



# ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

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### House Bill 408

### Sponsor Statement

*"An Act relating to revocation of a driver's license."*

In Alaska, a person who has had their license permanently revoked due to alcohol related offenses can apply to have their driver's license restored if 10 years have passed since the revocation and they have not been convicted of a driving-related criminal offense in that time. However, if someone was convicted of any driving-related crime (such as driving without a license) any time after the date of revocation, their license may never be restored under current law.

House Bill 408 would alter the restoration process slightly to allow the Division of Motor Vehicles to restore a driver's license if a person has had no driving-related offenses in the 10-year period before applying for the restoration of their license. This change offers a pathway for reformed Alaskans to earn their driving privileges while maintaining appropriately harsh penalties implemented to maintain public safety.

A priority of the legislature is to help Alaskans improve their lives, provide for their families and contribute to their communities. A driver's license is an essential component for achieving employment and by allowing Alaskans who have turned their lives around to earn this privilege, the change proposed in House Bill 408 would balance the important principles of punishment and reformation.