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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 2737

AN ACT TO REQUIRE VEHICLE IMPOUNDMENT, IMMOBILIZATION OR USE 1 2 OF AN IGNITION INTERLOCK SYSTEM IN DUI CONVICTION; TO PROVIDE FOR 3 THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE USE OF SUCH DEVICES; TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION; TO AMEND SECTION 63-11-30, MISSISSIPPI 4 CODE OF 1972, TO CONFORM TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT AND TO MAKE 5 TECHNICAL CHANGES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. 6 7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI: <u>SECTION 1.</u> (1) (a) In addition to the penalties authorized 8 9 for any second or subsequent convictions of Section 63-11-30, the court shall order either the impoundment or immobilization of any 10 11 vehicle registered to the person convicted, if the court determines it is a vehicle to which the person has access and 12 13 which should be subject to these sanctions, for a minimum period of thirty (30) days up to the entire length of license suspension 14

to occur during the driver's license suspension period; provided, however, that if other licensed drivers living in the household are dependent upon the vehicle subject to impoundment or immobilization for necessary transportation, the court may order the installation of an ignition interlock system on the vehicle in lieu of impoundment or immobilization. Additionally, the court

21 shall order the installation of an ignition interlock system on any vehicle registered to the person for a minimum period of six 22 23 (6) months to occur upon reinstatement of the person's driver's license if the court determines it is a vehicle to which the 24 25 person has access and which should be subject to ignition 26 interlock. The cost associated with impoundment, immobilization 27 or ignition interlock shall be paid by the person convicted. For the purpose of this section, "ignition interlock device" means a 28

29 device which connects a motor vehicle ignition system to a 30 breath-alcohol analyzer and prevents a motor vehicle ignition from 31 starting if the driver's blood alcohol level exceeds the 32 calibrated setting on the device.

(b) A person may not tamper with, or in any way attempt to circumvent the immobilization or impoundment of vehicles ordered by the court. A violation of this paragraph (b) is a misdemeanor and upon conviction the violator shall be fined an amount not less than Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) nor more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) or imprisoned for not more than one (1) year or both.

40 (c) When a court orders a person to operate only a 41 motor vehicle which is equipped with a functioning ignition 42 interlock device, the court shall establish a specific calibration 43 setting no lower than two one-hundredths percent (.02%) nor more 44 than four one-hundredths percent (.04%) blood alcohol 45 concentration at which the ignition interlock device will prevent 46 the motor vehicle from being started.

47 (d) Upon ordering use of an ignition interlock device,48 the court shall:

49 (i) State on the record the requirement for and
50 the period of use of the device, and so notify the Department of
51 Public Safety;

52 (ii) Direct that the records of the department
53 reflect that the person may not operate a motor vehicle that is
54 not equipped with an ignition interlock device;

(iii) Direct the department to attach or imprint a notation on the driver's license of any person restricted under this section stating that the person may operate only a motor vehicle equipped with an ignition interlock device;

(iv) Require proof of the installation of the device and periodic reporting by the person for verification of the proper operation of the device;

(v) Require the person to have the system
monitored for proper use and accuracy by an entity approved by the
department at least semiannually, or more frequently as the
circumstances may require;

(vi) Require the person to pay the reasonable cost
of leasing or buying, monitoring, and maintaining the device, and
may establish a payment schedule therefore.

69 (e) (i) 1. A person prohibited under this section 70 from operating a motor vehicle that is not equipped with an 71 ignition interlock device may not solicit or have another person 72 attempt to start or start a motor vehicle equipped with such a 73 device.

2. A person may not attempt to start or start a motor vehicle equipped with an ignition interlock device for the purpose of providing an operable motor vehicle to a person who is prohibited under this section from operating a motor vehicle that is not equipped with an ignition interlock device.

3. A person may not tamper with, or in any
way attempt to circumvent, the operation of an ignition interlock
device that has been installed in a motor vehicle.

4. A person may not knowingly provide a motor vehicle not equipped with a functioning ignition interlock device to another person who the provider of such vehicle knows or should know is prohibited from operating a motor vehicle not equipped with an ignition interlock device.

(ii) A violation of this paragraph (e) is a
misdemeanor and upon conviction the violator shall be fined an
amount not less than Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) nor more
than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) or imprisoned for not more
than one (1) year, or both.

92 (iii) A person shall not be in violation of this 93 paragraph (e) if:

94 1. The starting of a motor vehicle equipped 95 with an ignition interlock device is done for the purpose of 96 safety or mechanical repair of the device or the vehicle, and the 97 person subject to the court order does not operate the vehicle; or 98 2. The court finds that a person is required

99 to operate a motor vehicle in the course and scope of the person's employment. If the vehicle is owned by the person's employer, the 100 101 person may operate that vehicle during regular working hours for the purposes of employment without installation of an ignition 102 103 interlock device if the employer has been notified of such driving 104 privilege restriction and if proof of that notification is kept 105 with the vehicle at all times. This employment exemption does not 106 apply if the business entity that owns the vehicle is owned or 107 controlled by the person who is prohibited from operating the 108 motor vehicle not equipped with an ignition interlock device.

109 In addition to the circumstances under which a (f) (i) 110 judge may order the use of an ignition interlock device set out in subsection (1)(a) of this section, a judge may order that the 111 vehicle owned or operated by a person or a family member of any 112 person who committed a violation of Section 63-11-30 be equipped 113 114 with an ignition interlock device for all or a portion of the time 115 the driver's license of the operator of such vehicle is suspended or restricted pursuant to this section, if: 116

117 1. The operator of the vehicle used to 118 violate Section 63-11-30 has at least one (1) prior conviction for 119 driving a motor vehicle when such person's privilege to do so is 120 cancelled, suspended or revoked as provided by Section 63-11-30; 121 or

122 2. The driver's license of the operator of 123 such vehicle was cancelled, suspended or revoked at the time of 124 the violation of Section 63-11-30.

(ii) The provisions of this paragraph (f) shall not apply if the vehicle used to commit the violation of Section 63-11-30, was, at the time of such violation, rented or stolen.

128 (2) The provisions of this section are supplemental to the129 provisions of Section 63-11-30.

130 SECTION 2. Section 63-11-30, Mississippi Code of 1972, is 131 amended as follows:[CSQ1]

132 63-11-30. (1) It is unlawful for any person to drive or 133 otherwise operate a vehicle within this state who (a) is under the 134 influence of intoxicating liquor; (b) is under the influence of any other substance which has impaired such person's ability to 135 136 operate a motor vehicle; (c) has an alcohol concentration of ten 137 one-hundredths percent (.10%) or more for persons who are above 138 the legal age to purchase alcoholic beverages under state law, or two one-hundredths percent (.02%) or more for persons who are 139 140 below the legal age to purchase alcoholic beverages under state 141 law, in the person's blood based upon grams of alcohol per one hundred (100) milliliters of blood or grams of alcohol per two 142 143 hundred ten (210) liters of breath as shown by a chemical analysis of such person's breath, blood or urine administered as authorized 144 by this chapter; (d) is under the influence of any drug or 145 controlled substance, the possession of which is unlawful under 146 147 the Mississippi Controlled Substances Law; or (e) has an alcohol 148 concentration of four one-hundredths percent (.04%) or more in the person's blood, based upon grams of alcohol per one hundred (100) 149 150 milliliters of blood or grams of alcohol per two hundred ten (210) 151 liters of breath as shown by a chemical analysis of such person's 152 blood, breath or urine, administered as authorized by this chapter 153 for persons operating a commercial motor vehicle.

154 (2) (a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (3), 155 upon conviction of any person for the first offense of violating subsection (1) of this section where chemical tests provided for 156 157 under Section 63-11-5 were given, or where chemical test results are not available, such person shall be fined not less than Two 158 Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) nor more than One Thousand Dollars 159 160 (\$1,000.00), or imprisoned for not more than forty-eight (48) 161 hours in jail or both; and the court shall order such person to 162 attend and complete an alcohol safety education program as provided in Section 63-11-32. The court may substitute attendance 163 164 at a victim impact panel instead of forty-eight (48) hours in

165 jail. In addition, the Department of Public Safety, the Commissioner of Public Safety or his duly authorized agent shall, 166 167 after conviction and upon receipt of the court abstract, suspend the driver's license and driving privileges of such person for a 168 169 period of not less than ninety (90) days and until such person 170 attends and successfully completes an alcohol safety education program as herein provided; provided, however, in no event shall 171 such period of suspension exceed one (1) year. Commercial driving 172 173 privileges shall be suspended as provided in Section 63-1-83.

174 The circuit court having jurisdiction in the county in which the conviction was had or the circuit court of the person's county 175 176 of residence may reduce the suspension of driving privileges under Section 63-11-30(2)(a) if the denial of which would constitute a 177 hardship on the offender, except that no court may issue such an 178 order reducing the suspension of driving privileges under this 179 180 subsection until thirty (30) days have elapsed from the effective 181 date of the suspension. Hardships shall only apply to first offenses under Section 63-11-30(1), and shall not apply to second, 182 183 third or subsequent convictions of any person violating subsection 184 (1) of this section. A reduction of suspension on the basis of 185 hardship shall not be available to any person who refused to submit to a chemical test upon the request of a law enforcement 186 187 officer as provided in Section 63-11-5. When the petition is 188 filed, such person shall pay to the circuit clerk of the court where the petition is filed a fee of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00), which 189 190 shall be deposited into the State General Fund to the credit of a 191 special fund hereby created in the State Treasury to be used for 192 alcohol or drug abuse treatment and education, upon appropriation by the Legislature. This fee shall be in addition to any other 193 194 court costs or fees required for the filing of petitions.

The petition filed under the provisions of this subsection shall contain the specific facts which the petitioner alleges to constitute a hardship and the driver's license number of the

198 petitioner. A hearing may be held on any petition filed under 199 this subsection only after ten (10) days' prior written notice to 200 the Commissioner of Public Safety, or his designated agent, or the 201 attorney designated to represent the state. At such hearing, the 202 court may enter an order reducing the period of suspension.

203 The order entered under the provisions of this subsection 204 shall contain the specific grounds upon which hardship was 205 determined, and shall order the petitioner to attend and complete 206 an alcohol safety education program as provided in Section 207 63-11-32. A certified copy of such order shall be delivered to the Commissioner of Public Safety by the clerk of the court within 208 209 five (5) days of the entry of the order. The certified copy of such order shall contain information which will identify the 210 petitioner, including, but not limited to, the name, mailing 211 212 address, street address, social security number and driver's 213 license number of the petitioner.

At any time following at least thirty (30) days of suspension for a first offense violation of this section, the court may grant the person hardship driving privileges upon written petition of the defendant, if it finds reasonable cause to believe that revocation would hinder the person's ability to:

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(i) Continue his employment;

(ii) Continue attending school or an educationalinstitution; or

(iii) Obtain necessary medical care.
Proof of the hardship shall be established by clear and
convincing evidence which shall be supported by independent
documentation.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (3),
upon any second conviction of any person violating subsection (1)
of this section, the offenses being committed within a period of
five (5) years, such person shall be fined not less than Six
Hundred Dollars (\$600.00) nor more than One Thousand Five Hundred

231 Dollars (\$1,500.00) and shall be imprisoned not less than ten (10) 232 days nor more than one (1) year and sentenced to community service 233 work for not less than ten (10) days nor more than one (1) year. The minimum penalties shall not be suspended. Except as may 234 235 otherwise be provided by paragraph (e) of this subsection, the Commissioner of Public Safety shall suspend the driver's license 236 of such person for two (2) years. Suspension of a commercial 237 driver's license shall be governed by Section 63-1-83. Upon any 238 239 second conviction as described in this paragraph, the court shall 240 ascertain whether the defendant is married, and if the defendant is married shall obtain the name and address of the defendant's 241 242 spouse; the clerk of the court shall submit this information to 243 the Department of Public Safety. Further, the commissioner shall notify in writing, by certified mail, return receipt requested, 244 the owner of the vehicle and the spouse, if any, of the person 245 246 convicted of the second violation of the possibility of forfeiture 247 of the vehicle if such person is convicted of a third violation of subsection (1) of this section. The owner of the vehicle and the 248 249 spouse shall be considered notified under this paragraph if the 250 notice is deposited in the United States mail and any claim that 251 the notice was not in fact received by the addressee shall not 252 affect a subsequent forfeiture proceeding.

For any second or subsequent conviction of any person under this section, the person shall also be subject to the penalties set forth in Section 1 of Senate Bill No. 2737, 2000 Regular Session.

(c) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (3), for any third or subsequent conviction of any person violating subsection (1) of this section, the offenses being committed within a period of five (5) years, such person shall be guilty of a felony and fined not less than Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) nor more than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) and shall be imprisoned not less than one (1) year nor more than five (5) years

264 in the State Penitentiary. The minimum penalties shall not be 265 suspended. The law enforcement agency shall seize the vehicle 266 operated by any person charged with a third or subsequent violation of subsection (1) of this section, if such convicted 267 268 person was driving the vehicle at the time the offense was committed. Such vehicle may be forfeited in the manner provided 269 270 by Sections 63-11-49 through 63-11-53. Except as may otherwise be provided by paragraph (e) of this subsection, the Commissioner of 271 272 Public Safety shall suspend the driver's license of such person 273 for five (5) years. The suspension of a commercial driver's 274 license shall be governed by Section 63-1-83.

275 (d) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (3), any 276 person convicted of a second <u>or subsequent</u> violation of subsection (1) of this section * * * shall receive an in-depth diagnostic 277 assessment, and <u>if</u> as a result of such assessment is determined to 278 279 be in need of treatment of his alcohol and/or drug abuse problem 280 shall successfully complete treatment of his alcohol and/or drug abuse problem at a program site certified by the Department of 281 282 Mental Health. Such person shall be eligible for reinstatement of 283 his driving privileges upon the successful completion of such 284 treatment after a period of one (1) year after such person's 285 driver's license is suspended. Each person who receives a 286 diagnostic assessment shall pay a fee representing the cost of 287 such assessment. Each person who participates in a treatment program shall pay a fee representing the cost of such treatment. 288

289 (e) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (3), any 290 person convicted of a third or subsequent violation of subsection 291 (1) of this section may enter an alcohol and/or drug abuse program 292 approved by the Department of Mental Health for treatment of such 293 person's alcohol and/or drug abuse problem. If such person 294 successfully completes such treatment, such person shall be 295 eligible for reinstatement of his driving privileges after a 296 period of three (3) years after such person's driver's license is

297 suspended.

This subsection shall be known and may be cited as 298 (3) (a) 299 Zero Tolerance for Minors. The provisions of this subsection shall apply only when a person under the age of twenty-one (21) 300 301 years has a blood alcohol concentration two one-hundredths percent 302 (.02%) or more, but lower than eight one-hundredths percent 303 (.08%). If such person's blood alcohol concentration is eight 304 one-hundredths percent (.08%) or more, the provisions of 305 subsection (2) shall apply.

306 (b) Upon conviction of any person under the age of 307 twenty-one (21) years for the first offense of violating 308 subsection (1) of this section where chemical tests provided for 309 under Section 63-11-5 were given, * * * such person shall have his 310 driver's license suspended for ninety (90) days and shall be fined 311 Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00); and the court shall order 312 such person to attend and complete an alcohol safety education 313 program as provided in Section 63-11-32. The court may also require attendance at a victim impact panel. 314

315 The circuit court having jurisdiction in the county in which the conviction was had or the circuit court of the person's county 316 317 of residence may reduce the suspension of driving privileges under 318 Section 63-11-30(2)(a) if the denial of which would constitute a hardship on the offender, except that no court may issue such an 319 320 order reducing the suspension of driving privileges under this subsection until thirty (30) days have elapsed from the effective 321 322 date of the suspension. Hardships shall only apply to first offenses under Section 63-11-30(1), and shall not apply to second, 323 third or subsequent convictions of any person violating subsection 324 325 (1) of this section. A reduction of suspension on the basis of 326 hardship shall not be available to any person who refused to 327 submit to a chemical test upon the request of a law enforcement officer as provided in Section 63-11-5. When the petition is 328 329 filed, such person shall pay to the circuit clerk of the court

where the petition is filed a fee of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00), which shall be deposited into the State General Fund to the credit of a special fund hereby created in the State Treasury to be used for alcohol or drug abuse treatment and education, upon appropriation by the Legislature. This fee shall be in addition to any other court costs or fees required for the filing of petitions.

The petition filed under the provisions of this subsection 336 shall contain the specific facts which the petitioner alleges to 337 338 constitute a hardship and the driver's license number of the 339 petitioner. A hearing may be held on any petition filed under this subsection only after ten (10) days' prior written notice to 340 341 the Commissioner of Public Safety, or his designated agent, or the 342 attorney designated to represent the state. At such hearing, the court may enter an order reducing the period of suspension. 343

344 The order entered under the provisions of this subsection 345 shall contain the specific grounds upon which hardship was 346 determined, and shall order the petitioner to attend and complete an alcohol safety education program as provided in Section 347 348 63-11-32. A certified copy of such order shall be delivered to the Commissioner of Public Safety by the clerk of the court within 349 350 five (5) days of the entry of the order. The certified copy of 351 such order shall contain information which will identify the 352 petitioner, including, but not limited to, the name, mailing 353 address, street address, social security number and driver's license number of the petitioner. 354

At any time following at least thirty (30) days of suspension for a first offense violation of this section, the court may grant the person hardship driving privileges upon written petition of the defendant, if it finds reasonable cause to believe that revocation would hinder the person's ability to:

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(i) Continue his employment;

361 (ii) Continue attending school or an educational 362 institution; or

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(iii) Obtain necessary medical care.

Proof of the hardship shall be established by clear and convincing evidence which shall be supported by independent documentation.

367 (c) Upon any second conviction of any person under the
368 age of twenty-one (21) years violating subsection (1) of this
369 section, the offenses being committed within a period of five (5)
370 years, such person shall be fined not more than Five Hundred
371 Dollars (\$500.00) and shall have his driver's license suspended
372 for one (1) year.

(d) For any third or subsequent conviction of any person under the age of twenty-one (21) years violating subsection (1) of this section, the offenses being committed within a period of five (5) years, such person shall be fined not more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) and shall have his driver's license suspended until he reaches the age of twenty-one (21) or for two (2) years, whichever is longer.

380 (e) Any person under the age of twenty-one (21) years 381 convicted of a second violation of subsection (1) of this section, may have the period that his driver's license is suspended reduced 382 383 if such person receives an in-depth diagnostic assessment, and as 384 a result of such assessment is determined to be in need of 385 treatment of his alcohol and/or drug abuse problem and 386 successfully completes treatment of his alcohol and/or drug abuse problem at a program site certified by the Department of Mental 387 388 Health. Such person shall be eligible for reinstatement of his driving privileges upon the successful completion of such 389 390 treatment after a period of six (6) months after such person's 391 driver's license is suspended. Each person who receives a 392 diagnostic assessment shall pay a fee representing the cost of 393 such assessment. Each person who participates in a treatment program shall pay a fee representing the cost of such treatment. 394 395 (f) Any person under the age of twenty-one (21) years

396 convicted of a third or subsequent violation of subsection (1) of 397 this section shall complete treatment of an alcohol and/or drug 398 abuse program at a site certified by the Department of Mental 399 Health.

400 The court shall have the discretion to rule that a (a) 401 first offense of this subsection by a person under the age of 402 twenty-one (21) years shall be nonadjudicated. Such person shall 403 be eligible for nonadjudication only once. The Department of 404 Public Safety shall maintain a confidential registry of all cases 405 which are nonadjudicated as provided in this paragraph. A judge 406 who rules that a case is nonadjudicated shall forward such ruling to the Department of Public Safety. Judges and prosecutors 407 involved in implied consent violations shall have access to the 408 409 confidential registry for the purpose of determining 410 nonadjudication eligibility. A record of a person who has been 411 nonadjudicated shall be maintained for five (5) years or until 412 such person reaches the age of twenty-one (21) years. Any person 413 whose confidential record has been disclosed in violation of this 414 paragraph shall have a civil cause of action against the person 415 and/or agency responsible for such disclosure.

416 (4) Every person convicted of operating a vehicle while 417 under the influence of intoxicating liquor or any other substance 418 which has impaired such person's ability to operate a motor 419 vehicle where the person (a) refused a law enforcement officer's request to submit to a chemical test of his breath as provided in 420 421 this chapter, or (b) was unconscious at the time of a chemical 422 test and refused to consent to the introduction of the results of 423 such test in any prosecution, shall be punished consistent with 424 the penalties prescribed herein for persons submitting to the 425 test, except that there shall be an additional suspension of 426 driving privileges as follows:

427 The Commissioner of Public Safety or his authorized agent 428 shall suspend the driver's license or permit to drive or deny the

429 issuance of a license or permit to such person as provided for first, second and third or subsequent offenders in subsection (2) 430 431 of this section. Such suspension shall be in addition to any suspension imposed pursuant to subsection (1) of Section 63-11-23. 432 433 Every person who operates any motor vehicle in violation (5) of the provisions of subsection (1) of this section and who in a 434 435 negligent manner causes the death of another or mutilates, 436 disfigures, permanently disables or destroys the tongue, eye, lip, 437 nose or any other limb, organ or member of another shall, upon 438 conviction, be guilty of a felony and shall be committed to the custody of the State Department of Corrections for a period of 439 440 time not to exceed twenty-five (25) years.

(6) Upon conviction of any violation of subsection (1) of 441 442 this section, the trial judge shall sign in the place provided on 443 the traffic ticket, citation or affidavit stating that the person 444 arrested either employed an attorney or waived his right to an 445 attorney after having been properly advised. If the person arrested employed an attorney, the name, address and telephone 446 447 number of the attorney shall be written on the ticket, citation or 448 affidavit. The judge shall cause a copy of the traffic ticket, 449 citation or affidavit, and any other pertinent documents 450 concerning the conviction, to be sent to the Commissioner of 451 Public Safety. A copy of the traffic ticket, citation or 452 affidavit and any other pertinent documents, having been attested 453 as true and correct by the Commissioner of Public Safety, or his 454 designee, shall be sufficient proof of the conviction for purposes 455 of determining the enhanced penalty for any subsequent convictions 456 of violations of subsection (1) of this section.

(7) Convictions in other states of violations for driving or operating a vehicle while under the influence of an intoxicating liquor or while under the influence of any other substance that has impaired the person's ability to operate a motor vehicle occurring after July 1, 1992, shall be counted for the purposes of

462 determining if a violation of subsection (1) of this section is a 463 first, second, third or subsequent offense and the penalty that 464 shall be imposed upon conviction for a violation of subsection (1) 465 of this section.

466 (8) For the purposes of determining how to impose the 467 sentence for a second, third or subsequent conviction under this section, the indictment shall not be required to enumerate 468 469 previous convictions. It shall only be necessary that the 470 indictment state the number of times that the defendant has been 471 convicted and sentenced within the past five (5) years under this section to determine if an enhanced penalty shall be imposed. 472 The 473 amount of fine and imprisonment imposed in previous convictions 474 shall not be considered in calculating offenses to determine a second, third or subsequent offense of this section. 475

476 (9) Any person under the legal age to obtain a license to 477 operate a motor vehicle convicted under this section shall not be 478 eligible to receive such license until the person reaches the age 479 of eighteen (18) years.

480 (10) Suspension of driving privileges for any person
481 convicted of violations of Section 63-11-30(1) shall run
482 consecutively.

483 (11) The court may order the use of an ignition interlock
484 device as provided by Section 1 of Senate Bill. No. 2737, 2000
485 <u>Regular Session.</u>

486 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from 487 and after July 1, 2000.