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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING PENALTIES FOR TRAFFIC OFFENSES INVOLVING ALCOHOL
102 AND DRUGS.

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://www.leg.state.co.us/billssummaries>.)

The bill clarifies that, upon a conviction of a traffic offense involving alcohol or drugs where the offender has one or more prior such convictions, the court may proceed to immediate sentencing without considering the statutorily required alcohol and drug evaluation if the prosecuting attorney and the defendant have stipulated to the convictions.

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

The bill clarifies that when a person is convicted of a first-time DUI, DUI per se, DWAI, or habitual user offense, the court may suspend the mandatory minimum period of the imprisonment portion of the offender's sentence if, as a condition of the suspended sentence, the offender undergoes a presentence or postsentence alcohol and drug evaluation and satisfactorily completes and meets all financial obligations of a level I or level II program as is determined to be appropriate by the statutorily required alcohol and drug evaluation.

The bill clarifies the probation portion of the statutorily prescribed sentences for a traffic offense involving alcohol or drugs.

The bill makes conforming amendments.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** 42-4-1301.3 (1) and (2), Colorado Revised Statutes,
3 are amended to read:

4 **42-4-1301.3. Alcohol and drug driving safety program.**

5 (1) (a) Upon conviction of a violation of section 42-4-1301, the court
6 shall sentence the defendant in accordance with the provisions of this
7 section and other applicable provisions of this part 13. The court shall
8 consider the alcohol and drug evaluation required pursuant to this section
9 prior to sentencing; except that the court may proceed to immediate
10 sentencing without considering such alcohol and drug evaluation:

11 (I) (A) If the defendant has no prior convictions or pending
12 charges under this section; OR

13 (B) IF THE DEFENDANT HAS ONE OR MORE PRIOR CONVICTIONS, THE
14 PROSECUTING ATTORNEY AND THE DEFENDANT HAVE STIPULATED TO SUCH
15 CONVICTION OR CONVICTIONS; and

16 (II) IF neither the defendant nor the prosecuting attorney objects.

17 (b) If the court proceeds to immediate sentencing, without
18 considering ~~such~~ AN alcohol and drug evaluation, ~~such~~ THE alcohol and
19 drug evaluation shall be conducted after sentencing, and the court shall

1 order the defendant to complete the education and treatment program
2 recommended in ~~such~~ THE alcohol and drug evaluation. If the defendant
3 disagrees with the education and treatment program recommended in ~~such~~
4 THE alcohol and drug evaluation, the defendant may request the court to
5 hold a hearing to determine which education and treatment program
6 should be completed by the defendant.

7 (2) (a) ~~(I) The sentence of any person subject to the provisions of~~
8 ~~section 42-4-1307 may be suspended to the extent provided for in said~~
9 ~~section if the offender:~~

10 (A) ~~Receives a presentence alcohol and drug evaluation;~~

11 (B) ~~Based on that evaluation, satisfactorily completes an~~
12 ~~appropriate level I or level II alcohol and drug driving safety education~~
13 ~~or treatment program; and~~

14 (C) ~~Abstains from the use of alcohol for a period of one year from~~
15 ~~the date of sentencing. Such abstinence shall be monitored by the~~
16 ~~treatment facility by the administration of disulfiram or by any other~~
17 ~~means that the director of the treatment facility deems appropriate.~~

18 (H) ~~If, at any time during the one-year period, the offender does~~
19 ~~not satisfactorily comply with the conditions of the suspension, the~~
20 ~~sentence shall be reimposed, and the offender shall spend that portion of~~
21 ~~such offender's sentence that was suspended in the county jail.~~

22 (b) ~~In the case of any person who is sentenced pursuant to the~~
23 ~~provisions of section 42-4-1301 (7) (a) (I) or (7) (b) (I), the court may~~
24 ~~suspend the mandatory minimum of any sentence of imprisonment if, as~~
25 ~~a condition thereof, the offender has a presentence or postsentence~~
26 ~~alcohol and drug evaluation and satisfactorily completes and meets all~~
27 ~~financial obligations of a level I or level II program as is determined~~

1 appropriate by the alcohol and drug evaluation required pursuant to this
2 section.

3 **SECTION 2.** 42-4-1307 (3) (a) (I), (4) (a) (I), (7) (b) (II), and
4 (11), Colorado Revised Statutes, are amended to read:

5 **42-4-1307. Penalties for traffic offenses involving alcohol and**
6 **drugs - repeal.** (3) **First offenses - DUI, DUI per se, and habitual**
7 **user.** (a) Except as otherwise provided in subsections (5) and (6) of this
8 section, a person who is convicted of DUI, DUI per se, or habitual user
9 shall be punished by:

10 (I) Imprisonment in the county jail for at least five days but no
11 more than one year, the minimum period of which shall be mandatory
12 ~~except as otherwise provided in~~ THAT, THE COURT MAY SUSPEND THE
13 MANDATORY MINIMUM PERIOD IF, AS A CONDITION OF THE SUSPENDED
14 SENTENCE, THE OFFENDER UNDERGOES A PRESENTENCE OR POSTSENTENCE
15 ALCOHOL AND DRUG EVALUATION AND SATISFACTORILY COMPLETES AND
16 MEETS ALL FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS OF A LEVEL I OR LEVEL II PROGRAM
17 AS IS DETERMINED TO BE APPROPRIATE BY THE ALCOHOL AND DRUG
18 EVALUATION THAT IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO section 42-4-1301.3;

19 (4) **First offenses - DWAI.** (a) Except as otherwise provided in
20 subsections (5) and (6) of this section, a person who is convicted of
21 DWAI shall be punished by:

22 (I) Imprisonment in the county jail for at least two days but no
23 more than one hundred eighty days, the minimum period of which shall
24 be mandatory; ~~except as provided in~~ THAT THE COURT MAY SUSPEND THE
25 MANDATORY MINIMUM PERIOD IF, AS A CONDITION OF THE SUSPENDED
26 SENTENCE, THE OFFENDER UNDERGOES A PRESENTENCE OR POSTSENTENCE
27 ALCOHOL AND DRUG EVALUATION AND SATISFACTORILY COMPLETES AND

1 MEETS ALL FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS OF A LEVEL I OR LEVEL II PROGRAM
2 AS IS DETERMINED TO BE APPROPRIATE BY THE ALCOHOL AND DRUG
3 EVALUATION THAT IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO section 42-4-1301.3; and

4 (7) **Probation-related penalties.** When a person is sentenced to
5 a period of probation pursuant to subparagraph (IV) of paragraph (a) of
6 subsection (5) of this section or subparagraph (IV) of paragraph (a) of
7 subsection (6) of this section:

8 (b) The court:

9 (II) May impose an additional period of probation for the purpose
10 of monitoring the person or ensuring that the person continues to receive
11 court-ordered alcohol or substance abuse treatment, which additional
12 period shall not exceed two years; ~~as described in subsection (11) of this~~
13 ~~section;~~

14 (11) **Restitution.** ~~In addition to any other penalty provided by~~
15 ~~law, a court may sentence a person who is twice or more convicted of~~
16 ~~DUI, DUI per se, DWAI, habitual user, or UDD to a period of probation~~
17 ~~not to exceed two additional years to monitor the person's compliance~~
18 ~~with court orders.~~ As a condition of any sentence to probation IMPOSED
19 PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION, the SENTENCED person shall be required to
20 make restitution in accordance with the provisions of section 18-1.3-205,
21 C.R.S.

22 **SECTION 3.** 42-4-1301.4 (5), Colorado Revised Statutes, is
23 amended to read:

24 **42-4-1301.4. Useful public service - definitions - local**
25 **programs - assessment of costs.** (5) In accordance with section
26 ~~42-4-1301 (7) (h)~~ SECTION 42-4-1307 (14), in addition to any other
27 penalties prescribed in this part 13, the court shall assess an amount, not

1 to exceed one hundred twenty dollars, upon any person required to
2 perform useful public service. Such amount shall be used by the
3 operating agency responsible for overseeing such person's useful public
4 service program to pay the cost of administration of the program, a
5 general public liability policy covering such person, and, if such person
6 will be covered by workers' compensation insurance pursuant to
7 paragraph (c) of subsection (4) of this section or an insurance policy
8 providing such or similar coverage, the cost of purchasing and keeping in
9 force such insurance coverage. Such amount shall be adjusted from time
10 to time by the general assembly in order to ensure that the useful public
11 service program established in this section shall be financially
12 self-supporting. The proceeds from such amounts shall be used by the
13 operating agency only for defraying the cost of personal services and
14 other operating expenses related to the administration of the program and
15 the cost of purchasing and keeping in force policies of general public
16 liability insurance, workers' compensation insurance, or insurance
17 providing such or similar coverage and shall not be used by the operating
18 agency for any other purpose.

19 **SECTION 4.** 42-4-1701 (3) (a) (II) (A), Colorado Revised
20 Statutes, is amended to read:

21 **42-4-1701. Traffic offenses and infractions classified -**
22 **penalties - penalty and surcharge schedule - repeal.**

23 (3) (a) (II) (A) Except as otherwise provided in sub-subparagraph (B) of
24 this subparagraph (II), subsections (4) and (5) of this section, and sections
25 ~~42-4-1301 (7)~~, 42-4-1301.3, and 42-4-1301.4, AND 42-4-1307, or the
26 section creating the offense, misdemeanor traffic offenses are divided into
27 two classes that are distinguished from one another by the following

1 penalties that are authorized upon conviction:

2	Class	Minimum	Maximum
3		Sentence	Sentence
4	1	Ten days imprisonment,	One year imprisonment,
5		or \$300 fine, or both	or \$1,000 fine, or both
6	2	Ten days imprisonment,	Ninety days imprisonment,
7		or \$150 fine, or both	or \$300 fine, or both

8 **SECTION 5.** The introductory portion to 42-3-303 (1), Colorado
9 Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

10 **42-3-303. Persistent drunk driver cash fund - programs to**
11 **deter persistent drunk drivers.** (1) There is hereby created in the state
12 treasury the persistent drunk driver cash fund, which shall be composed
13 of moneys collected for penalty surcharges under ~~section 42-4-1301 (7)~~
14 ~~(d)(H)~~ SECTION 42-4-1307 (10) (b). The moneys in such fund are subject
15 to annual appropriation by the general assembly:

16 **SECTION 6. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
17 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
18 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.