

**HB**

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## SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

DATE: 5/10/07

FURTHER:

DATE TURNED  
IN TO OFFICE: 4-3-08

Finance Committee considered CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 75(STA)

HB 75 DRIVERS LICENSE: ALCOHOL AWARENESS/MINOR

"An Act relating to driver's licenses and to alcohol and drug awareness and safety testing."

and recommends:

- be replaced with  SCS or  CS \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_\_)
- adopt previous  SCS or  CS \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_\_)
- attached amendment(s)
- adopt \_\_\_\_\_ Letter of Intent
- further referral to \_\_\_\_\_ Committee

**SENATE BILL:**

- Same Title
- New Title

**HOUSE BILL:**

- Same Title
- Technical Title Change
- New Title w/ SCR # \_\_\_\_\_

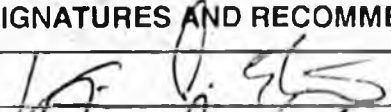





**NEW FISCAL NOTE(S):**

Department	Date	Fiscal	Indet.	Zero	FN#
HSS	12/08/07			✓	
ADM	3/08/08	✓			

**PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTE(S):**

Department	Date	Fiscal	Indet.	Zero	FN#

APPROPRIATION - no fiscal note

SIGNATURES AND RECOMMENDATIONS:	PRINTED LAST NAME	DO PASS	DO NOT PASS	NO REC	AMEND
	Elton			✓	
	Thomas	✓			
	Olson			✓	
	Higgins	✓			
CO-CHAIR: 	Hoffman			✓	
CO-CHAIR: 	Smith			✓	

# FISCAL NOTE

**STATE OF ALASKA**  
**2008 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

Fiscal Note Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Bill Version: CS HB75 (STA)  
 ( ) Publish Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dept. Affected: Health & Social Services  
 RDU Behavioral Health  
 Component Alcohol Safety Action Program

Identifier(File name): HB075CS(STA)-DHS-ASAP-11-27-07  
 Title DRIVERS LICENSE: ALCOHOL AWARENESS/MINOR  
 Sponsor RAMRAS  
 Requester SENATE (FIN)

Component No. 305

**Expenditures/Revenues** (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

	Appropriation		Information				
	Required						
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2009	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014
Personal Services							
Travel							
Contractual							
Supplies							
Equipment							
Land & Structures							
Grants & Claims							
Miscellaneous							
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b>							
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<b>CHANGE IN REVENUES (0)</b>							
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**FUND SOURCE** (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY 2009	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014
1002 Federal Receipts							
1003 GF Match							
1004 GF							
1037 GF/Mental Health							
Other(Specify Type-do not abbreviate)							
Other(Specify Type-do not abbreviate)							
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

Estimate of any current year (FY2008) cost: \_\_\_\_\_

**POSITIONS**

	FY 2009	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014
Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

**ANALYSIS:** (Attach a separate page if necessary)

HB75 describes an act relating to driver's licensing and alcohol awareness testing for those licensed drivers in Alaska who are turning 21 years old, and returning their "under 21" driver's license in order to receive the full privileged adult license.

There will be no impact to the division.

Prepared by: Melissa Witzler Stone, Director  
 Division: Behavioral Health  
 Approved by: Karleen Jackson, Commissioner  
 Agency: Department of Health and Social Services

Phone 269-3410  
 Date/Time 11/27/2007  
 Date 12/08/2007

# FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA  
2008 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Bill Version: CSHB 75(ST.1)  
( ) Publish Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Identifier (file name): HB075CS(STA)-DOA-DMV-03-28-08 Dept. Affected: Administration  
Title: "Drivers License: Alcohol Awareness / Minor..." RDJ: Division of Motor Vehicles  
Component: Motor Vehicles  
Sponsor: Rep(s) RAMRAS, Crawford, Foster  
Requester: (S) FIN Component Number: 2348

**Expenditures/Revenues** (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

	Appropriation Required	Information						
		FY 2009	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>								
Personal Services								
Travel								
Contractual	30.0							
Supplies								
Equipment								
Land & Structures								
Grants & Claims								
Miscellaneous								
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>30.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

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**FUND SOURCE** (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY 2009	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014
1002 Federal Receipts							
1003 GF Match							
1004 GF							
1005 GF/Program Receipts							
1037 GF/Mental Health							
1156 Receipt Supported Services	30.0						
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>30.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

Estimate of any current year (FY2008) cost: 0.0

**POSITIONS**

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

**ANALYSIS:** (Attach a separate page if necessary)

This legislation will require that an applicant for an original Alaska driver's license, over age 21, take and pass a separate written knowledge test specific to alcohol awareness. The one-time cost is to contract for programming this new test into our existing knowledge testing machines, and to program a minor's driver's license to expire on the last day of the month in which the minor turns 21.

Prepared by: Whitney Browster, Director  
Division: Division of Motor Vehicles  
Approved by: Kevin Brooks, Deputy Commissioner  
Department of Administration

Phone: 907-269-5559  
Date/Time: 3/28/08 2 30 PM  
Date: 3/28/2008

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## Representative Jay Ramras House District 10

*Chair, House Judiciary Committee • Member, House Labor & Commerce Committee • Member, House Oil & Gas Committee • Member, House Military & Veteran Affairs Committee*

### Sponsor Statement HB 75

#### Driver's License: Alcohol Awareness/Minors 2/12/07

House Bill 75 continues my efforts to improve alcohol management and awareness in Alaska.

It stipulates that all drivers' licenses issued to a person under 21 years of age will expire within ninety-days of the person's 21<sup>st</sup> birthday.

HB75 will further require that a person turning 21 years of age take a test regarding alcohol safety, awareness, and laws related to drinking and driving, prior to receiving an adult Alaska driver's license.

Once HB75 takes effect, all drivers' licenses of Alaskans 21 years of age or older will be adult licenses. The alcohol awareness test will serve to relate the privilege of driving to the responsibility of consuming alcohol. The test will be designed by the Division of Motor Vehicles, and it is the Sponsor's intent to have MADD participate in the process of designing this test.

HB75 will also help cut down on minors consuming alcohol, by creating a bright line between adult and minor drivers licenses, since a license issued to a person over 21 years of age will be an adult license and look different than a license issued to a minor.

Please join me in supporting this important piece of legislation.

2000-2005 Statewide and Anchorage Crash Statistics (Crash Severity by total number of crashes)

2000 Anchorage

Count of AccSeverity	
AccSeverity	Total
FATAL CRASHES	29
FATALITIES	31
INCAPACITATING INJURY	102
NON INCAPACITATING POSSIBLE INJURY	2295
PROPERTY DAMAGE ONLY	5848
Grand Total	8274

2001 Anchorage

Count of AccSeverity	
AccSeverity	Total
FATAL CRASHES	25
FATALITIES	28
INCAPACITATING INJURY	145
NON INCAPACITATING POSSIBLE INJURY	2504
PROPERTY DAMAGE ONLY	6484
Grand Total	9158

2002 Anchorage

Count of AccSeverity	
AccSeverity	Total
FATAL CRASHES	32
FATALITIES	34
INCAPACITATING INJURY	288
NON INCAPACITATING POSSIBLE INJURY	2357
PROPERTY DAMAGE ONLY	5906
Grand Total	8583

2003 Anchorage

Count of AccSeverity	
AccSeverity	Total
FATAL CRASHES	25
FATALITIES	27
INCAPACITATING INJURY	299
NON INCAPACITATING POSSIBLE INJURY	2334
PROPERTY DAMAGE ONLY	6260
Grand Total	8913

2004 Anchorage

Count of AccSeverity	
AccSeverity	Total
FATAL CRASHES	29
FATALITIES	30
INCAPACITATING INJURY	261
NON INCAPACITATING POSSIBLE INJURY	2241
PROPERTY DAMAGE ONLY	5956
Grand Total	8481

2005 Anchorage

Count of AccSeverity	
AccSeverity	Total
FATAL CRASHES	17
FATALITIES	18
INCAPACITATING INJURY	246
NON INCAPACITATING POSSIBLE INJURY	2129
PROPERTY DAMAGE ONLY	4874
Grand Total	7284

2000 Statewide Fatal & Major

Count of AccSeverity	
AccSeverity	Total
FATAL CRASHES	93
FATALITIES	106
INCAPACITATING INJURY	342
Grand Total	435
TOTAL	14115

2001 Statewide Fatal & Major

Count of AccSeverity	
AccSeverity	Total
FATAL CRASHES	80
FATALITIES	89
INCAPACITATING INJURY	364
Grand Total	448
TOTAL	15248

2002 Statewide Fatal & Major

Count of AccSeverity	
AccSeverity	Total
FATAL CRASHES	78
FATALITIES	89
INCAPACITATING INJURY	545
Grand Total	623
TOTAL	13321

2003 Statewide Fatal & Major

Count of AccSeverity	
AccSeverity	Total
FATAL CRASHES	89
FATALITIES	98
INCAPACITATING INJURY	534
Grand Total	623
TOTAL	14788

2004 Statewide Fatal & Major

Count of AccSeverity	
AccSeverity	Total
FATAL CRASHES	95
FATALITIES	95
INCAPACITATING INJURY	463
Grand Total	559
TOTAL	14618

2005 Statewide Fatal & Major

Count of AccSeverity	
AccSeverity	Total
FATAL CRASHES	67
FATALITIES	73
INCAPACITATING INJURY	442
Grand Total	535
TOTAL	13137

Age Breakdown for Crash Statistics (Crash Severity by total number of crashes)

2005 Anchorage				2005 Statewide			
	Fatality	Serious Injury	Collision		Fatality	Serious Injury	Collision
14-15	0	1	22	14-15	1	4	49
16-20	3	48	1311	16-20	8	92	2539
21-25	3	41	1082	21-25	10	68	1854
26-30	3	22	670	26-30	11	37	1172
31-35	2	18	531	31-35	5	34	997
36-40	1	21	562	36-40	8	39	1038
41-45	1	13	543	41-45	7	41	1030
46-50	1	23	558	46-50	7	43	1074
51-55	1	14	438	51-55	2	29	850
56-60	0	13	285	56-60	3	26	575
61-64	1	4	159	61-64	3	1	328
65-70	0	2	152	65-70	0	4	280
71-74	1	1	71	71-74	2	5	129
75-80	0	0	76	75-80	0	3	152
81-85	0	2	27	81-85	1	5	53
86-105	0	0	12	86-105	0	0	19
Age Unknown	0	20	718	Age Unknown	1	24	936

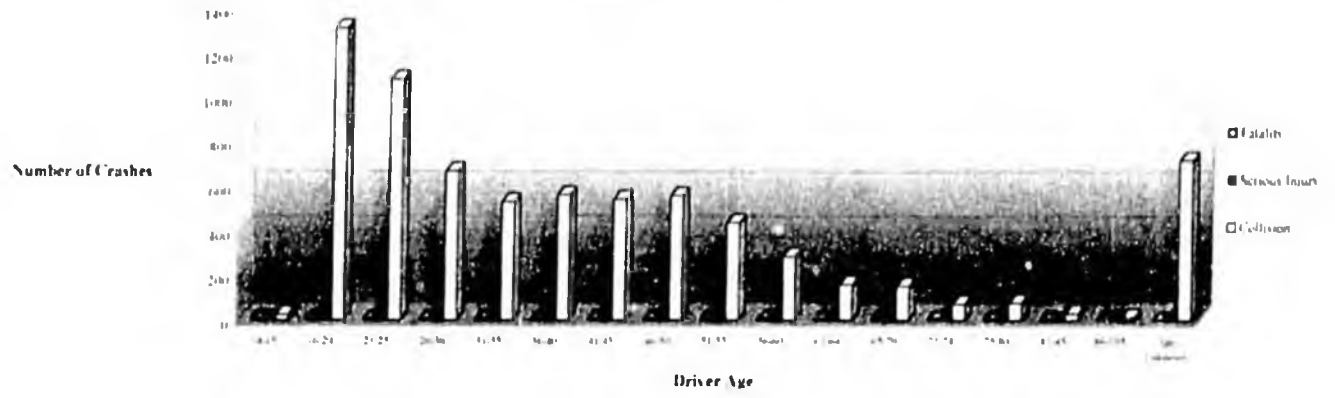
  

2004 Anchorage				2004 Statewide			
	Fatality	Serious Injury	Collision		Fatality	Serious Injury	Collision
14-15	2	0	33	14-15	2	6	78
16-20	5	48	1524	16-20	13	100	2776
21-25	4	43	1214	21-25	10	73	2031
26-30	2	19	781	26-30	7	31	1289
31-35	1	21	695	31-35	7	33	1176
36-40	1	23	699	36-40	11	37	1170
41-45	2	20	731	41-45	8	37	1293
46-50	5	26	645	46-50	9	42	1169
51-55	2	15	503	51-55	8	27	929
56-60	2	15	364	56-60	5	23	645
61-64	0	8	204	61-64	3	13	379
65-70	0	9	173	65-70	1	12	319
71-74	0	2	85	71-74	2	8	158
75-80	1	3	87	75-80	4	7	164
81-85	0	1	39	81-85	1	1	63
86-105	0	0	10	86-105	1	0	21
Age Unknown	2	9	680	Age Unknown	2	9	900

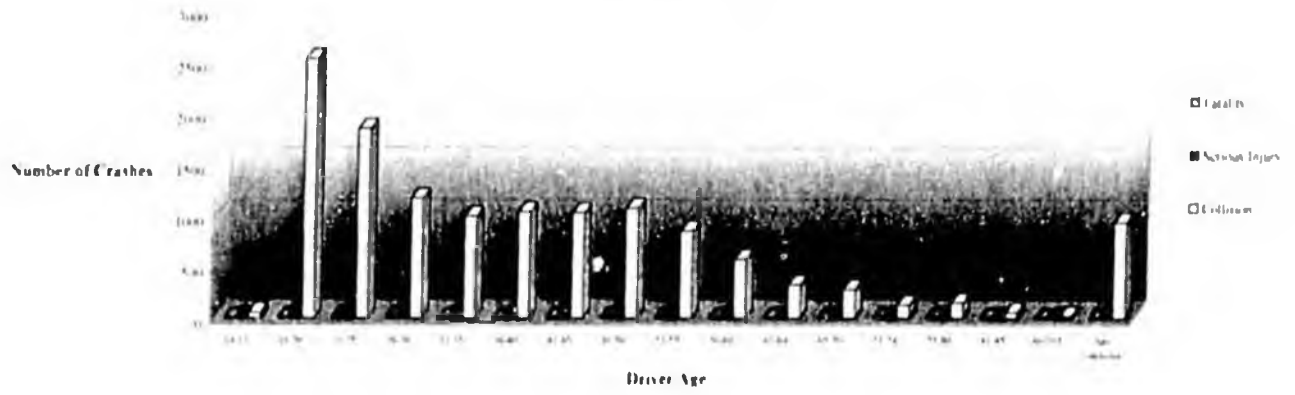
  

2003 Anchorage				2003 Statewide			
	Fatality	Serious Injury	Collision		Fatality	Serious Injury	Collision
14-15	0	2	41	14-15	0	6	64
16-20	6	53	1752	16-20	16	112	3071
21-25	7	48	1173	21-25	9	78	1861
26-30	1	31	773	26-30	10	49	1250
31-35	0	27	743	31-35	3	42	1203
36-40	5	29	717	36-40	9	46	1210
41-45	1	18	585	41-45	8	37	1232
46-50	3	25	662	46-50	10	42	1131
51-55	2	19	496	51-55	5	39	894
56-60	1	12	316	56-60	4	16	597
61-64	0	4	153	61-64	2	11	280
65-70	0	6	167	65-70	2	8	283
71-74	0	0	75	71-74	4	2	153
75-80	0	4	92	75-80	0	7	158
81-85	1	3	46	81-85	2	5	105
86-105	0	0	12	86-105	0	1	24
Age Unknown	1	12	597	Age Unknown	1	18	1220

2005 Anchorage Crash Stats



2005 Statewide Crash Stats



Changes to CSHB75 \K from HB75\A

P.1, L7-9 removed, "and a person 21 years of age or older applying for a new license and a person renewing a license for the first time after the effective date of this act"

P.1 L.9 "and drug" was added per the Committee's amendment

P.1, L.10 After "alcohol," "drugs," was inserted per the Committee's amendment

P.1, L. 11-13 removed, "The license issued to a person after the person has passed this test must state that the person has passed the alcohol awareness test".

P.1, L12 "and drug" was added per the Committee's amendment

**Section 2.** A person's ADL will now expire 90 days after their 21<sup>st</sup> birthday.

4-3-08

Westlaw.

2 AK ADC 90.430  
2 AAC 90.430  
Alaska Admin. Code tit. 2, § 90.430

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**ALASKA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE**  
**TITLE 2. ADMINISTRATION**  
**CHAPTER 90. DRIVER LICENSING AND SAFETY RESPONSIBILITY**  
**ARTICLE 6. STANDARDS FOR LICENSING OF DRIVERS**

Current through Register 183 (October 2007)

**2 AAC 90.430.** Driver iicense renewal extension for active duty military personnel.

Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, a non-commercial driver's license issued under this chapter to a person who is an active duty member of the United States armed forces and stationed outside this state is extended beyond the expiration date until the earlier of the following dates:

- (1) 90 days after discharge from active duty of the United States armed forces; or
- (2) 90 days after the person's return to the state.

(Eff. 7/1/2006, Register 178)

AUTHORITY: AS 28.05.011, AS 28.15.101

<General Materials (GM) - References, Annotations, or Tables>

2 AAC 90.430, 2 AK ADC 90.430

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### Sectional Summary

HB 75/Driver's License: Alcohol Awareness/Minors  
Work Order 25-LS0348\K

**Section 1.** States that a person upon reaching 21 years of age must pass a test administered by the Department of Motor Vehicles regarding alcohol awareness, safety, and laws relating to alcohol and driving before their license may be reissued as an adult driver's license.

**Section 2.** States when a persons' driver's licenses will expire in relation to their 21<sup>st</sup> birthday.

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### Changes to House Bill 75 version 25-LS0348\A to version 25-LS0348\E

The following changes were made to version \A:

- Page 1, Lines 8-9 the following language was removed [, and a person renewing a license for the first time after the effective date of this Act]. The effect of this amendment is that a person, whose driver's license is in good standing, will not be required to take the alcohol awareness test when renewing their license.
- Section 2. Expiration and renewal of a license issued to a person 21 years of age. This section was reworded to eliminate the problem that would occur if a person was turning 21 on the last day of the month, and it fell on a weekend. This would cause their license to expire and it would not be renewable until the following work week.



## State of Alaska

Department of

# Public Safety

Sarah Palin, Governor  
Walt Monegan, Commissioner

April 12, 2007

The Honorable Jay Ramras  
House of Representatives  
Alaska State Capitol, Room 118  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Representative Ramras,

Thank you for introducing HB 75. HB 75 applies a proactive approach to educating our minors about alcohol, preventing underage drinking and assisting the service industry in protecting their establishments and identifying underage customers.

HB 75 requires the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to administer an alcohol awareness test to those individuals turning twenty-one. This ensures that individuals who have recently turned twenty-one will have access to information about alcohol and the DUI laws in the State of Alaska. Education is and continues to be an essential tool in preventing drunk driving. The test would provide an opportunity to educate young adults on the physical impairment alcohol causes and the potential financial impacts that are incurred with a DUI arrest. This education is essential to lowering DUI occurrences in Alaska.

The second aspect of HB 75 allows DMV to create a license for those individuals twenty-one and over that is visually different than the license issued to minors. This provides a helpful mechanism to alcohol servers and licensees to differentiate between minors and adults. It is a simple change that will protect minors as well as those who serve in alcohol establishments.

The Department of Public Safety applauds your efforts to reduce drunk driving and underage drinking. HB 75 allows state departments and licensees the opportunity to join together and promote safety across Alaska. Thank you for your work on this legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Walt Monegan".

Walt Monegan  
Commissioner

cc: The Alaska House of Representatives

By: Mayor Thompson  
Introduced: November 19, 2007

**RESOLUTION NO. 4302**

**A RESOLUTION STATING THE CITY'S LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES  
FOR THE SECOND SESSION OF THE 25<sup>th</sup> LEGISLATURE**

**WHEREAS**, providing an advance statement of the City's legis'ative priorities and capital project requests may assist the Governor and legislators in the preparation of the state FY 08-09 budget; and

**WHEREAS**, public hearing has been held on this Resolution,

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAIRBANKS  
RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

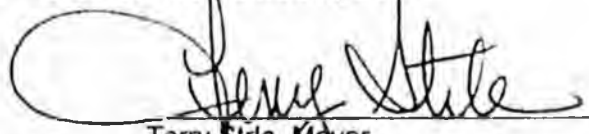
The 2008 Legislative Priorities of the City of Fairbanks are:

- Adoption of a permanent solution to the PERS/TRS pension crisis on terms similar to the interim measure adopted during the past legislative session.
- Establishment of sustainable municipal revenue sharing.

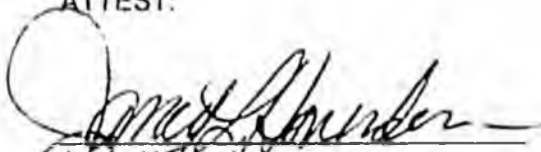
The City respectfully requests consideration of funding for the following capital projects to serve the community.

- Reconstruction/rehabilitation funds for key City streets.
- Replacement of the 1996 Fire Engine & 1994 Fire Ambulance.
- A Regional Police Firearms Training Range.

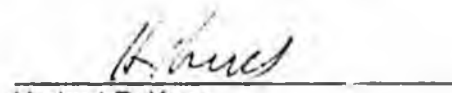
**PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 19<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2007.**

  
Terry Strle, Mayor  
City of Fairbanks

ATTEST:

  
Janey Hovenden  
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
Herbert P. Kuss  
City Attorney



## CITY OF FAIRBANKS

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November 27, 2007

Honorable Governor Sarah Palin  
PO Box 11001  
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**RE: City of Fairbanks Legislative Priorities**

Dear Governor Palin:

Attached you will find a copy of Resolution 4302, passed by a unanimous Fairbanks City Council last night. Following your lead to engage the public in our capital requests we held a separate public hearing on this Resolution last night.

I respectfully request that you consider including these items in your FY '09 Budget. With regard to our current specific Fairbanks capital requests:

- a. There is no end to what we could spend to rebuild and rehabilitate the streets that serve not just our residents, but those who work in, or visit, Fairbanks.
- b. Our 1996 fire engine and 1994 ambulance are both in need of replacement. They both have many hours of service and outdated technology.
- c. The Police training range has been a priority for a number of years. The existing facility serves not only our Police Department but the Alaska State Troopers, UAF Police, and Federal law enforcement agencies. The current training range is in conflict with the Fairbanks International Airport expansion plans and a new site has been identified.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Additionally, we appreciate your efforts in addressing both the PERS crisis and revenue sharing, which we believe are the two most important issues facing Alaskan municipalities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Terry Strle", is written over a printed name and title.

Terry Strle  
City Mayor

cc: City Council Members  
Interior Delegation

## Municipality of Anchorage Driving Conviction Guidelines

The following is the minimum standard for consideration for Municipal positions that require driving in order to perform the essential duties of the position. "Consideration" is not a guarantee that the applicant will be forwarded for further review or selected for hire. In determining if an applicant's driving record is "acceptable," the examiner will use the date of conviction(s) and the date of the employment application.

Category	Type of Conviction(s)	Number of Convictions	0 to 3 Years (0 to 36 Months)	4 to 5 Years (37 to 60 Months)	6 to 10 Years (61 to 120 Months)	11 Years & Beyond (121 + Months)
I	DUI/DWI or Refusal to Submit to a Chemical Test	1	Not acceptable	Acceptable	Acceptable	Acceptable
	DUI/DWI, Reckless, or Refusal to Submit to a Chemical Test	2	Not acceptable	Not acceptable	Not acceptable	Acceptable
	DUI/DWI, Reckless, or Refusal to Submit to a Chemical Test	3 or more	Not acceptable	Not acceptable	Not acceptable	Not acceptable
II	Driving with a suspended revoked or cancelled license or a suspended revoked or cancelled license	1	Not acceptable	Acceptable	Acceptable	Acceptable
III	Combination of category I and II	2	Not Acceptable	Not Acceptable	Not Acceptable	Acceptable
	Combination of category I and II	3 or more	Not Acceptable	Not Acceptable	Not Acceptable	Not Acceptable
IV	Other moving violations	3 or more	Not acceptable	Acceptable	Acceptable	Acceptable

The Employee Relations Director retains the right to waive applicant disqualification based on the facts of the situation.

## House Bill 75, Driver's License Minor/Adult

<b><u>Cost of a first-time DUI</u></b>	\$22,000
Additional cost for a private attorney (with no guarantee of winning)	<u>8,000</u>
TOTAL	\$30,000

### **Cost of an education**

University of Alaska 30-credit Certificate, e.g. Welding/Materials Technology Computer Applications Finance General Business Human Resources International Business Marketing Public Management Tourism	\$ 9,000
Univ. of Alaska 60-credit Associates Degree, e.g. Applied Business Culinary Arts	\$18,000
University of Alaska 4-year Bachelor's Degree	\$24,000
U.S. average public University Bachelor's degree '06 '07 cost \$16,357/yr x 4	\$65,428

### **Ability to Purchase a Home**

With \$20,000 down and a yearly income of \$50,000,  
a buyer could qualify for a 15-year loan on a \$200,000 home.

**Ability to get a job**

Companies have strict guidelines for jobs that require driving "in order to perform essential duties." Municipality of Anchorage, e.g:

	0-3 years	4-5 years	6-10years	11 years +
1 <sup>st</sup> DUI	no hire	OK	OK	OK
2 <sup>nd</sup> DUI	no hire	no hire	no hire	OK
3 or more	no hire	no hire	no hire	no hire

**Number of vendors caught in A.B.C. "stings"**

	Compliance Checks	Failures	Leakage Rates
FY 04	580	35	6%
FY 05	397	68	15%
FY 06	1013	266	26%

**Not just about "educating minors regarding alcohol"**

The license authorized in this bill gives purveyors of alcohol the ability to instantly detect whether a customer is a minor or not.

At age 21, you're either an adult or a minor. With automatic license expiration within 90 days after turning 21, it should be easier for retail clerks and on-premise licenses/servers to detect minors from adults.

4/24/7

Dear Vivian,

Thank you for your email regarding HB 75. I really appreciated hearing your thoughts.

The bill has changed considerably since I introduced it, all for the better. Here's a summary of HB 75 in its current form.

It stipulates that a drivers' license issued to a person under 21 years of age will expire 90 days after the person turns 21.

It further requires that a person applying for a new license after expiration upon turning 21 must pass a test relating to alcohol and drug awareness and safety, before the new license may be issued. Adults who already have a driver's license and are over 21 when the bill is implemented will not be required to take the test. The test will be designed by the Division of Motor Vehicles, and it is my intent that MADD participate in the process. DMV already uses many alcohol-related questions on its regular test, and these can be incorporated. In addition, DMV projects **NO ADDITIONAL COSTS** will be incurred after a minimal first-time expense to implement the new test.

And here's the real focus of HB 75: The license for a person 21 and older will look totally different from the one for a person under 21. This very visible difference will make it easier for retail clerks and on-premise licenses/servers to detect minors from adults, hopefully significantly reducing under-age drinking in Alaska.

I hope that, after understanding the changes, you might feel more supportive of HB 75. Thanks again for contacting me.

Sincerely,

Representative Jay Ramras

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From: Vivian Patton [mailto:vivixen\_alaska@yahoo.com]  
Sent: Saturday, April 14, 2007 8:36 PM

**To:** Barbara Cotting

**Subject:** Drivers License: Alcohol Awareness/Minor

I am not supportive of this bill. I believe the constraints that it imposes on individuals exceeds its purpose. It is difficult enough for individuals to obtain a license and the consequences imposed by their high insurance premiums, you would like to add additional costs in fees to individuals starting in life. What research supports this alcohol awareness class reduces the number of alcohol related incidents with motor vehicles? As a drug and alcohol professional for more than 10 years you may think I would support this, but I do not. It seems to me that it institutes provisions for few and punishes many unnecessarily. I understand the desires to prevent alcohol related injuries and deaths, and prevention being the key. Youth today get this information through their education (DARE) (SMART MOVES) and parents, and do not need another costly governmental restriction put upon them, us, the majority. Most people don't drink and drive, and create injury. Let's continue supporting the above mentioned prevention programs, and into harm reduction. As an expert in treating substance abusing individuals, it is worth the effort to look at funding rehabilitation programs, and prevention programs, but not make them conditional for the purposes of another governmental control. It is presumptive to place such a condition on all those who drive when it is a small minority of people who break the law in such an event. Where do we go from here?

Sincerely,

Vivian Patton

4/24/07

Dear Patricia,

Thank you for your message regarding HB 75. I'm so glad to know you support the bill and appreciate its intent.

To answer your questions, I don't have any studies from other states that have tried a similar approach. As to who will design the test, the Division of Motor Vehicles already has several alcohol-related questions that appear on the regular test and can be incorporated into the new test. I hope that Mothers Against Drunk Drivers (MADD) will also be involved in designing the test.

The bill will be heard next in the Senate State Affairs Committee. With such a full legislative agenda to complete in the next three weeks, it may not be possible to pass HB 75 through the full Senate this session, but I'm keeping it as a top priority.

Thanks again for your support. Good luck in your MSW studies.

Sincerely,

Representative Jay Ramras

-----Original Message-----

From: housemajority\_email@housemajority.org  
Sent: Sunday, April 22, 2007 4:11 PM  
To: Rep. Jay Ramras  
Subject: CSHB 75

From: mumbullum@alaska.net

Rep. Ramras,

I have been following HB75 since its introduction in January, and was pleased to see it passed as amended by the House. I was also pleased to read the minutes indicating DMV's support.

I am a Nationally Certified Addictions Counselor II and a MSW student at UAA, so public policy that touches on this issue is of obvious interest to me.

I agree with your statement to the House Finance Committee on 2/22/07 that this Bill is "good public policy." And I support the developed implementation design.

I have two questions. 1/Do you have any studies on the outcomes of similar laws implemented in other states?  
2/Who will design the test that you indicated will create a public policy link between driving responsibly and increased awareness of the negative effects of alcohol and drug consumption?

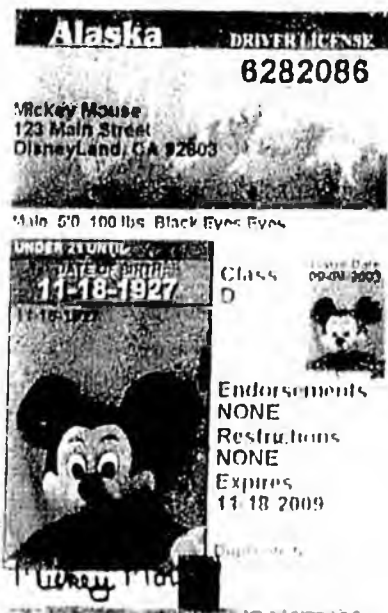
I anticipate that Alaska will receive good benefit if this Bill becomes law, and am confident that you and your staff will continue to develop the implementation process to this end.

I welcome your comments or questions.

Sincerely, Pat Merwin

- Patricia Merwin  
Zip Code: 99669

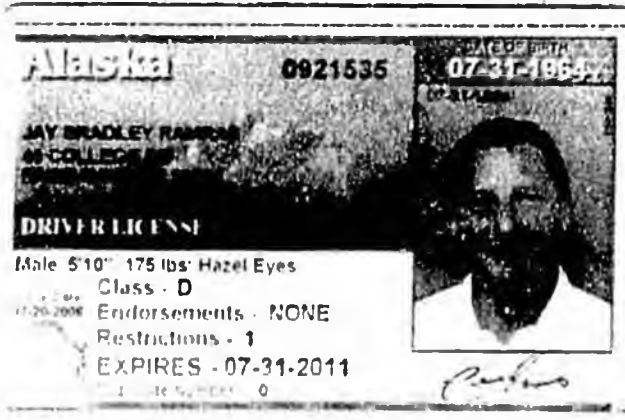
# MINOR'S LICENSE



← requires automatic expiration of minor driver's license 90 days after turning 21

This will reduce the "leakage" amongst retail clerk and on-premise locations who get confused by over 21 adults who still have "minor" driver licenses.

# ADULT'S LICENSE



14B7: will eliminate this confusion.

**Alaska** 6356947

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**DRIVER LICENSE**  
**MOTORCYCLE**

Male 6'1" 160 lbs Brown Eyes

DATE OF BIRTH: 01-10-1986

CLASS: M10

Endorsements: NONE  
 Restrictions: 1  
 EXPIRES: 01-10-2011



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JESSE JACOB TIGNER  
 PO BOX 83858  
 FAIRBANKS, AK 99708

**DRIVER LICENSE**


Male 5'10" 185 lbs Blue Eyes

DATE OF BIRTH: 06-03-1986

CLASS: D

EXPIRES: 06-03-2012

Endorsements: NONE  
 Restrictions: NONE



Department of Administration  
**Division of Motor Vehicles**

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**DUI Consequences & Alternatives**



Before you drink and drive, consider the consequences and alternatives

**CONSEQUENCES**

<b>AVERAGE COST OF A FIRST DUI</b>	<b>\$22,740</b>
3 days in jail	\$270
Court Fines	\$1,500
Sentencing	\$250+
Vehicle Impound Fee	\$300+
Loss of Vehicle (30 Days)	\$\$\$
Attorney (Your attorney)	\$\$\$
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Change of Plea</li> <li>• Court Proceedings</li> <li>• DMV Administrative Hearing</li> </ul>	\$5,000+ \$3,500+ \$850
Attorney (Court Appointed)	\$200
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Change of Plea</li> <li>• Court Proceedings</li> </ul>	\$200 \$500
<b>SR22 Insurance</b>	
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Replacement License	\$20
License Reinstatement Fee	\$250
Education Compliance	\$150
<b>IN ADDITION:</b>	
Written Test	Free
Embarrassment	
Taxicab/Bus/Friends	
Loss of Driving Privileges (90 Days)	\$\$\$
Loss of Job / Future Jobs	\$\$\$
Loss of Property	\$\$\$
10 points on your driving record	\$\$\$
<b>DUI'S STAY ON YOUR RECORD FOREVER</b>	
<b>LOSS OF LIFE</b>	<b>Priceless</b>
<b>ALTERNATIVES:</b>	
Average cost of an alternative ride	\$15
Designated Driver	0
Taxicab (per mile)	\$2

For the cost of a first time DUI you could ride 11,370 miles in a taxicab.  
 That is almost 1/2 way around the world.

REV. 8/19/05

**Quick Links...**

- › [DMV Web Cameras](#)
- › [Online Address Change](#)
- › [Online Registration Renewal](#)
- › [Personalized Plates Online](#)

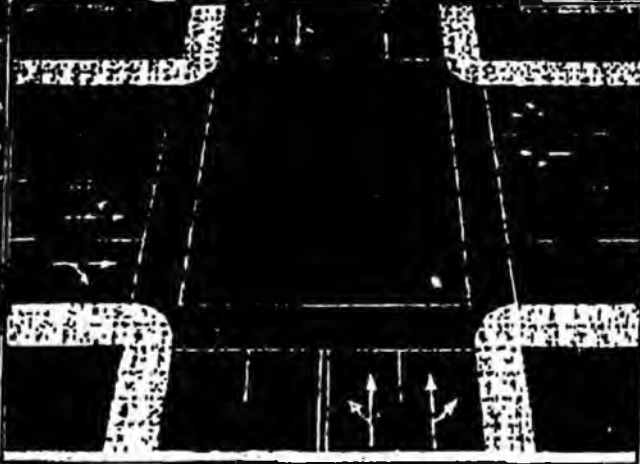
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Alaska Department of Motor Vehicles  
Driver's License Test

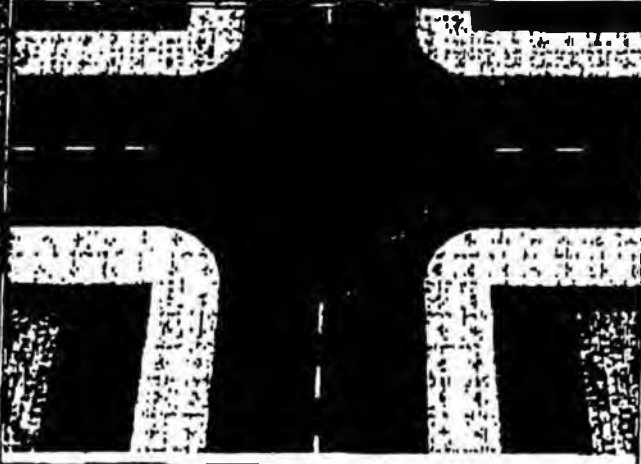
I AM A SAMPLE	123-45-7894
General Knowledge	02-06-2007
Juneau Office	English(EN)
20 Questions	18 Questions
	25 Minutes

When turning right from a two way street onto another two way street you should:



- A Get into right lane well ahead of turn
- B Look out of right side of windshield for pedestrians
- C Signal intention to turn for at least 100 feet
- D All of these

You are making left turn from a one way street to a one way street. You should:



- A Approach the intersection in the left lane, and enter either lane.
- B Approach the intersection in the left lane and enter the cross street in the left lane.
- C Approach in either lane but enter in the lane closest to the left.
- D You can not make this type of turn

Test #1

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A solid double yellow center line means:



- A Passing permitted when safe
- B Residential district
- C Passing is not permitted
- D Dangerous curve ahead - reduce speed

Driving While Intoxicated (DWI) is a crime which carries mandatory jail sentence. What is the minimum jail time you will get in a first conviction for DWI?

- A 20 consecutive days
- B 96 consecutive hours
- C 10 consecutive days
- D 72 consecutive hours

You see a flashing red ball. You should:



- A Proceed only when it is safe to do so.
- B Proceed as if it were a stop sign.
- C Come to a complete stop.
- D All of these

What does the solid red arrow mean?



- A Stop and do not turn until the arrow turns to green.
- B Left turns are not permitted.
- C Stop and then proceed only when it is safe to do so.
- D None of these

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The closest you can get to the back of an ambulance travelling in response to an emergency is:

- A 200 feet
- B 300 feet
- C 400 feet
- D 500 feet

What does this sign mean?



- A Merge left.
- B Winding road ahead.
- C Traffic merging in from right.
- D Keep to the right.

When approaching a school bus displaying flashing red lights, the driver should:

- A Stop, and do not move the car until the red lights go out
- B Slow down and proceed with caution
- C Stop, make sure it is safe to pass the bus, then move on
- D Blow the horn and pass slowly

One of the penalties for Driving Under the Influence (DUI) or refusal to submit to a chemical test is loss of license for not less than:

- A Six months.
- B 90 days
- C 60 days
- D 30 days

A driver approaching a stopped school bus displaying flashing amber lights should always:

- A Blow your horn and pass slowly.
- B Slow down and prepare to stop
- C Speed up and pass quickly
- D Stop, and do not start until bus has passed you

What must you do if your license has been suspended, before it is reinstated?

- A Pass any required test.
- B Provide proof of insurance (SR-22).
- C Pay a reinstatement fee.
- D All of the above.

In the event of a crash, you are required to do what right away?

- A Stop at once
- B Help anyone who may be hurt
- C Warn other traffic
- D All of the above

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Excluding business districts, alleys, school zones and residential districts, the speed limit on Alaskan roadways is:

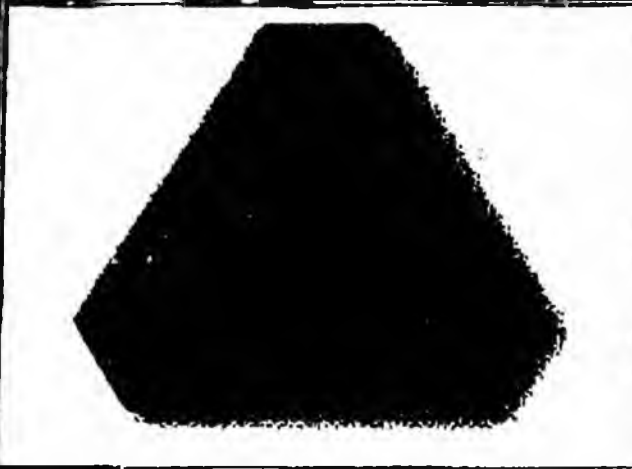
A 55

B 50

C 60

D 45

An orange triangle with red borders like this sign means:



A Slow moving vehicle

B Detour

C Work zone

D Yield

Dim your headlights when you are \_\_\_\_\_ feet away from an oncoming vehicle.

A 300 or more

B 500 or more

C 400 or more

D 200 or more

Mandatory insurance laws require that proof of insurance be provided when involved in a crash. The penalty for driving without motor vehicle liability insurance is license suspension for a minimum of:

A 60 days

B 90 days

C 2 years

D 30 days

A conviction of reckless driving will result in:

A Revocation of the license to drive.

B Suspension of the privilege to drive.

C A warning for the first occurrence, and a \$50 fine in the second.

D A \$50 fine and 4 points on your record.

One of the ways to avoid a rear end collision with the car in front of you is:

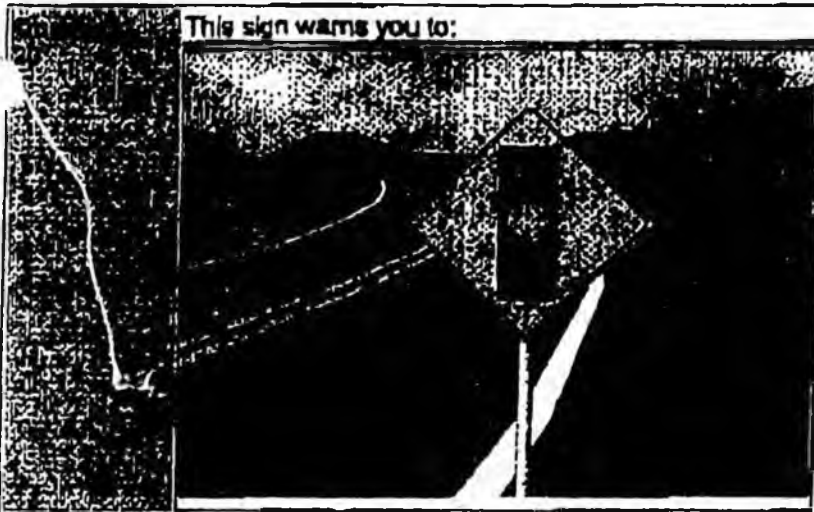
A Use the four-second rule.

B Watch for brake lights.

C Look for problems ahead.

D All of the above.

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This sign warns you to:

- A Look for a traffic light ahead.
- B Stop at the next intersection.
- C Look for a railroad crossing ahead.
- D None of these

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Alaska Department of Motor Vehicles  
Driver's License Test

I AM A SAMPLE	123-45-6789
General Knowledge	02-06-2007
Juneau Office	English(EN)
20 Questions	18 Questions
	25 Minutes

When this sign is posted on a multi-lane highway, you:



- A May go 60 miles per hour to pass another car.
- B Must go 55 miles per hour
- C May go 55 miles per hour
- D May not pass

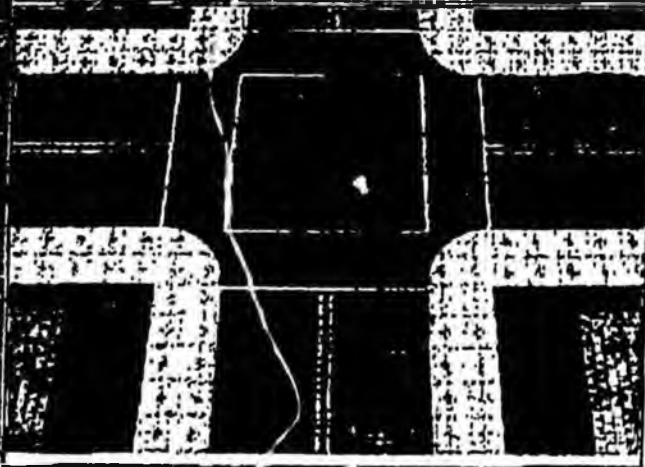
One of the penalties for Driving Under the Influence (DUI) or refusal to submit to a chemical test is loss of license for not less than:

- A 90 days
- B Six months.
- C 60 days
- D 30 days

Parking lights may only be used:

- A When visibility is poor
- B Within one hour of sunset or sunrise
- C When parked
- D All of these

The right of way law for going through an uncontrolled intersection states that:

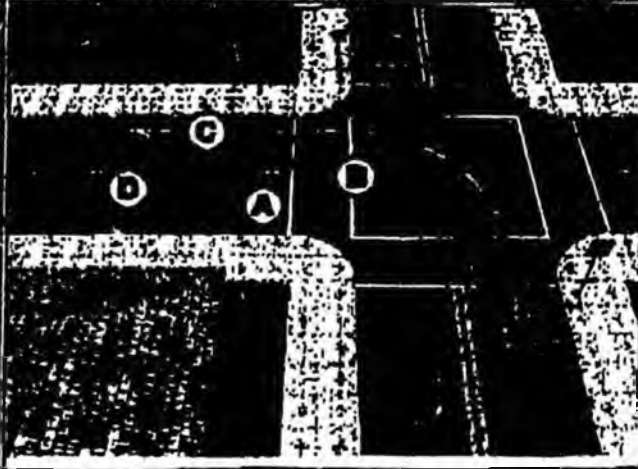


- A The driver on the right should blink the headlight to signal their intent.
- B The driver on the left has the right of way.
- C The driver on the left should never stop.
- D The driver on the right has the right of way.

Test #2

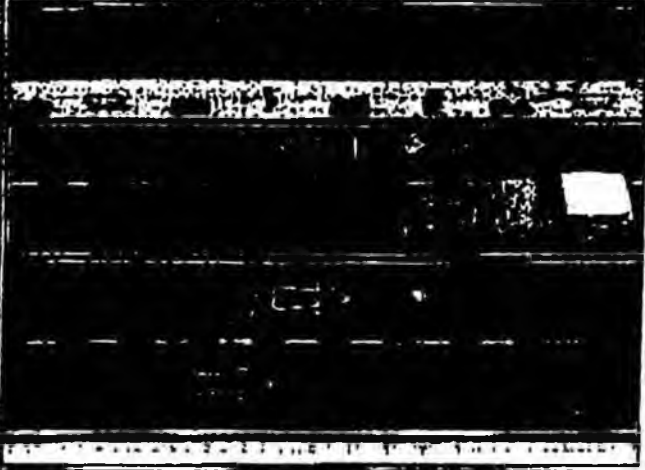
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When turning from a two way street onto a one way street which path should you follow?



- A Path A
- B Path B
- C Path C
- D Path D

A dashed white line on a multi-lane roadway means:



- A Passing is permitted into any lane.
- B Passing is prohibited.
- C Passing is permitted into adjoining lane across dashed white line.
- D None of these

Statistics show that alcohol is

- A involved in more than half of all traffic deaths.
- B rarely involved in any traffic crashes.
- C the cause of all traffic crashes.
- D involved only in traffic crashes when death doesn't occur.

You are stopped at a railroad crossing and the train has just passed. You can:

- A Look to see if another train is coming and then cross the tracks if clear.
- B Pull aside to have a better view and then cross the tracks.
- C Start to cross the tracks.
- D Wait 20 seconds to cross the tracks.

Slower moving vehicles on a multi-lane highway should:

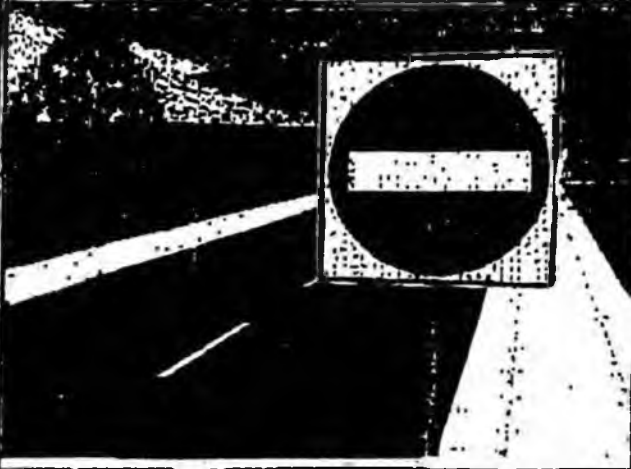
- A Use either lane
- B Use right hand lane
- C Use left hand lane
- D Use lane with least traffic



A siren is in operation on an emergency vehicle. You must:

- A Slow down and drive with caution
- B Stop where you are
- C Drive to the nearest intersection and stop
- D Pull over to the side and stop clear of intersection

When you see the sign below, you are allowed to:



- A Enter the street if you're only going less than one block.
- B Enter the street if the weather conditions are ideal
- C Drive in reverse into the street if you're only going less than a block.
- D None of these

A conviction of reckless driving will result in:

- A A warning for the first occurrence, and a \$50 fine in the second.
- B A \$50 fine and 4 points on your record.
- C Suspension of the privilege to drive.
- D Revocation of the license to drive.

You are driving on a highway with separated roadways with two or more lanes in each direction. A school bus has stopped in the opposite direction.

- A You must stop until the red lights stop flashing.
- B You must slow down.
- C You can proceed at 15 miles per hour.
- D You need not stop.

You must indicate your intention to turn at least \_\_\_\_\_ before turning.

- A 100 feet
- B 50 feet
- C 200 feet
- D 300 feet

Driving While Intoxicated (DWI) is a crime which carries mandatory jail sentence. What is the minimum jail time you will get in a first conviction for DWI?

- A 96 consecutive hours
- B 20 consecutive days
- C 10 consecutive days
- D 72 consecutive hours

At an intersection with a traffic light showing a left green arrow, you should:

- A Stop, then make the left turn
- B Wait until the light turns green
- C Turn left when intersection is clear
- D Always speed up and quickly turn left.

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Operators or owners must have motor vehicle liability insurance coverage of not less than:

- A \$50,000/\$100,000/\$25,000
- B \$100,000/\$200,000/\$50,000
- C \$25,000/\$50,000/\$5,000
- D \$25,000/\$50,000/\$15,000

If you are involved in a traffic crash, you must notify the police as soon as possible, and must submit proof of insurance to DMV within 15 days:

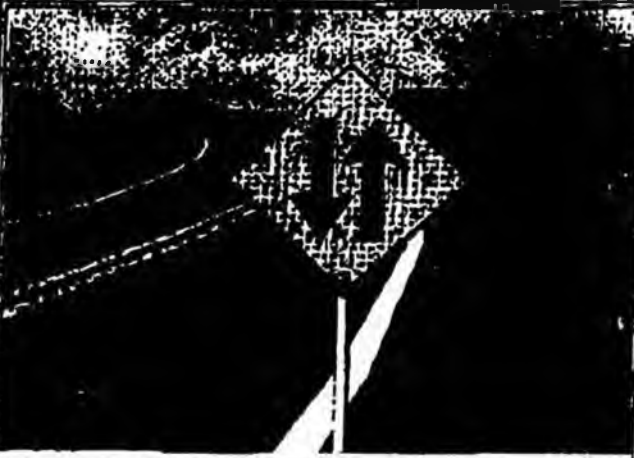
- A If there is death or personal injury or property damage of \$501.00 or more
- B Only if there is property damage of \$2000.00 or more
- C Only if there is property damage of \$1000.00 or more
- D Only if there is death or personal injury

What does the solid red arrow mean?



- A Stop and do not turn until the arrow turns to green.
- B Left turns are not permitted.
- C Stop and then proceed only when it is safe to do so.
- D None of these

The meaning of the sign below is:



- A Two way road
- B Keep to the right of a divided highway
- C Traffic merging from the right
- D Traffic merging from the left

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Alaska Department of Motor Vehicles  
Driver's License Test

I AM A SAMPLE		123-45-7894
General Knowledge		02-06-2007
Juneau Office	English(EN)	25 Minutes
20 Questions	16 Questions	

The school zone speed limit is:

- A Only enforced when kids are arriving or leaving the school premises.
- B Only enforced when weather conditions are less than ideal.
- C 20 miles per hour
- D 25 miles per hour

When backing up your vehicle you should:

- A Use only your mirror to look out for things to the rear.
- B Honk your horn so pedestrians and other vehicles know what you are doing
- C Turn your body and head to the right to look out the rear window.
- D None of these

Driving under less than ideal conditions requires you to adjust your speed to:

- A Other traffic
- B Weather conditions
- C Existing road conditions
- D All of these

The first thing affected after drinking alcohol is a person's:

- A Speech
- B Judgment
- C Balance
- D Vision

Upon the approach of a vehicle displaying a flashing blue or red light the law requires that you must:

- A Stop where you are
- B Drive to the nearest intersection & stop
- C Pull over to the side & stop clear of any intersection
- D Slow down & drive with caution

Mandatory insurance laws require that proof of insurance be provided when involved in a crash. The penalty for driving without motor vehicle liability insurance is license suspension for a minimum of:

- A 60 days
- B 90 days
- C 2 years
- D 30 days

One of the penalties for Driving Under the Influence (DUI) or refusal to submit to a chemical test is loss of license for not less than:

- A Six months.
- B 90 days
- C 60 days
- D 30 days

Test #3

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When turning around on a city street, the safest idea is to:

- A Drive around the block.
- B Never make a "U" turn because it is illegal.
- C Back up to where you should have been.
- D Pull over and park.

An arrow painted on the roadway means:

- A You must only follow the arrow directions when traffic lights are not working.
- B It is suggested that you make the movement indicated by the arrow.
- C You must make the movement indicated by the arrow after coming to a complete stop.
- D You must make the movement indicated by the arrow.

A flashing yellow traffic signal means:



- A Stop
- B Go straight ahead
- C No left turn
- D Slow down and proceed with caution

The closest you can get to the back of an ambulance traveling in response to an emergency is:

- A 500 feet
- B 400 feet
- C 300 feet
- D 200 feet

When getting ready to pass, you should:

- A Move out across center line to better see the road ahead.
- B Pull up close to the vehicle in front of you as safely as possible.
- C Check for a no passing zone.
- D Try to avoid passing at all as this is a very dangerous maneuver.



The sign below means:

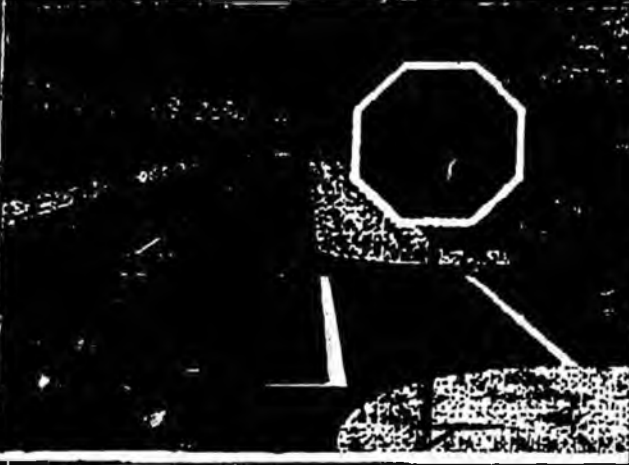


- A Sharp curve ahead
- B No left turn
- C No U turn
- D None of these

In the event of a crash, you are required to do what right away?

- A Help anyone who may be hurt
- B Stop at once
- C Warn other traffic
- D All of the above

At this sign you must:



- A Slow down and prepare to stop if another car is close
- B Make a complete stop
- C Stop at least two car lengths from the intersection
- D None of these

Dim your headlights when you are \_\_\_\_\_ feet away from an oncoming vehicle.

- A 300 or more
- B 500 or more
- C 400 or more
- D 200 or more

You are driving on a highway with separated roadways with two or more lanes in each direction. A school bus has stopped in the opposite direction.

- A You need not stop.
- B You must slow down.
- C You must stop until the red lights stop flashing.
- D You can proceed at 15 miles per hour.

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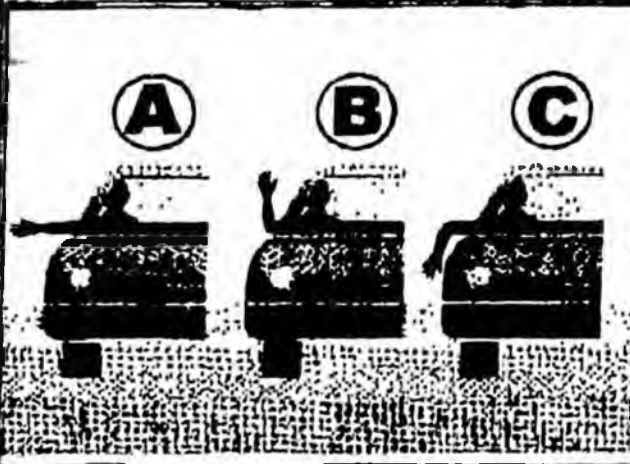
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This sign is at a corner where you want to turn left. You should:



- A Turn left only if there is no other traffic
- B Back up into the street
- C Go straight ahead, no left turn permitted
- D Turn left but yield to other traffic

Which illustration shows the hand signal for a right turn?



- A Image A
- B Image B
- C Image C
- D None of these

An orange sign with black letters means:



- A Stop.
- B A warning sign to alert drivers to dangerous conditions ahead.
- C Construction.
- D Yield.

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Alaska Department of Motor Vehicles  
Driver's License Test

I AM A SAMPLE	123-45-7884
General Knowledge	02-06-2007
Juneau Office	English(EN)
20 Questions	25 Minutes
	16 Questions

A conviction of reckless driving will result in:

- A Suspension of the privilege to drive.
- B Revocation of the license to drive.
- C A warning for the first occurrence, and a \$50 fine in the second.
- D A \$50 fine and 4 points on your record.

The first thing affected after drinking alcohol is a person's:

- A Speech
- B Balance
- C Judgment
- D Vision

A pedestrian is crossing the street in a crosswalk. You must:

- A stop until the person is out of the crosswalk.
- B slow down and go around the person at a slow pace.
- C drive off as soon as the person has moved past your car.
- D honk your horn to alert them, as they are not being careful.

When this sign is posted on a multi-lane highway, you:

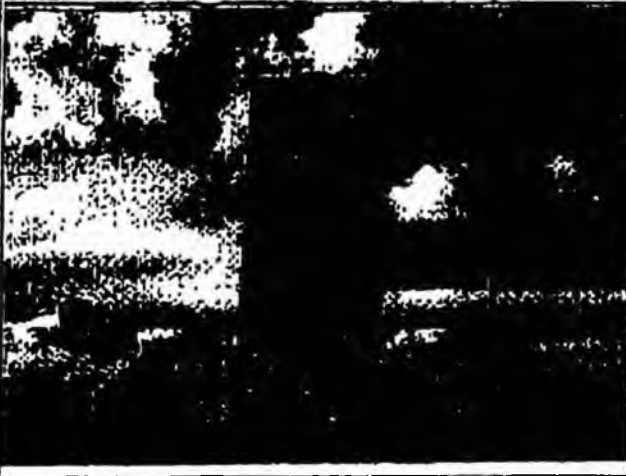


- A Must go 55 miles per hour
- B May go 60 miles per hour to pass another car.
- C May go 55 miles per hour
- D May not pass

Test #4

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What does the solid red arrow mean?



- A Stop and do not turn until the arrow turns to green.
- B Left turns are not permitted.
- C Stop and then proceed only when it is safe to do so.
- D None of these

After drinking, doing the following can help you sober up:

- A Drink black coffee. The caffeine accelerate detoxification.
- B Take a cold shower.
- C Wait a period of time. Only time will eliminate the effects of alcohol.
- D None of these

A dashed yellow line on a roadway means:



- A No passing zone
- B Passing permitted when safe
- C Residential district
- D A speed zone

When entering a controlled access highway-freeway it is important:

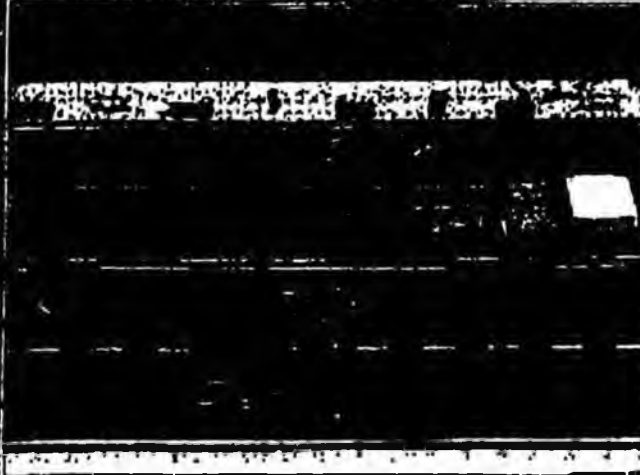
- A Get up to speed just as quickly as possible.
- B Move directly into the right hand traffic lane.
- C Make your vehicle noticed so that the drivers already on the roadway will yield and let you in.
- D Use the acceleration lane before merging into the traffic stream.

If you are involved in a traffic crash, you must notify the police as soon as possible, and must submit proof of insurance to DMV within 15 days:

- A Only if there is property damage of \$2000.00 or more
- B If there is death or personal injury or property damage of \$501.00 or more
- C Only if there is property damage of \$1000.00 or more
- D Only if there is death or personal injury

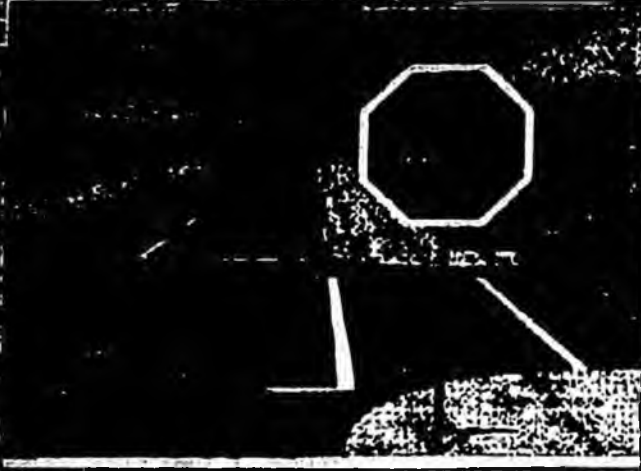
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A dashed white line on a multi-lane roadway means:



- A Passing is prohibited.
- B Passing is permitted into adjoining lane across dashed white line.
- C Passing is permitted into any lane.
- D None of these

At this sign you must:



- A Slow down and prepare to stop if another car is close
- B Make a complete stop
- C Stop at least two car lengths from the intersection
- D None of these

Upon the approach of a vehicle displaying a flashing blue or red light the law requires that you must:

- A Stop where you are
- B Drive to the nearest intersection & stop
- C Pull over to the side & stop clear of any intersection
- D Slow down & drive with caution

Dim your headlights when you are \_\_\_\_\_ feet away from an oncoming vehicle.

- A 200 or more
- B 400 or more
- C 500 or more
- D 300 or more

You are driving on a highway with separated roadways with two or more lanes in each direction. A school bus has stopped in the opposite direction.

- A You can proceed at 15 miles per hour.
- B You must stop until the red lights stop flashing.
- C You must slow down.
- D You need not stop.

Operators or owners must have motor vehicle liability insurance coverage of not less than:

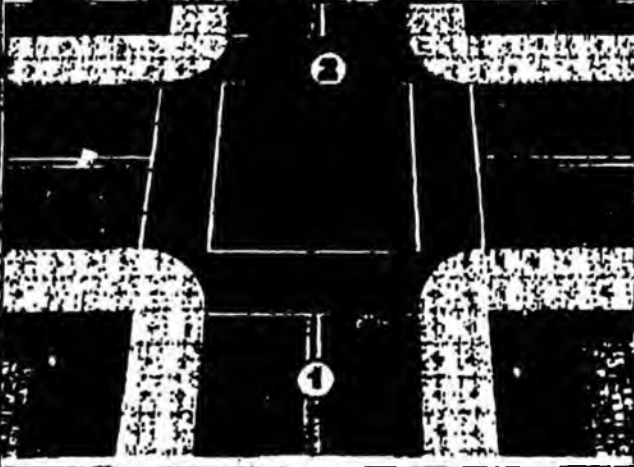
- A \$50,000/\$100,000/\$25,000
- B \$100,000/\$200,000/\$50,000
- C \$25,000/\$50,000/\$5,000
- D \$25,000/\$50,000/\$15,000

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If you are about to miss your exit from a controlled access highway-freeway you should:

- A Pull over to the right and carefully back up to the exit ramp.
- B Continue on to the next exit.
- C Cross over the median strip to exit going the opposite way.
- D Signal your intentions, break, and move sharply to the right.

You are in the red car (1) turning left and the blue car (2) has started into the intersection. You must:



- A Yield to the blue car (2).
- B Turn quickly to the left.
- C Stop where you are.
- D Speed up so you can safely make your turn.

The sign below means:



- A Sharp curve ahead
- B No left turn
- C No U turn
- D None of these

Slower moving vehicles on a multi-lane highway should:

- A Use left hand lane
- B Use lane with least traffic
- C Use either lane
- D Use right hand lane

You are presumed driving under the influence if the alcohol concentration of your breath is \_\_\_ or more:

- A .08%
- B .05%
- C .10%
- D .40%

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- Temperature: 14° F
- Rel. Humidity: 85%
- Wind: Calm
- Pressure: 29.61 in. Hg
- Visibility: 10 miles
- Conditions: Clear

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## Educated bill has prevention potential

Kudos to Rep. Jay Ramras, R-Fairbanks, of House District 10 for pre-filing a bill that goes beyond enforcement and stresses the importance of educating drivers on the dangers of alcohol and responsible drinking practices.

According to a Jan. 4 press release, legislation passed through the pre-filed bill would require those 21 years of age or older applying for a new license or renewing a license for the first time to pass a test regarding alcohol awareness, safety and the laws relating to alcohol and driving before a license is issued or renewed.

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The release said Ramras plans to invite Mothers Against Drunk Driving officials to work with the Division of Motor Vehicles in creating the alcohol awareness and safety test to reinforce the importance of responsible driving practices for those who are legally able to drink alcohol.

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The new law would also seek to reduce minor alcohol consumption, since the license of a driver who passes the test would differ in appearance from one issued to a minor, allowing those who are under 21 to be easily recognized by businesses that serve and sell alcohol.

We all know youth who want to drin': can be very creative in how they obtain alcohol, but Ramras' proposed legislation is one more step toward creating responsible drivers by further reinforcing the importance of responsible drinking behavior.

No one can discount the steps taken for youth as

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far as education goes. Anchorage Police Department school resource officers work regularly within the Anchorage School District to educate youth about the dangers of drugs and alcohol through the Drug Abuse Resistance Education program.

The message of not driving while intoxicated is further reinforced for young drivers prior to obtaining a license through the DMV's standard testing, but how many of them remain aware of what the laws and repercussions are beyond the one or two questions they might have to answer to obtain or qualify for a license?

The best form of prevention is education, and Ramras' proposed legislation takes a valuable step toward reinforcing that instruction shouldn't end for young drivers who are no longer in school. Providing additional reinforcement of the importance of drinking responsibly will go a long way toward reinforcing laws and saving lives before irresponsible habits can be formed by drivers who have left the classroom behind.

It's all too easy for young drivers to embrace the right to drink when they turn 21 and forget everything that was stressed years before or for educators to say they've done their part in telling them the rules. In the end, it's each driver's responsibility to make the right decision, and no driver can plead ignorance of the laws that govern alcohol consumption and driving, but there is no harm in giving drivers a reminder and reinforcing laws, particularly when they are reaching an age of change, such as those who are becoming legally able to drink.

Driving while intoxicated is not a victimless crime. Those who drive under the influence of alcohol transform their vehicle into a weapon and threaten the life of everyone sharing the streets with them. I have no pity for drivers who make the conscious choice to climb behind the wheel while intoxicated only to end up in the back seat of a police car. However, it makes sense to give them a gentle reminder of the laws governing drinking and driving before they or someone else pays with their life.

Other legislators should take a cue from Ramras and push through what is a simple way to help keep our roadways and citizens safer. While I know there is no cure for the human tendency to forego common sense in the wake of a night of drinking, perhaps additional education will reinforce for young drivers the importance of planning before partying and the very real consequences of their actions before they end up with a MADD mother of their own.

- Mary M. Rall

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# SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT

DATE: 4/16/07

FURTHER: Finance

DATE TURNED IN TO OFFICE: 5/10/07

State Affairs Committee considered CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 75(STA)

HB 75 DRIVERS LICENSE: ALCOHOL AWARENESS/MINOR

"An Act relating to driver's licenses and to alcohol and drug awareness and safety testing."

and recommends:

- be replaced with  SCS or  CS Current ( )
- adopt previous  SCS or  CS \_\_\_\_\_ ( )
- attached amendment(s)
- adopt \_\_\_\_\_ Letter of Intent
- further referral to \_\_\_\_\_ Committee

**SENATE BILL:**

- Same Title
- New Title

**HOUSE BILL:**

- Same Title
- Technical Title Change
- New Title w/ SCR # \_\_\_\_\_

**NEW FISCAL NOTE(S):**

Department	Date	Fiscal	Indet.	Zero	FN#

**PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTE(S):**

Department	Date	Fiscal	Indet.	Zero	FN#
HSS	02/20			✓	2
ADMM	02/02	✓			1

APPROPRIATION - no fiscal note

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