SENATE BILL NO. 780

95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR BARTLE.

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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

AN ACT

To repeal section 577.039, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections relating to intoxication-related traffic offenses, with penalty provisions.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 577.039, RSMo, is repealed and two new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 577.014 and 577.039, to read as follows:

577.014. In addition to the administrative driver's license revocation penalties described in section 577.041, a person's refusal to submit to a chemical test of his or her blood, breath, saliva, or urine authorized under section 577.020 is a class B misdemeanor. No person found or convicted of or pleading guilty to the offense of refusing to submit to a chemical test of the person's blood, breath, saliva, or urine authorized under section 577.020 shall be granted a suspended imposition of sentence for such offense, unless such person shall be placed on probation for a minimum of two years.

577.039. An arrest without a warrant by a law enforcement officer, including
2 a uniformed member of the state highway patrol, for a violation of section 577.010
3 or 577.012 is lawful whenever the arresting officer has reasonable grounds to believe
4 that the person to be arrested has violated the section, whether or not the violation
5 occurred in the presence of the arresting officer [and when such arrest without
6 warrant is made within one and one-half hours after such claimed violation occurred,
7 unless the person to be arrested has left the scene of an accident or has been
8 removed from the scene to receive medical treatment, in which case such arrest
9 without warrant may be made more than one and one-half hours after such violation
10 occurred].

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