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HOUSE BILL NO. 279

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
(Proposed by the House Committee for Courts of Justice
on February 3, 2012)

(Patrons Prior to Substitute—Delegates Iaquinto, Albo [HB 467], Bell, Robert B. [HB 951], and Miller
[HB 1258])

A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 18.2-270.1 and 18.2-271.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to ignition
interlock for first offense DUI.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

**1. That §§ 18.2-270.1 and 18.2-271.1 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as
follows:**

§ 18.2-270.1. Ignition interlock systems; penalty.

A. For purposes of this section and § 18.2-270.2:

"Commission" means the Commission on VASAP.

"Department" means the Department of Motor Vehicles.

"Ignition interlock system" means a device that (i) connects a motor vehicle ignition system to an
analyzer that measures a driver's blood alcohol content; (ii) prevents a motor vehicle ignition from
starting if a driver's blood alcohol content exceeds 0.02 percent; and (iii) is equipped with the ability to
perform a rolling retest and to electronically log the blood alcohol content during ignition, attempted
ignition and rolling retest.

"Rolling retest" means a test of the vehicle operator's blood alcohol content required at random
intervals during operation of the vehicle, which triggers the sounding of the horn and flashing of lights
if (i) the test indicates that the operator has a blood alcohol content which exceeds 0.02 percent or (ii)
the operator fails to take the test.

B. In addition to any penalty provided by law for a conviction under § 18.2-51.4 or 18.2-266 or a
substantially similar ordinance of any county, city or town, any court of proper jurisdiction ~~(i) may, for~~
~~a first offense, (ii) shall, for a second or subsequent offense and, (iii) shall, for an offense where an~~
~~offender's blood alcohol content equals or exceeds 0.15 percent shall, as a condition of a restricted~~
~~license or as a condition of license restoration under subsection C of § 18.2-271.1 or 46.2-391, prohibit~~
an offender from operating a motor vehicle that is not equipped with a functioning, certified ignition
interlock system for any period of time not to exceed the period of license suspension and restriction,
not less than six consecutive months without alcohol-related violations of the interlock requirements;
~~and. The court shall, for a conviction under § 18.2-51.4, a second or subsequent offense of § 18.2-266~~
~~or a substantially similar ordinance of any county, city or town, or as a condition of license restoration~~
~~pursuant to subsection C of § 18.2-271.1 or § 46.2-391, require that such a system be installed on each~~
motor vehicle, as defined in § 46.2-100, owned by or registered to the offender, in whole or in part, for
such period of time. Such condition shall be in addition to any purposes for which a restricted license
may be issued pursuant to § 18.2-271.1. The court may order the installation of an ignition interlock
system to commence immediately upon conviction. A fee of \$20 to cover court and administrative costs
related to the ignition interlock system shall be paid by any such offender to the clerk of the court. The
court shall require the offender to install an electronic log device with the ignition interlock system on a
vehicle designated by the court to measure the blood alcohol content at each attempted ignition and
random rolling retest during operation of the vehicle. The offender shall be enrolled in and supervised
by an alcohol safety action program pursuant to § 18.2-271.1 and to conditions established by regulation
under § 18.2-270.2 by the Commission during the period for which the court has ordered installation of
the ignition interlock system. The offender shall be further required to provide to such program, at least
quarterly during the period of court ordered ignition interlock installation, a printout from such
electronic log indicating the offender's blood alcohol content during such ignitions, attempted ignitions,
and rolling retests, and showing attempts to circumvent or tamper with the equipment.

C. In any case in which the court requires the installation of an ignition interlock system, the court
shall ~~direct order~~ the offender not to operate any motor vehicle ~~which that~~ is not equipped with such a
system for the period of time that ~~installation is ordered~~ *the interlock restriction is in effect*. The clerk of
the court shall file with the Department of Motor Vehicles a copy of the order, which shall become a
part of the offender's operator's license record maintained by the Department. The Department shall issue
to the offender for the ~~installation period required by the court, period during which the interlock~~
restriction is imposed a restricted license which shall appropriately set forth the restrictions required by
the court under this subsection and any other restrictions imposed upon the offender's driving privilege,
and shall also set forth any exception granted by the court under subsection F.

D. The offender shall be ordered to provide the appropriate ASAP program, within 30 days of the

60 effective date of the order of court, proof of the installation of the ignition interlock system. The
61 Program shall require the offender to have the system monitored and calibrated for proper operation at
62 least every 30 days by an entity approved by the Commission under the provisions of § 18.2-270.2 and
63 to demonstrate proof thereof. The offender shall pay the cost of leasing or buying and monitoring and
64 maintaining the ignition interlock system. Absent good cause shown, the court may revoke the offender's
65 driving privilege for failing to (i) timely install such system or (ii) have the system properly monitored
66 and calibrated.

67 E. No person shall start or attempt to start a motor vehicle equipped with an ignition interlock
68 system for the purpose of providing an operable motor vehicle to a person who is prohibited under this
69 section from operating a motor vehicle that is not equipped with an ignition interlock system. No person
70 shall tamper with, or in any way attempt to circumvent the operation of, an ignition interlock system
71 that has been installed in the motor vehicle of a person under this section. Except as authorized in
72 subsection G, no person shall knowingly furnish a motor vehicle not equipped with a functioning
73 ignition interlock system to any person prohibited under subsection B from operating any motor vehicle
74 which is not equipped with such system. A violation of this subsection shall be is punishable as a Class
75 1 misdemeanor.

76 F. Any person prohibited from operating a motor vehicle under subsection B may, solely in the
77 course of his employment, operate a motor vehicle which is owned or provided by his employer without
78 installation of an ignition interlock system, if the court expressly permits such operation as a condition
79 of a restricted license at the request of the employer, but such person may not operate a school bus,
80 school vehicle, or a commercial motor vehicle as defined in § 46.2-341.4. This subsection shall not
81 apply if such employer is an entity wholly or partially owned or controlled by the person otherwise
82 prohibited from operating a vehicle without an ignition interlock system.

83 G. The Commission shall promulgate such regulations and forms as are necessary to implement the
84 procedures outlined in this section.

85 § 18.2-271.1. Probation, education and rehabilitation of person charged or convicted; person
86 convicted under law of another state.

87 A. Any person convicted of a first or second offense of § 18.2-266 (i), (ii), (iii), or (iv), or any
88 ordinance of a county, city, or town similar to the provisions thereof, or provisions of subsection A of
89 § 46.2-341.24, shall be required by court order, as a condition of probation or otherwise, to enter into
90 and successfully complete an alcohol safety action program in the judicial district in which such charge
91 is brought or in any other judicial district upon such terms and conditions as the court may set forth.
92 However, upon motion of a person convicted of any such offense following an assessment of the person
93 conducted by an alcohol safety action program, the court, for good cause, may decline to order
94 participation in such a program if the assessment by the alcohol safety action program indicates that
95 intervention is not appropriate for such person. In no event shall such persons be permitted to enter any
96 such program which is not certified as meeting minimum standards and criteria established by the
97 Commission on the Virginia Alcohol Safety Action Program (VASAP) pursuant to subsection H of this
98 section and to § 18.2-271.2. However, any person charged with a violation of a first or second offense
99 of § 18.2-266 (i), (ii), (iii), or (iv), or any ordinance of a county, city, or town similar to the provisions
100 thereof, or provisions of subsection A of § 46.2-341.24, may, at any time prior to trial, enter into an
101 alcohol safety action program in the judicial district in which such charge is brought or in any other
102 judicial district. *Any person who enters into such program prior to trial may pre-qualify with the
103 program to have an ignition interlock system installed on any motor vehicle owned or operated by him.
104 However, no ignition interlock company shall install an ignition interlock system on any such vehicle
105 until a court issues to the person a restricted license with the ignition interlock restriction.*

106 B. The court shall require the person entering such program under the provisions of this section to
107 pay a fee of no less than \$250 but no more than \$300. A reasonable portion of such fee, as may be
108 determined by the Commission on VASAP, but not to exceed 10 percent, shall be forwarded monthly to
109 be deposited with the State Treasurer for expenditure by the Commission on VASAP, and the balance
110 shall be held in a separate fund for local administration of driver alcohol rehabilitation programs. Upon
111 a positive finding that the defendant is indigent, the court may reduce or waive the fee. In addition to
112 the costs of the proceeding, fees as may reasonably be required of defendants referred for intervention
113 under any such program may be charged.

114 C. Upon conviction of a violation of § 18.2-266 or any ordinance of a county, city or town similar to
115 the provisions thereof, or subsection A of § 46.2-341.24, the court shall impose the sentence authorized
116 by § 18.2-270 or 46.2-341.28 and the license revocation as authorized by § 18.2-271. In addition, if the
117 conviction was for a second offense committed within less than 10 years after a first such offense, the
118 court shall order that restoration of the person's license to drive be conditioned upon the installation of
119 an ignition interlock system on each motor vehicle, as defined in § 46.2-100, owned by or registered to
120 the person, in whole or in part, for a period of six months beginning at the end of the three year license
121 revocation, unless such a system has already been installed for six months prior to that time pursuant to

122 a restricted license order under subsection E of this section. Upon a finding that a person so convicted is
 123 required to participate in the program described herein, the court shall enter the conviction on the
 124 warrant, and shall note that the person so convicted has been referred to such program. The court may
 125 then proceed to issue an order in accordance with subsection E of this section, if the court finds that the
 126 person so convicted is eligible for a restricted license. If the court finds good cause for a person not to
 127 participate in such program or subsequently that such person has violated, without good cause, any of
 128 the conditions set forth by the court in entering the program, the court shall dispose of the case as if no
 129 program had been entered, in which event the revocation provisions of § 46.2-389 and subsection A of
 130 § 46.2-391 shall be applicable to the conviction. The court shall, upon final disposition of the case, send
 131 a copy of its order to the Commissioner of the Department of Motor Vehicles. If such order provides for
 132 the issuance of a restricted license, the Commissioner of the Department of Motor Vehicles, upon receipt
 133 thereof, shall issue a restricted license. Appeals from any such disposition shall be allowed as provided
 134 by law. The time within which an appeal may be taken shall be calculated from the date of the final
 135 disposition of the case or any motion for rehearing, whichever is later.

136 D. Any person who has been convicted in another state of the violation of a law of such state
 137 substantially similar to the provisions of § 18.2-266 or subsection A of § 46.2-341.24, and whose
 138 privilege to operate a motor vehicle in this Commonwealth is subject to revocation under the provisions
 139 of § 46.2-389 and subsection A of § 46.2-391, may petition the general district court of the county or
 140 city in which he resides that he be given probation and assigned to a program as provided in subsection
 141 A of this section and that, upon entry into such program, he be issued an order in accordance with
 142 subsection E of this section. If the court finds that such person would have qualified therefor if he had
 143 been convicted in this Commonwealth of a violation of § 18.2-266 or subsection A of § 46.2-341.24, the
 144 court may grant the petition and may issue an order in accordance with subsection E of this section as
 145 to the period of license suspension or revocation imposed pursuant to § 46.2-389 or subsection A of
 146 § 46.2-391. Such order shall be conditioned upon the successful completion of a program by the
 147 petitioner. If the court subsequently finds that such person has violated any of the conditions set forth by
 148 the court, the court shall dispose of the case as if no program had been entered and shall notify the
 149 Commissioner, who shall revoke the person's license in accordance with the provisions of § 46.2-389 or
 150 subsection A of § 46.2-391. A copy of the order granting the petition or subsequently revoking or
 151 suspending such person's license to operate a motor vehicle shall be forthwith sent to the Commissioner
 152 of the Department of Motor Vehicles.

153 No period of license suspension or revocation shall be imposed pursuant to this subsection which,
 154 when considered together with any period of license suspension or revocation previously imposed for the
 155 same offense in any state, results in such person's license being suspended for a period in excess of the
 156 maximum periods specified in this subsection.

157 E. Except as otherwise provided herein, whenever a person enters a certified program pursuant to this
 158 section, and such person's license to operate a motor vehicle, engine or train in the Commonwealth has
 159 been suspended or revoked, the court may, in its discretion and for good cause shown, provide that such
 160 person be issued a restricted permit to operate a motor vehicle for any of the following purposes: (i)
 161 travel to and from his place of employment; (ii) travel to and from an alcohol rehabilitation or safety
 162 action program; (iii) travel during the hours of such person's employment if the operation of a motor
 163 vehicle is a necessary incident of such employment; (iv) travel to and from school if such person is a
 164 student, upon proper written verification to the court that such person is enrolled in a continuing
 165 program of education; (v) travel for health care services, including medically necessary transportation of
 166 an elderly parent or, as designated by the court, any person residing in the person's household with a
 167 serious medical problem upon written verification of need by a licensed health professional; (vi) travel
 168 necessary to transport a minor child under the care of such person to and from school, day care, and
 169 facilities housing medical service providers; (vii) travel to and from court-ordered visitation with a child
 170 of such person; (viii) travel to a screening, evaluation and education program entered pursuant to
 171 § 18.2-251 or subsection H of § 18.2-258.1; (ix) travel to and from court appearances in which he is a
 172 subpoenaed witness or a party and appointments with his probation officer and to and from any
 173 programs required by the court or as a condition of probation; (x) travel to and from a place of religious
 174 worship one day per week at a specified time and place; (xi) travel to and from appointments approved
 175 by the Division of Child Support Enforcement of the Department of Social Services as a requirement of
 176 participation in a court-ordered intensive case monitoring program for child support for which the
 177 participant maintains written proof of the appointment, including written proof of the date and time of
 178 the appointment, on his person; ~~or~~ (xii) travel to and from jail to serve a sentence when such person has
 179 been convicted and sentenced to confinement in jail and pursuant to § 53.1-131.1 the time to be served
 180 is on weekends or nonconsecutive days; *or (xiii) travel to and from the facility that installed or*
 181 *monitors the ignition interlock in the person's vehicle.* No restricted license issued pursuant to this
 182 subsection shall permit any person to operate a commercial motor vehicle as defined in the Virginia

183 Commercial Driver's License Act (§ 46.2-341.1 et seq.). The court shall order the surrender of such
184 person's license to operate a motor vehicle to be disposed of in accordance with the provisions of
185 § 46.2-398 and shall forward to the Commissioner of the Department of Motor Vehicles a copy of its
186 order entered pursuant to this subsection, which shall specifically enumerate the restrictions imposed and
187 contain such information regarding the person to whom such a permit is issued as is reasonably
188 necessary to identify such person. The court shall also provide a copy of its order to the person so
189 convicted who may operate a motor vehicle on the order until receipt from the Commissioner of the
190 Department of Motor Vehicles of a restricted license, if the order provides for a restricted license for
191 that time period. A copy of such order and, after receipt thereof, the restricted license shall be carried at
192 all times while operating a motor vehicle. Any person who operates a motor vehicle in violation of any
193 restrictions imposed pursuant to this section shall be guilty of a violation of § 18.2-272. Such restricted
194 license shall be conditioned upon enrollment within 15 days in, and successful completion of, a program
195 as described in subsection A of this section. No restricted license shall be issued during the first four
196 months of a revocation imposed pursuant to subsection B of § 18.2-271 or subsection A of § 46.2-391
197 for a second offense of the type described therein committed within 10 years of a first such offense. No
198 restricted license shall be issued during the first year of a revocation imposed pursuant to subsection B
199 of § 18.2-271 or subsection A of § 46.2-391 for a second offense of the type described therein
200 committed within five years of a first such offense. No restricted license shall be issued during any
201 revocation period imposed pursuant to subsection C of § 18.2-271 or subsection B of § 46.2-391.
202 Notwithstanding the provisions of § 46.2-411, the fee charged pursuant to § 46.2-411 for reinstatement
203 of the driver's license of any person whose privilege or license has been suspended or revoked as a
204 result of a violation of § 18.2-266, subsection A of § 46.2-341.24 or of any ordinance of a county, city
205 or town, or of any federal law or the laws of any other state similar to the provisions of § 18.2-266 or
206 subsection A of § 46.2-341.24 shall be \$105. Forty dollars of such reinstatement fee shall be retained by
207 the Department of Motor Vehicles as provided in § 46.2-411, \$40 shall be transferred to the Commission
208 on VASAP, and \$25 shall be transferred to the Commonwealth Neurotrauma Initiative Trust Fund.

209 F. The court shall have jurisdiction over any person entering such program under any provision of
210 this section until such time as the case has been disposed of by either successful completion of the
211 program, or revocation due to ineligibility or violation of a condition or conditions imposed by the
212 court, whichever shall first occur. Revocation proceedings shall be commenced by notice to show cause
213 why the court should not revoke the privilege afforded by this section. Such notice shall be made by
214 first-class mail to the last known address of such person, and shall direct such person to appear before
215 the court in response thereto on a date contained in such notice, which shall not be less than 10 days
216 from the date of mailing of the notice. Failure to appear in response to such notice shall of itself be
217 grounds for revocation of such privilege. Notice of revocation under this subsection shall be sent
218 forthwith to the Commissioner of the Department of Motor Vehicles.

219 G. For the purposes of this section, any court which has convicted a person of a violation of
220 § 18.2-266, subsection A of § 46.2-341.24 or any ordinance of a county, city or town similar to the
221 provisions of § 18.2-266 shall have continuing jurisdiction over such person during any period of license
222 revocation related to that conviction, for the limited purposes of (i) referring such person to a certified
223 alcohol safety action program, (ii) providing for a restricted permit for such person in accordance with
224 the provisions of subsection E, and (iii) imposing terms, conditions and limitations for actions taken
225 pursuant to clauses (i) and (ii), whether or not it took either such action at the time of the conviction.
226 This continuing jurisdiction is subject to the limitations of subsection E that provide that no restricted
227 license shall be issued during a revocation imposed pursuant to subsection C of § 18.2-271 or subsection
228 B of § 46.2-391 or during the first four months or first year, whichever is applicable, of the revocation
229 imposed pursuant to subsection B of § 18.2-271 or subsection A of § 46.2-391. The provisions of this
230 subsection shall apply to a person convicted of a violation of § 18.2-266, subsection A of § 46.2-341.24
231 or any ordinance of a county, city or town similar to the provisions of § 18.2-266 on, after and at any
232 time prior to July 1, 2003.

233 H. The State Treasurer, the Commission on VASAP or any city or county is authorized to accept any
234 gifts or bequests of money or property, and any grant, loan, service, payment or property from any
235 source, including the federal government, for the purpose of driver alcohol education. Any such gifts,
236 bequests, grants, loans or payments shall be deposited in the separate fund provided in subsection B.

237 I. The Commission on VASAP, or any county, city, town, or any combination thereof may establish
238 and, if established, shall operate, in accordance with the standards and criteria required by this
239 subsection, alcohol safety action programs in connection with highway safety. Each such program shall
240 operate under the direction of a local independent policy board chosen in accordance with procedures
241 approved and promulgated by the Commission on VASAP. Local sitting or retired district court judges
242 who regularly hear or heard cases involving driving under the influence and are familiar with their local
243 alcohol safety action programs may serve on such boards. The Commission on VASAP shall establish
244 minimum standards and criteria for the implementation and operation of such programs and shall

245 establish procedures to certify all such programs to ensure that they meet the minimum standards and
246 criteria stipulated by the Commission. The Commission shall also establish criteria for the administration
247 of such programs for public information activities, for accounting procedures, for the auditing
248 requirements of such programs and for the allocation of funds. Funds paid to the Commonwealth
249 hereunder shall be utilized in the discretion of the Commission on VASAP to offset the costs of state
250 programs and local programs run in conjunction with any county, city or town and costs incurred by the
251 Commission. The Commission shall submit an annual report as to actions taken at the close of each
252 calendar year to the Governor and the General Assembly.
253 J. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this section or of § 18.2-271, nothing in this section shall
254 permit the court to suspend, reduce, limit, or otherwise modify any disqualification from operating a
255 commercial motor vehicle imposed under the provisions of the Virginia Commercial Driver's License
256 Act (§ 46.2-341.1 et seq.).