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AN ACT to to amend and reenact §17C-5-2 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; and to amend and reenact §17C-5A-2 of said code, all relating to creating "Andrea, Willy and Nelson's Law"; making driving under the influence of alcohol, controlled substances or drugs causing death a felony in all instances; eliminating the misdemeanor offense of driving under the influence of alcohol, controlled substances or drugs; creating a new felony offense of driving while under the influence of alcohol, controlled substances or drugs causing serious bodily injury; providing definitions of "bodily injury" and "serious bodily injury"; and providing that the West Virginia Rules of Evidence apply to administrative proceedings concerning license revocation for driving under the influence.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That §17C-5-2 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended and reenacted; and to amend and reenact §17C-5A-2 all to read as follows:

ARTICLE 5. SERIOUS TRAFFIC OFFENSES.

§17C-5-2. Driving under influence of alcohol, controlled substances or drugs; penalties.

- 1 (a) Any person who:
- 2 (1) Drives a vehicle in this state while he or she:
- 3 (A) Is under the influence of alcohol;
- 4 (B) Is under the influence of any controlled substance;
- 5 (C) Is under the influence of any other drug;
- 6 (D) Is under the combined influence of alcohol and any
- 7 controlled substance or any other drug; or
- 8 (E) Has an alcohol concentration in his or her blood of eight
- 9 hundredths of one percent or more, by weight; and
- 10 (2) Whose impaired state proximately causes the death of
- 11 any person within one year next following the act or failure, is
- 12 guilty of a felony and, upon conviction thereof, shall be
- 13 imprisoned in a state correctional facility for not less than three
- 14 years nor more than fifteen years and shall be fined not less than
- 15 \$1,000 nor more than \$3,000.
- 16 (b) Any person who:
- 17 (1) Drives a vehicle in this state while he or she:
- 18 (A) Is under the influence of alcohol;

- 19 (B) Is under the influence of any controlled substance;
- (C) Is under the influence of any other drug;
- 21 (D) Is under the combined influence of alcohol and any
- 22 controlled substance or any other drug; or
- 23 (E) Has an alcohol concentration in his or her blood of eight
- 24 hundredths of one percent or more, by weight; and
- 25 (2) Whose impaired state proximately causes serious bodily
- 26 injury to any person other than himself or herself, is guilty of a
- 27 felony and, upon conviction thereof, shall be imprisoned in a
- 28 state correctional facility for not less than two nor more than ten
- 29 years and shall be fined not less than \$1,000 nor more than
- 30 \$3,000 dollars.
- 31 (3) As used in this subsection, the words "serious bodily
- 32 injury" mean bodily injury that creates a substantial risk of
- death, that causes serious or prolonged disfigurement, prolonged
- 34 impairment of health, or prolonged loss or impairment.
- 35 (c) Any person who:
- 36 (1) Drives a vehicle in this state while he or she:
- 37 (A) Is under the influence of alcohol;
- 38 (B) Is under the influence of any controlled substance;
- 39 (C) Is under the influence of any other drug;
- 40 (D) Is under the combined influence of alcohol and any
- 41 controlled substance or any other drug; or
- 42 (E) Has an alcohol concentration in his or her blood of eight
- 43 hundredths of one percent or more, by weight; and

- 44 (2) Whose impaired state proximately causes bodily injury 45 to any person other than himself or herself, is guilty of a
- 45 to any person other than himself or herself, is guilty of a
- 46 misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be confined in
- 47 jail for not less than one day nor more than one year, which jail
- 48 term is to include actual confinement of not less than
- 49 twenty-four hours, and shall be fined not less than \$200 nor more
- 50 than \$1,000.
- 51 (3) As used in this subsection, the words "bodily injury"
- 52 mean bodily injury that causes substantial pain, illness or any
- 53 impairment of physical condition.
- 54 (d) Any person who:
- 55 (1) Drives a vehicle in this state while he or she:
- 56 (A) Is under the influence of alcohol;
- 57 (B) Is under the influence of any controlled substance;
- 58 (C) Is under the influence of any other drug;
- 59 (D) Is under the combined influence of alcohol and any
- 60 controlled substance or any other drug; or
- 61 (E) Has an alcohol concentration in his or her blood of eight
- 62 hundredths of one percent or more, by weight, but less than
- 63 fifteen hundredths of one percent, by weight;
- 64 (2) Is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof,
- 65 except as provided in section two-b of this article, shall be
- 66 confined in jail for up to six months and shall be fined not less
- 67 than \$100 nor more than \$500. A person sentenced pursuant to
- 68 this subdivision shall receive credit for any period of actual
- 69 confinement he or she served upon arrest for the subject offense.
- 70 (e) Any person who drives a vehicle in this state while he or
- 71 she has an alcohol concentration in his or her blood of fifteen

- hundredths of one percent or more, by weight, is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be confined in jail for not less than two days nor more than six months, which jail term is to include actual confinement of not less than twenty-four hours, and shall be fined not less than \$200 nor more than \$1,000. A person sentenced pursuant to this subdivision
- shall receive credit for any period of actual confinement he or
- 79 she served upon arrest for the subject offense.
- 80 (f) Any person who, being an habitual user of narcotic drugs 81 or amphetamine or any derivative thereof, drives a vehicle in this 82 state is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, 83 shall be confined in jail for not less than one day nor more than 84 six months, which jail term is to include actual confinement of 85 not less than twenty-four hours, and shall be fined not less than \$100 nor more than \$500. A person sentenced pursuant to this 86 87 subdivision shall receive credit for any period of actual 88 confinement he or she served upon arrest for the subject offense.
- (g) Any person who:
- 90 (1) Knowingly permits his or her vehicle to be driven in this 91 state by any other person who:
- 92 (A) Is under the influence of alcohol;
- 93 (B) Is under the influence of any controlled substance;
- 94 (C) Is under the influence of any other drug;
- 95 (D) Is under the combined influence of alcohol and any controlled substance or any other drug;
- 97 (E) Has an alcohol concentration in his or her blood of eight 98 hundredths of one percent or more, by weight;
- 99 (2) Is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, 100 shall be confined in jail for not more than six months and shall 101 be fined not less than \$100 nor more than \$500.

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- (h) Any person who knowingly permits his or her vehicle to be driven in this state by any other person who is an habitual user of narcotic drugs or amphetamine or any derivative thereof is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be confined in jail for not more than six months and shall be fined not less than \$100 nor more than \$500.
- 108 (i) Any person under the age of twenty-one years who drives 109 a vehicle in this state while he or she has an alcohol 110 concentration in his or her blood of two hundredths of one 111 percent or more, by weight, but less than eight hundredths of one 112 percent, by weight, for a first offense under this subsection is 113 guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be 114 fined not less than \$25 nor more than \$100. For a second or 115 subsequent offense under this subsection, the person is guilty of 116 a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be confined 117 in jail for twenty-four hours and shall be fined not less than \$100 118 nor more than \$500. A person who is charged with a first offense 119 under the provisions of this subsection may move for a 120 continuance of the proceedings, from time to time, to allow the 121 person to participate in the Motor Vehicle Alcohol Test and 122 Lock Program as provided in section three-a, article five-a of this 123 chapter. Upon successful completion of the program, the court 124 shall dismiss the charge against the person and expunge the 125 person's record as it relates to the alleged offense. In the event 126 the person fails to successfully complete the program, the court 127 shall proceed to an adjudication of the alleged offense. A motion 128 for a continuance under this subsection may not be construed as 129 an admission or be used as evidence. A person arrested and 130 charged with an offense under the provisions of this subsection 131 or subsection (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f),(g) or (h) of this section 132 may not also be charged with an offense under this subsection 133 arising out of the same transaction or occurrence.
- 134 (j) Any person who:

- 135 (1) Drives a vehicle in this state while he or she:
- 136 (A) Is under the influence of alcohol:
- 137 (B) Is under the influence of any controlled substance;
- 138 (C) Is under the influence of any other drug;
- 139 (D) Is under the combined influence of alcohol and any 140 controlled substance or any other drug; or
- 141 (E) Has an alcohol concentration in his or her blood of eight
- 142 hundredths of one percent or more, by weight; and
- 143 (2) The person while driving has on or within the motor
- 144 vehicle one or more other persons who are unemancipated
- 145 minors who have not reached their sixteenth birthday is guilty of
- 146 a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be confined
- 147 in jail for not less than two days nor more than twelve months,
- 148 which jail term is to include actual confinement of not less than
- 149 forty-eight hours and shall be fined not less than \$200 nor more
- 150 than \$1,000.
- 151 (k) A person violating any provision of subsection (b), (c),
- (d), (e), (f), (g) or (i) of this section, for the second offense under 152
- 153 this section, is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction
- 154 thereof, shall be confined in jail for not less than six months nor
- 155 more than one year and the court may, in its discretion, impose
- 156 a fine of not less than \$1,000 nor more than \$3,000.
- 157 (1) A person violating any provision of subsection (b), (c),
- 158 (d), (e), (f), (g) or (i) of this section, for the third or any
- 159 subsequent offense under this section, is guilty of a felony and,
- 160 upon conviction thereof, shall be imprisoned in a state
- 161 correctional facility for not less than two nor more than five
- 162 years and the court may, in its discretion, impose a fine of not
- 163 less than \$3,000 nor more than \$5,000.

- 164 (m) For purposes of subsections (k) and (l) of this section 165 relating to second, third and subsequent offenses, the following 166 events shall be regarded as offenses under this section:
- 167 (1) Any conviction under the provisions of subsection (a), 168 (b), (c), (d), (e), (f) or (g) of this section or under a prior enactment of this section for an offense which occurred within 170 the ten-year period immediately preceding the date of arrest in 171 the current proceeding;
- 172 (2) Any conviction under a municipal ordinance of this state 173 or any other state or a statute of the United States or of any other 174 state of an offense which has the same elements as an offense 175 described in subsection (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g) or (h) of this 176 section, which offense occurred within the ten-year period 177 immediately preceding the date of arrest in the current 178 proceeding; and,
- 179 (3) Any period of conditional probation imposed pursuant 180 section two-b of this article for violation of subsection (d) of this 181 article, which violation occurred within the ten-year period 182 immediately preceding the date of arrest in the current 183 proceeding.
- 184 (n) A person may be charged in a warrant or indictment or 185 information for a second or subsequent offense under this section 186 if the person has been previously arrested for or charged with a 187 violation of this section which is alleged to have occurred within 188 the applicable time period for prior offenses, notwithstanding the 189 fact that there has not been a final adjudication of the charges for 190 the alleged previous offense. In that case, the warrant or 191 indictment or information must set forth the date, location and 192 particulars of the previous offense or offenses. No person may 193 be convicted of a second or subsequent offense under this section 194 unless the conviction for the previous offense has become final,

or the person has previously had a period of conditional probation imposed pursuant to section two-b of this article.

- (o) The fact that any person charged with a violation of subsection (a), (b), (c), (d), (e) or (f) of this section, or any person permitted to drive as described under subsection (g) or (h) of this section, is or has been legally entitled to use alcohol, a controlled substance or a drug does not constitute a defense against any charge of violating subsection (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g) or (h) of this section.
- 204 (p) For purposes of this section, the term "controlled 205 substance" has the meaning ascribed to it in chapter sixty-a of 206 this code.
- 207 (q) The sentences provided in this section upon conviction 208 for a violation of this article are mandatory and are not subject 209 to suspension or probation: *Provided*, That the court may apply 210 the provisions of article eleven-a, chapter sixty-two of this code 211 to a person sentenced or committed to a term of one year or less 212 for a first offense under this section: *Provided further*, That the 213 court may impose a term of conditional probation pursuant to 214 section two-b of this article to persons adjudicated thereunder. 215 An order for home detention by the court pursuant to the 216 provisions of article eleven-b of said chapter may be used as an 217 alternative sentence to any period of incarceration required by 218 this section for a first or subsequent offense: *Provided, however,* 219 That for any period of home incarceration ordered for a person 220 convicted of second offense under this section, electronic 221 monitoring shall be required for no fewer than five days of the 222 total period of home confinement ordered and the offender may 223 not leave home for those five days notwithstanding the 224 provisions of section five, article eleven-b, chapter sixty-two of 225 this code: Provided further, That for any period of home 226 incarceration ordered for a person convicted of a third or 227 subsequent violation of this section, electronic monitoring shall

- 228 be included for no fewer than ten days of the total period of
- 229 home confinement ordered and the offender may not leave home
- 230 for those ten days notwithstanding section five, article eleven-b,
- 231 chapter sixty-two of this code.

ARTICLE 5A. ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES FOR SUSPENSION AND REVOCATION OF LICENSES FOR DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL, CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES OR DRUGS.

§17C-5A-2. Hearing; revocation; review.

- 1 (a) Written objections to an order of revocation or
 - suspension under the provisions of section one of this article or section seven, article five of this chapter shall be filed with the
- 4 Office of Administrative Hearings. Upon the receipt of an
- 5 objection, the Office of Administrative Hearings shall notify the
- Commissioner of the Division of Motor Vehicles, who shall stay
- 7 the imposition of the period of revocation or suspension and
- 8 afford the person an opportunity to be heard by the Office of
- 9 Administrative Hearings. The written objection must be filed
- 10 with Office of Administrative Hearings in person, by registered
- 11 or certified mail, return receipt requested, or by facsimile
- 12 transmission or electronic mail within thirty calendar days after
- 13 receipt of a copy of the order of revocation or suspension or no
- 14 hearing will be granted: *Provided*, That a successful transmittal
- 15 sheet shall be necessary for proof of written objection in the case
- 16 of filing by fax. The hearing shall be before a hearing examiner
- 17 employed by the Office of Administrative Hearings who shall
- 18 rule on evidentiary issues. The West Virginia Rules of Evidence
- 19 shall apply to all proceedings before the hearing examiner. Upon
- 20 consideration of the designated record, the hearing examiner
- shall, based on the determination of the facts of the case and 21
- 22 applicable law, render a decision affirming, reversing or
- 23 modifying the action protested. The decision shall contain
- 24 findings of fact and conclusions of law and shall be provided to
- 25 all parties by registered or certified mail, return receipt

requested, or with a party's written consent, by facsimile or electronic mail.

- 28 (b) The hearing shall be held at an office of the Division of 29 Motor Vehicles suitable for hearing purposes located in or near the county in which the arrest was made in this state or at some 30 31 other suitable place in the county in which the arrest was made 32 if an office of the division is not available. At the discretion of 33 the Office of Administrative Hearings, the hearing may also be 34 held at an office of the Office of Administrative Hearings 35 located in or near the county in which the arrest was made in this 36 state. The Office of Administrative Hearings shall send a notice 37 of hearing to the person whose driving privileges are at issue and 38 the person's legal counsel if the person is represented by legal 39 counsel, by regular mail, or with the written consent of the 40 person whose driving privileges are at issue or their legal 41 counsel, by facsimile or electronic mail. The Office of 42 Administrative Hearings shall also send a notice of hearing by 43 regular mail, facsimile or electronic mail to the Division of 44 Motor Vehicles, and the Attorney General's Office, if the 45 Attorney General has filed a notice of appearance of counsel on behalf of the Division of Motor Vehicles. 46
- 47 (c) (1) Any hearing shall be held within one hundred eighty 48 days after the date upon which the Office of Administrative 49 Hearings received the timely written objection unless there is a 50 postponement or continuance.
- 51 (2) The Office of Administrative Hearings may postpone or 52 continue any hearing on its own motion or upon application by 53 the party whose license is at issue in that hearing or by the 54 commissioner for good cause shown.
- 55 (3) The Office of Administrative Hearings may issue 56 subpoenas commanding the appearance of witnesses and 57 subpoenas duces tecum commanding the submission of

documents, items or other things. Subpoenas duces tecum shall be returnable on the date of the next scheduled hearing unless otherwise specified. The Office of Administrative hearings shall issue subpoenas and subpoenas duces tecum at the request of a party or the party's legal representative. The party requesting the subpoena shall be responsible for service of the subpoena upon the appropriate individual. Every subpoena or subpoena duces tecum shall be served at least five days before the return date thereof, either by personal service made by a person over eighteen years of age or by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, and received by the party responsible for serving the subpoena or subpoena duces tecum: Provided, That the Division of Motor Vehicles may serve subpoenas to law-enforcement officers through electronic mail to the department of his or her employer. If a person does not obey the subpoena or fails to appear, the party who issued the subpoena to the person may petition the circuit court wherein the action lies for enforcement of the subpoena.

- (d) Law-enforcement officers shall be compensated for the time expended in their travel and appearance before the Office of Administrative Hearings by the law-enforcement agency by whom they are employed at their regular rate if they are scheduled to be on duty during said time or at their regular overtime rate if they are scheduled to be off duty during said time.
- (e) The principal question at the hearing shall be whether the person did drive a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, controlled substances or drugs, or did drive a motor vehicle while having an alcohol concentration in the person's blood of eight hundredths of one percent or more, by weight, or did refuse to submit to the designated secondary chemical test, or did drive a motor vehicle while under the age of twenty-one years with an alcohol concentration in his or her blood of two

91 hundredths of one percent or more, by weight, but less than eight92 hundredths of one percent, by weight.

- 93 (f) In the case of a hearing in which a person is accused of 94 driving a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, 95 controlled substances or drugs, or accused of driving a motor 96 vehicle while having an alcohol concentration in the person's 97 blood of eight hundredths of one percent or more, by weight, or 98 accused of driving a motor vehicle while under the age of 99 twenty-one years with an alcohol concentration in his or her 100 blood of two hundredths of one percent or more, by weight, but 101 less than eight hundredths of one percent, by weight, the Office 102 of Administrative Hearings shall make specific findings as to: 103 (1) Whether the investigating law-enforcement officer had 104 reasonable grounds to believe the person to have been driving 105 while under the influence of alcohol, controlled substances or 106 drugs, or while having an alcohol concentration in the person's 107 blood of eight hundredths of one percent or more, by weight, or 108 to have been driving a motor vehicle while under the age of 109 twenty-one years with an alcohol concentration in his or her 110 blood of two hundredths of one percent or more, by weight, but 111 less than eight hundredths of one percent, by weight; (2) whether 112 the person was lawfully placed under arrest for an offense 113 involving driving under the influence of alcohol, controlled 114 substances or drugs, or was lawfully taken into custody for the 115 purpose of administering a secondary test: *Provided*, That this 116 element shall be waived in cases where no arrest occurred due to 117 driver incapacitation; (3) whether the person committed an 118 offense involving driving under the influence of alcohol, 119 controlled substances or drugs; and (4) whether the tests, if any, 120 were administered in accordance with the provisions of this 121 article and article five of this chapter.
 - (g) If, in addition to a finding that the person did drive a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, controlled substances or drugs, or did drive a motor vehicle while having an

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alcohol concentration in the person's blood of eight hundredths of one percent or more, by weight, or did drive a motor vehicle while under the age of twenty-one years with an alcohol concentration in his or her blood of two hundredths of one percent or more, by weight, but less than eight hundredths of one percent, by weight, the Office of Administrative Hearings also finds by a preponderance of the evidence that the person when driving did an act forbidden by law or failed to perform a duty imposed by law, which act or failure proximately caused the death of a person and was committed in reckless disregard of the safety of others and if the Office of Administrative Hearings further finds that the influence of alcohol, controlled substances or drugs or the alcohol concentration in the blood was a contributing cause to the death, the commissioner shall revoke the person's license for a period of ten years: *Provided*, That if the person's license has previously been suspended or revoked under the provisions of this section or section one of this article within the ten years immediately preceding the date of arrest, the period of revocation shall be for the life of the person.

(h) If, in addition to a finding that the person did drive a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, controlled substances or drugs, or did drive a motor vehicle while having an alcohol concentration in the person's blood of eight hundredths of one percent or more, by weight, the Office of Administrative Hearings also finds by a preponderance of the evidence that the person when driving did an act forbidden by law or failed to perform a duty imposed by law, which act or failure proximately caused the death of a person, the commissioner shall revoke the person's license for a period of five years: *Provided*, That if the person's license has previously been suspended or revoked under the provisions of this section or section one of this article within the ten years immediately preceding the date of arrest, the period of revocation shall be for the life of the person.

158 (i) If, in addition to a finding that the person did drive a 159 motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, controlled 160 substances or drugs, or did drive a motor vehicle while having an 161 alcohol concentration in the person's blood of eight hundredths 162 of one percent or more, by weight, the Office of Administrative 163 Hearings also finds by a preponderance of the evidence that the person when driving did an act forbidden by law or failed to 164 165 perform a duty imposed by law, which act or failure proximately 166 caused bodily injury to a person other than himself or herself, the 167 commissioner shall revoke the person's license for a period of 168 two years: *Provided*, That if the license has previously been 169 suspended or revoked under the provisions of this section or 170 section one of this article within the ten years immediately preceding the date of arrest, the period of revocation shall be ten years: Provided, however, That if the person's license has 173 previously been suspended or revoked more than once under the 174 provisions of this section or section one of this article within the 175 ten years immediately preceding the date of arrest, the period of revocation shall be for the life of the person.

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(j) If the Office of Administrative Hearings finds by a preponderance of the evidence that the person did drive a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, controlled substances or drugs, or did drive a motor vehicle while having an alcohol concentration in the person's blood of eight hundredths of one percent or more, by weight, but less than fifteen hundredths of one percent or more, by weight, or finds that the person knowingly permitted the persons vehicle to be driven by another person who was under the influence of alcohol, controlled substances or drugs, or knowingly permitted the person's vehicle to be driven by another person who had an alcohol concentration in his or her blood of eight hundredths of one percent or more, by weight the commissioner shall revoke the person's license for a period of six months or a period of fifteen days with an additional one hundred and twenty days of

participation in the Motor Vehicle Alcohol Test and Lock 192 193 Program in accordance with the provisions of section three-a of 194 this article: *Provided*, That any period of participation in the 195 Motor Vehicle Alcohol Test and Lock Program that has been 196 imposed by a court pursuant to section two-b, article five of this 197 chapter shall be credited against any period of participation 198 imposed by the commissioner: *Provided, however,* That a person 199 whose license is revoked for driving while under the influence 200 of drugs is not eligible to participate in the Motor Vehicle 201 Alcohol Test and Lock Program: Provided further, That if the 202 person's license has previously been suspended or revoked under 203 the provisions of this section or section one of this article within 204 the ten years immediately preceding the date of arrest, the period 205 of revocation shall be ten years: And provided further, That if the 206 person's license has previously been suspended or revoked more 207 than once under the provisions of this section or section one of 208 this article within the ten years immediately preceding the date 209 of arrest, the period of revocation shall be for the life of the 210 person.

2.11 (k) (1) If in addition to finding by a preponderance of the 212 evidence that the person did drive a motor vehicle while under 213 the influence of alcohol. controlled substance or drugs, the 214 Office of Administrative Hearings also finds by a preponderance 215 of the evidence that the person did drive a motor vehicle while 216 having an alcohol concentration in the person's blood of fifteen 217 hundredths of one percent or more, by weight, the commissioner 218 shall revoke the person's license for a period of forty-five days 219 with an additional two hundred and seventy days of participation 220 in the Motor Vehicle Alcohol Test and Lock Program in 221 accordance with the provisions of section three-a, article five-a, 222 chapter seventeen-c of this code: *Provided*, That if the person's 223 license has previously been suspended or revoked under the 224 provisions of this section or section one of this article within the 225 ten years immediately preceding the date of arrest, the period of revocation shall be ten years: *Provided, however*, That if the person's license has previously been suspended or revoked the person's license more than once under the provisions of this section or section one of this article within the ten years immediately preceding the date of arrest, the period of revocation shall be for the life of the person.

- (2) If a person whose license is revoked pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection proves by clear and convincing evidence that they do not own a motor vehicle upon which the alcohol test and lock device may be installed or is otherwise incapable of participating in the Motor Vehicle Alcohol Test and Lock Program, the period of revocation shall be one hundred eighty days: Provided, That if the person's license has previously been suspended or revoked under the provisions of this section or section one of this article within the ten years immediately preceding the date of arrest, the period of revocation shall be ten years: *Provided, however*, That if the person's license has previously been suspended or revoked more than once under the provisions of this section or section one of this article within the ten years immediately preceding the date of arrest, the period of revocation shall be for the life of the person.
- (1) If, in addition to a finding that the person did drive a motor vehicle while under the age of twenty-one years with an alcohol concentration in his or her blood of two hundredths of one percent or more, by weight, but less than eight hundredths of one percent, by weight, the Office of Administrative Hearings also finds by a preponderance of the evidence that the person when driving did an act forbidden by law or failed to perform a duty imposed by law, which act or failure proximately caused the death of a person, and if the Office of Administrative Hearings further finds that the alcohol concentration in the blood was a contributing cause to the death, the commissioner shall revoke the person's license for a period of five years: *Provided*,

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That if the person's license has previously been suspended or revoked under the provisions of this section or section one of this article within the ten years immediately preceding the date of arrest, the period of revocation shall be for the life of the person.

(m) If, in addition to a finding that the person did drive a motor vehicle while under the age of twenty-one years with an alcohol concentration in his or her blood of two hundredths of one percent or more, by weight, but less than eight hundredths of one percent, by weight, the Office of Administrative Hearings also finds by a preponderance of the evidence that the person when driving did an act forbidden by law or failed to perform a duty imposed by law, which act or failure proximately caused bodily injury to a person other than himself or herself, and if the Office of Administrative Hearings further finds that the alcohol concentration in the blood was a contributing cause to the bodily injury, the commissioner shall revoke the person's license for a period of two years: *Provided*, That if the person's license has previously been suspended or revoked under the provisions of this section or section one of this article within the ten years immediately preceding the date of arrest, the period of revocation shall be ten years: Provided, however, That if the person's license has previously been suspended or revoked more than once under the provisions of this section or section one of this article within the ten years immediately preceding the date of arrest, the period of revocation shall be for the life of the person.

(n) If the Office of Administrative Hearings finds by a preponderance of the evidence that the person did drive a motor vehicle while under the age of twenty-one years with an alcohol concentration in his or her blood of two hundredths of one percent or more, by weight, but less than eight hundredths of one percent, by weight, the commissioner shall suspend the person's license for a period of sixty days: *Provided*, That if the person's license has previously been suspended or revoked under the

294 provisions of this section or section one of this article, the period 295 of revocation shall be for one year, or until the person's 296 twenty-first birthday, whichever period is longer.

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- (o) If, in addition to a finding that the person did drive a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, controlled substances or drugs, or did drive a motor vehicle while having an alcohol concentration in the person's blood of eight hundredths of one percent or more, by weight, the Office of Administrative Hearings also finds by a preponderance of the evidence that the person when driving did have on or within the Motor vehicle another person who has not reached his or her sixteenth birthday, the commissioner shall revoke the person's license for a period of one year: *Provided*, That if the person's license has previously been suspended or revoked under the provisions of this section or section one of this article within the ten years immediately preceding the date of arrest, the period of revocation shall be ten years: Provided, however, That if the person's license has previously been suspended or revoked more than once under the provisions of this section or section one of this article within the ten years immediately preceding the date of arrest, the period of revocation shall be for the life of the person.
- (p) For purposes of this section, where reference is made to previous suspensions or revocations under this section, the following types of criminal convictions or administrative suspensions or revocations shall also be regarded as suspensions or revocations under this section or section one of this article:
- (1) Any administrative revocation under the provisions of the prior enactment of this section for conduct which occurred within the ten years immediately preceding the date of arrest;
- 323 (2) Any suspension or revocation on the basis of a 324 conviction under a municipal ordinance of another state or a 325 statute of the United States or of any other state of an offense

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- which has the same elements as an offense described in section two, article five of this chapter for conduct which occurred within the ten years immediately preceding the date of arrest; or
- 329 (3) Any revocation under the provisions of section seven, 330 article five of this chapter for conduct which occurred within the 331 ten years immediately preceding the date of arrest.
- 332 (q) In the case of a hearing in which a person is accused of 333 refusing to submit to a designated secondary test, the Office of 334 Administrative Hearings shall make specific findings as to: (1) 335 Whether the arresting law-enforcement officer had reasonable 336 grounds to believe the person had been driving a motor vehicle 337 in this state while under the influence of alcohol, controlled 338 substances or drugs; (2) whether the person was lawfully placed 339 under arrest for an offense involving driving under the influence 340 of alcohol, controlled substances or drugs, or was lawfully taken 341 into custody for the purpose of administering a secondary test: 342 Provided, That this element shall be waived in cases where no 343 arrest occurred due to driver incapacitation; (3) whether the 344 person committed an offense relating to driving a motor vehicle 345 in this state while under the influence of alcohol, controlled 346 substances or drugs; (4) whether the person refused to submit to 347 the secondary test finally designated in the manner provided in 348 section four, article five of this chapter; and (5) whether the 349 person had been given a written statement advising the person 350 that the person's license to operate a motor vehicle in this state 351 would be revoked for at least forty-five days and up to life if the 352 person refused to submit to the test finally designated in the 353 manner provided in said section.
 - (r) If the Office of Administrative Hearings finds by a preponderance of the evidence that: (1) The investigating officer had reasonable grounds to believe the person had been driving a motor vehicle in this state while under the influence of alcohol, controlled substances or drugs; (2) whether the person was

359 lawfully placed under arrest for an offense involving driving 360 under the influence of alcohol, controlled substances or drugs, or 361 was lawfully taken into custody for the purpose of administering 362 a secondary test: *Provided*, That this element shall be waived in 363 cases where no arrest occurred due to driver incapacitation; (3) 364 the person committed an offense relating to driving a motor 365 vehicle in this state while under the influence of alcohol, 366 controlled substances or drugs; (4) the person refused to submit 367 to the secondary test finally designated in the manner provided 368 in section four, article five of this chapter; and (5) the person had 369 been given a written statement advising the person that the 370 person's license to operate a motor vehicle in this state would be 371 revoked for at least forty-five days and up to life if the person 372 refused to submit to the test finally designated, the commissioner 373 shall revoke the person's license to operate a motor vehicle in 374 this state for the periods specified in section seven, article five 375 of this chapter. The revocation period prescribed in this 376 subsection shall run concurrently with any other revocation 377 period ordered under this section or section one of this article 378 arising out of the same occurrence. The revocation period 379 prescribed in this subsection shall run concurrently with any 380 other revocation period ordered under this section or section one 381 of this article arising out of the same occurrence.

(s) If the Office of Administrative Hearings finds to the contrary with respect to the above issues, it shall rescind or modify the commissioner's order and, in the case of modification, the commissioner shall reduce the order of revocation to the appropriate period of revocation under this section or section seven, article five of this chapter. A copy of the Office of Administrative Hearings' final order containing its findings of fact and conclusions of law made and entered following the hearing shall be served upon the person whose license is at issue or upon the person's legal counsel if the person is represented by legal counsel by registered or certified mail,

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return receipt requested, or by facsimile or by electronic mail if available. The final order shall be served upon the commissioner by electronic mail. During the pendency of any hearing, the revocation of the person's license to operate a motor vehicle in this state shall be stayed.

398 A person whose license is at issue and the commissioner 399 shall be entitled to judicial review as set forth in chapter 400 twenty-nine-a of this code. Neither the commissioner nor the 401 Office of Administrative Hearings may stay enforcement of the 402 order. The court may grant a stay or supersede as of the order 403 only upon motion and hearing, and a finding by the court upon 404 the evidence presented, that there is a substantial probability that 405 the appellant shall prevail upon the merits and the appellant will 406 suffer irreparable harm if the order is not stayed: *Provided*, That 407 in no event shall the stay or supersede as of the order exceed one 408 hundred fifty days. The Office of Administrative Hearings may 409 not be made a party to an appeal. The party filing the appeal 410 shall pay the Office of Administrative Hearings for the 411 production and transmission of the certified file copy and the 412 hearing transcript to the court. Notwithstanding the provisions of 413 section four, article five of said chapter, the Office of 414 Administrative Hearings may not be compelled to transmit a 415 certified copy of the file or the transcript of the hearing to the 416 circuit court in less than sixty days. Circuit clerk shall provide a 417 copy of the circuit court's final order on the appeal to the Office 418 of Administrative Hearings by regular mail, by facsimile, or by 419 electronic mail if available.

420 (t) In any revocation or suspension pursuant to this section, 421 if the driver whose license is revoked or suspended had not 422 reached the driver's eighteenth birthday at the time of the 423 conduct for which the license is revoked or suspended, the 424 driver's license shall be revoked or suspended until the driver's 425 eighteenth birthday or the applicable statutory period of

- 426 revocation or suspension prescribed by this section, whichever 427 is longer.
- 428 (u) Funds for this section's hearing and appeal process may
- 429 be provided from the Drunk Driving Prevention Fund, as created
- 430 by section forty-one, article two, chapter fifteen of this code,
- 431 upon application for the funds to the Commission on Drunk
- 432 Driving Prevention.

That Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

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