

Hello Senate Committee Members,

I am Will Madison, Soldotna.

Is there any chance that you could introduce and pass a regulation **separating the penalties for Revoked Drivers Licenses from the penalties for Suspended/Cancelled Driver's Licenses?** We would recommend making **Driving with a Revoked License (DWLR)** an arrestable offense at all times.

**Currently Driving Revoked is only an Infraction with a mandatory court citation and a \$300 fine, unless the operator is Revoked for (specifically) DUI, and within their revocation period at the time of the stop, which then becomes a misdemeanor but holds no bail (the offender is released on their own recognizance) .**

**Currently, the majority of Suspended/Revoked/Cancelled drivers get only the citation, and they commonly don't even appear for court. Most of the suspended drivers are people who have had a problem with traffic citations, failed to carry insurance, or failed to pay child support, but are not typically career criminals. The vast majority of the Revoked offenders, however, are career criminals, and they just laugh at a request to appear in court or pay a fine. Law enforcement officers who stop them know from prior experience that there are probably drugs, drug paraphernalia, drug money, and stolen merchandise in the vehicle, but under the current law this is just an infraction, meaning the officers cannot do any kind of search of the vehicle. Their hands are tied.**

**If the committee could make all Driving with a Revoked License offenses arrestable (as they were prior to SB-91), the officer would have the authority to do a search, and determine whether the vehicle**

should be impounded for additional charges. The offender would go to jail, and potentially have to appear in court, subsequently providing the officers time to put together stronger cases with more evidence for keeping these "revolving door" offenders in jail, and at the same time possibly solving other (theft) crimes. Driving with a Suspended License could still be an infraction with only a ticket to pay.

If you would just call some of the State Troopers, or retired Troopers, or Kenai City Police Officers, and ask if this would help them, you would see how important and helpful this action could be.