT. Section 25B.2, subsection
27 3, shall not apply to this Act.

28 EXPLANATION

29 This bill changes the limit for blood alcohol concentration
30 (BAC) while driving a motor vehicle from .10 BAC to .08 BAC.
31 Under this bill, a person who drives with .08 BAC or higher
32 would violate Code section 321J.2, the operating while
33 intoxicated statute.

34 The bill may include a state mandate as defined in Code
35 section 25B.3. The bill makes inapplicable Code section

1 25B.2, subsection 3, which would relieve a political
2 subdivision from complying with a state mandate if funding for
3 the cost of the state mandate is not provided or specified.
4 Therefore, political subdivisions are required to comply with
5 any state mandate included in the bill.

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