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HOUSE BILL NO. 2231

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the House Committee for Courts of Justice
on January 27, 2017)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Delegate Miller)

A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 18.2-270.1 and 18.2-271.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to ignition interlock; duration; installation.

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 shall, as a condition of a restricted license, 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. 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. *The period of time during which the offender (i) is prohibited from operating a motor vehicle that is not equipped with an ignition interlock system or (ii) is required to have an ignition interlock system installed on each motor vehicle owned by or registered to the offender, in whole or in part, shall be calculated from the date the offender is issued a restricted license by the court; however, such period of time shall be tolled upon the expiration of the restricted license issued by the court until such time as the person is issued a restricted license by the Department.*

C. In any case in which the court requires the installation of an ignition interlock system, the court shall order the offender not to operate any motor vehicle that is not equipped with such a system for the period of time that 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 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

60 subsection F.

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

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

78 F. Any person prohibited from operating a motor vehicle under subsection B may, solely in the
79 course of his employment, operate a motor vehicle ~~which~~ *that* is owned or provided by his employer
80 without installation of an ignition interlock system, if the court expressly permits such operation as a
81 condition of a restricted license at the request of the employer; ~~but, such person shall not be permitted~~
82 *to operate any other vehicle without a functioning ignition interlock system and, in no event, shall such*
83 *person may not be permitted* to operate a school bus, school vehicle, or a commercial motor vehicle as
84 defined in § 46.2-341.4. This subsection shall not apply if such employer is an entity wholly or partially
85 owned or controlled by the person otherwise prohibited from operating a vehicle without an ignition
86 interlock system.

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

89 **§ 18.2-271.1. Probation, education, and rehabilitation of person charged or convicted; person**
90 **convicted under law of another state or federal law.**

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

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

118 C. Upon conviction of a violation of § 18.2-266 or any ordinance of a county, city or town similar to
119 the provisions thereof, or subsection A of § 46.2-341.24, the court shall impose the sentence authorized
120 by § 18.2-270 or 46.2-341.28 and the license revocation as authorized by § 18.2-271. In addition, if the
121 conviction was for a second offense committed within less than 10 years after a first such offense, the

122 court shall order that restoration of the person's license to drive be conditioned upon the installation of
 123 an ignition interlock system on each motor vehicle, as defined in § 46.2-100, owned by or registered to
 124 the person, in whole or in part, for a period of six months beginning at the end of the three year license
 125 revocation, unless such a system has already been installed for six months prior to that time pursuant to
 126 a restricted license order under subsection E of this section. Upon a finding that a person so convicted is
 127 required to participate in the program described herein, the court shall enter the conviction on the
 128 warrant, and shall note that the person so convicted has been referred to such program. The court may
 129 then proceed to issue an order in accordance with subsection E of this section, if the court finds that the
 130 person so convicted is eligible for a restricted license. If the court finds good cause for a person not to
 131 participate in such program or subsequently that such person has violated, without good cause, any of
 132 the conditions set forth by the court in entering the program, the court shall dispose of the case as if no
 133 program had been entered, in which event the revocation provisions of § 46.2-389 and subsection A of
 134 § 46.2-391 shall be applicable to the conviction. The court shall, upon final disposition of the case, send
 135 a copy of its order to the Commissioner of the Department of Motor Vehicles. If such order provides for
 136 the issuance of a restricted license, the Commissioner of the Department of Motor Vehicles, upon receipt
 137 thereof, shall issue a restricted license. *The period of time during which the person (i) is prohibited from*
 138 *operating a motor vehicle that is not equipped with an ignition interlock system or (ii) is required to*
 139 *have an ignition interlock system installed on each motor vehicle owned by or registered to the person,*
 140 *in whole or in part, shall be calculated from the date the person is issued a restricted license by the*
 141 *court; however, such period of time shall be tolled upon the expiration of the restricted license issued*
 142 *by the court until such time as the person is issued a restricted license by the Department of Motor*
 143 *Vehicles.* Appeals from any such disposition shall be allowed as provided by law. The time within
 144 which an appeal may be taken shall be calculated from the date of the final disposition of the case or
 145 any motion for rehearing, whichever is later.

146 D. Any person who has been convicted under the law of another state or the United States of an
 147 offense substantially similar to the provisions of § 18.2-266 or subsection A of § 46.2-341.24, and whose
 148 privilege to operate a motor vehicle in this Commonwealth is subject to revocation under the provisions
 149 of § 46.2-389 and subsection A of § 46.2-391, may petition the general district court of the county or
 150 city in which he resides that he be given probation and assigned to a program as provided in subsection
 151 A of this section and that, upon entry into such program, he be issued an order in accordance with
 152 subsection E of this section. If the court finds that such person would have qualified therefor if he had
 153 been convicted in this Commonwealth of a violation of § 18.2-266 or subsection A of § 46.2-341.24, the
 154 court may grant the petition and may issue an order in accordance with subsection E of this section as
 155 to the period of license suspension or revocation imposed pursuant to § 46.2-389 or subsection A of
 156 § 46.2-391. The court shall, as a condition of a restricted license, prohibit such person from operating a
 157 motor vehicle that is not equipped with a functioning certified ignition interlock system for a period of
 158 time not to exceed the period of license suspension and restriction, not less than six consecutive months
 159 without alcohol-related violations of interlock requirements. Such order shall be conditioned upon the
 160 successful completion of a program by the petitioner. If the court subsequently finds that such person
 161 has violated any of the conditions set forth by the court, the court shall dispose of the case as if no
 162 program had been entered and shall notify the Commissioner, who shall revoke the person's license in
 163 accordance with the provisions of § 46.2-389 or subsection A of § 46.2-391. A copy of the order
 164 granting the petition or subsequently revoking or suspending such person's license to operate a motor
 165 vehicle shall be forthwith sent to the Commissioner of the Department of Motor Vehicles. *The period of*
 166 *time during which the person is prohibited from operating a motor vehicle that is not equipped with an*
 167 *ignition interlock system shall be calculated from the date the person is issued a restricted license by*
 168 *the court; however, such period of time shall be tolled upon the expiration of the restricted license*
 169 *issued by the court until such time as the person is issued a restricted license by the Department of*
 170 *Motor Vehicles.*

171 No period of license suspension or revocation shall be imposed pursuant to this subsection which,
 172 when considered together with any period of license suspension or revocation previously imposed for the
 173 same offense under the law of another state or the United States, results in such person's license being
 174 suspended for a period in excess of the maximum periods specified in this subsection.

175 E. Except as otherwise provided herein, whenever a person enters a certified program pursuant to this
 176 section, and such person's license to operate a motor vehicle, engine or train in the Commonwealth has
 177 been suspended or revoked, the court may, in its discretion and for good cause shown, provide that such
 178 person be issued a restricted permit to operate a motor vehicle for any of the following purposes: (i)
 179 travel to and from his place of employment; (ii) travel to and from an alcohol rehabilitation or safety
 180 action program; (iii) travel during the hours of such person's employment if the operation of a motor
 181 vehicle is a necessary incident of such employment; (iv) travel to and from school if such person is a
 182 student, upon proper written verification to the court that such person is enrolled in a continuing

183 program of education; (v) travel for health care services, including medically necessary transportation of
184 an elderly parent or, as designated by the court, any person residing in the person's household with a
185 serious medical problem upon written verification of need by a licensed health professional; (vi) travel
186 necessary to transport a minor child under the care of such person to and from school, day care, and
187 facilities housing medical service providers; (vii) travel to and from court-ordered visitation with a child
188 of such person; (viii) travel to a screening, evaluation and education program entered pursuant to
189 § 18.2-251 or subsection H of § 18.2-258.1; (ix) travel to and from court appearances in which he is a
190 subpoenaed witness or a party and appointments with his probation officer and to and from any
191 programs required by the court or as a condition of probation; (x) travel to and from a place of religious
192 worship one day per week at a specified time and place; (xi) travel to and from appointments approved
193 by the Division of Child Support Enforcement of the Department of Social Services as a requirement of
194 participation in an administrative or court-ordered intensive case monitoring program for child support
195 for which the participant maintains written proof of the appointment, including written proof of the date
196 and time of the appointment, on his person; (xii) travel to and from jail to serve a sentence when such
197 person has been convicted and sentenced to confinement in jail and pursuant to § 53.1-131.1 the time to
198 be served is on weekends or nonconsecutive days; or (xiii) travel to and from the facility that installed
199 or monitors the ignition interlock in the person's vehicle. No restricted license issued pursuant to this
200 subsection shall permit any person to operate a commercial motor vehicle as defined in the Virginia
201 Commercial Driver's License Act (§ 46.2-341.1 et seq.). The court shall order the surrender of such
202 person's license to operate a motor vehicle to be disposed of in accordance with the provisions of
203 § 46.2-398 and shall forward to the Commissioner of the Department of Motor Vehicles a copy of its
204 order entered pursuant to this subsection, which shall specifically enumerate the restrictions imposed and
205 contain such information regarding the person to whom such a permit is issued as is reasonably
206 necessary to identify such person. The court shall also provide a copy of its order to the person so
207 convicted who may operate a motor vehicle on the order until receipt from the Commissioner of the
208 Department of Motor Vehicles of a restricted license, if the order provides for a restricted license for
209 that time period. A copy of such order and, after receipt thereof, the restricted license shall be carried at
210 all times while operating a motor vehicle. Any person who operates a motor vehicle in violation of any
211 restrictions imposed pursuant to this section shall be guilty of a violation of § 18.2-272. Such restricted
212 license shall be conditioned upon enrollment within 15 days in, and successful completion of, a program
213 as described in subsection A of this section. No restricted license shall be issued during the first four
214 months of a revocation imposed pursuant to subsection B of § 18.2-271 or subsection A of § 46.2-391
215 for a second offense of the type described therein committed within 10 years of a first such offense. No
216 restricted license shall be issued during the first year of a revocation imposed pursuant to subsection B
217 of § 18.2-271 or subsection A of § 46.2-391 for a second offense of the type described therein
218 committed within five years of a first such offense. No restricted license shall be issued during any
219 revocation period imposed pursuant to subsection C of § 18.2-271 or subsection B of § 46.2-391.
220 Notwithstanding the provisions of § 46.2-411, the fee charged pursuant to § 46.2-411 for reinstatement
221 of the driver's license of any person whose privilege or license has been suspended or revoked as a
222 result of a violation of § 18.2-266, subsection A of § 46.2-341.24 or of any ordinance of a county, city
223 or town, or of any federal law or the laws of any other state similar to the provisions of § 18.2-266 or
224 subsection A of § 46.2-341.24 shall be \$105. Forty dollars of such reinstatement fee shall be retained by
225 the Department of Motor Vehicles as provided in § 46.2-411, \$40 shall be transferred to the Commission
226 on VASAP, and \$25 shall be transferred to the Commonwealth Neurotrauma Initiative Trust Fund.

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

237 G. For the purposes of this section, any court which has convicted a person of a violation of
238 § 18.2-266, subsection A of § 46.2-341.24 or any ordinance of a county, city or town similar to the
239 provisions of § 18.2-266 shall have continuing jurisdiction over such person during any period of license
240 revocation related to that conviction, for the limited purposes of (i) referring such person to a certified
241 alcohol safety action program, (ii) providing for a restricted permit for such person in accordance with
242 the provisions of subsection E, and (iii) imposing terms, conditions and limitations for actions taken
243 pursuant to clauses (i) and (ii), whether or not it took either such action at the time of the conviction.
244 This continuing jurisdiction is subject to the limitations of subsection E that provide that no restricted

license shall be issued during a revocation imposed pursuant to subsection C of § 18.2-271 or subsection B of § 46.2-391 or during the first four months or first year, whichever is applicable, of the revocation imposed pursuant to subsection B of § 18.2-271 or subsection A of § 46.2-391. The provisions of this subsection shall apply to a person convicted of a violation of § 18.2-266, subsection A of § 46.2-341.24 or any ordinance of a county, city or town similar to the provisions of § 18.2-266 on, after and at any time prior to July 1, 2003.

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

I. The Commission on VASAP, or any county, city, town, or any combination thereof may establish and, if established, shall operate, in accordance with the standards and criteria required by this subsection, alcohol safety action programs in connection with highway safety. Each such program shall operate under the direction of a local independent policy board chosen in accordance with procedures approved and promulgated by the Commission on VASAP. Local sitting or retired district court judges who regularly hear or heard cases involving driving under the influence and are familiar with their local alcohol safety action programs may serve on such boards. The Commission on VASAP shall establish minimum standards and criteria for the implementation and operation of such programs and shall establish procedures to certify all such programs to ensure that they meet the minimum standards and criteria stipulated by the Commission. The Commission shall also establish criteria for the administration of such programs for public information activities, for accounting procedures, for the auditing requirements of such programs and for the allocation of funds. Funds paid to the Commonwealth hereunder shall be utilized in the discretion of the Commission on VASAP to offset the costs of state programs and local programs run in conjunction with any county, city or town and costs incurred by the Commission. The Commission shall submit an annual report as to actions taken at the close of each calendar year to the Governor and the General Assembly.

J. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this section or of § 18.2-271, nothing in this section shall permit the court to suspend, reduce, limit, or otherwise modify any disqualification from operating a commercial motor vehicle imposed under the provisions of the Virginia Commercial Driver's License Act (§ 46.2-341.1 et seq.).

2. That the provisions of this act may result in a net increase in periods of imprisonment or commitment. Pursuant to § 30-19.1:4, the estimated amount of the necessary appropriation is \$0 for periods of imprisonment in state adult correctional facilities and is \$0 for periods of commitment to the custody of the Department of Juvenile Justice.