

SENATE FILE 314
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act lowering the blood alcohol concentration limit to .08 for
2 motor vehicle and boat 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 ~~±~~ .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 ~~±~~ .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 ~~±~~ .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. Section 462A.14, subsection 1, paragraph b, Code
27 2001, is amended to read as follows:

28 b. While having an alcohol concentration of ~~±~~ .08 or
29 more.

30 Sec. 5. IMPLEMENTATION OF ACT. Section 25B.2, subsection
31 3, shall not apply to this Act.

32 EXPLANATION

33 This bill changes the limit for blood alcohol concentration
34 (BAC) while operating a motor vehicle or a boat from .10 BAC
35 to .08 BAC. Under the bill, a person who operates with .08

1 BAC or higher would violate Code section 321J.2 or 462A.14,
2 the operating-while-intoxicated statutes.

3 The bill may include a state mandate as defined in Code
4 section 25B.3. The bill makes inapplicable Code section
5 25B.2, subsection 3, which would relieve a political
6 subdivision from complying with a state mandate if funding for
7 the cost of the state mandate is not provided or specified.
8 Therefore, political subdivisions are required to comply with
9 any state mandate included in the bill.

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