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Relating to allowing the state the right to determine and impose sanctions on motor vehicle drivers.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

WHEREAS the State of Alaska is concerned with drug abuse by its citizens and has enacted numerous laws and initiated programs aimed at reducing both the demand for and supply of illegal drugs; and

WHEREAS the State of Alaska currently revokes the driver's licenses of persons convicted of driving a motor vehicle under the influence of drugs; and

WHEREAS 23 U.S.C. 159(a) mandates the withholding of certain federal-aid highway funds from states that by October 1, 1993, fail to either

(1) enact legislation requiring suspension of an individual's driver's license upon conviction of a violation of the federal Controlled Substances Act or any drug offense; or

(2) file a certification from the Governor that the Governor is opposed to the enactment of such a law and that the legislature has adopted a resolution expressing its opposition to such a law; and

WHEREAS failure of this legislature to take either mandated action will result in the withholding of federal-aid highway funds; and

WHEREAS actions of the Congress to coerce states into passing ineffective laws are inappropriate; and

WHEREAS the State of Alaska has and will continue to address illegal drugs in effective and cost beneficial ways;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature certifies that it is opposed to the requirement by the federal government that the state enact legislation to revoke or suspend the driver's license of a person convicted of a drug offense if the offense does not involve the operation of a motor vehicle, aircraft, or watercraft; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature will continue its efforts in drug abuse education and enforcement programs and will commit its limited resources to programs that, based on experience in Alaska, have a reasonable chance of reducing drug abuse; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor is respectfully requested to certify the Governor's opposition to adoption of legislation requiring revocation of the driver's license of a person convicted of a drug offense.