1	SUSPENDED DRIVER LICENSE APPEALS AMENDMENTS
2	2023 GENERAL SESSION
3	STATE OF UTAH
4	Chief Sponsor: Quinn Kotter
5	Senate Sponsor:
6 7	LONG TITLE
3	General Description:
)	This bill amends provisions related to an administrative hearing to determine whether
)	to suspend a driver license of an individual accused of driving under the influence.
	Highlighted Provisions:
	This bill:
	 amends provisions regarding the timing of notice and a hearing with the Driver
	License Division for a person accused of driving under the influence;
	 requires certain evidence be provided before the administrative hearing to a person
	accused of driving under the influence;
	 classifies as a protected record certain video evidence provided to a person accused
	of driving under the influence; and
	makes technical changes.
	Money Appropriated in this Bill:
	None
2	Other Special Clauses:
3	None
ļ	Utah Code Sections Affected:
	AMENDS:
	41-6a-520, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2022, Chapters 116, 134
,	41-6a-521, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2019, Chapter 77



53-3-223 , as	last amended by	Laws of Utah	2022,	Chapter 116
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Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

31 Section 1. Section **41-6a-520** is amended to read:

41-6a-520. Implied consent to chemical tests for alcohol or drug -- Number of tests -- Refusal -- Warning, report.

- (1) (a) A person operating a motor vehicle in this state is considered to have given the person's consent to a chemical test or tests of the person's breath, blood, urine, or oral fluids for the purpose of determining whether the person was operating or in actual physical control of a motor vehicle while:
- (i) having a blood or breath alcohol content statutorily prohibited under Section 41-6a-502, 41-6a-530, or 53-3-231;
- (ii) under the influence of alcohol, any drug, or combination of alcohol and any drug under Section 41-6a-502; or
- (iii) having any measurable controlled substance or metabolite of a controlled substance in the person's body in violation of Section 41-6a-517.
- (b) A test or tests authorized under this Subsection (1) must be administered at the direction of a peace officer having grounds to believe that person to have been operating or in actual physical control of a motor vehicle while in violation of any provision under Subsections (1)(a)(i) through (iii).
- (c) (i) The peace officer determines which of the tests are administered and how many of them are administered.
- (ii) If a peace officer requests more than one test, refusal by a person to take one or more requested tests, even though the person does submit to any other requested test or tests, is a refusal under this section.
- (d) (i) A person who has been requested under this section to submit to a chemical test or tests of the person's breath, blood, or urine, or oral fluids may not select the test or tests to be administered.
- (ii) The failure or inability of a peace officer to arrange for any specific chemical test is not a defense to taking a test requested by a peace officer, and it is not a defense in any criminal, civil, or administrative proceeding resulting from a person's refusal to submit to the

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- (2) (a) A peace officer requesting a test or tests shall warn a person that refusal to submit to the test or tests may result in criminal prosecution, revocation of the person's license to operate a motor vehicle, a five or 10 year prohibition of driving with any measurable or detectable amount of alcohol in the person's body depending on the person's prior driving history, and a three-year prohibition of driving without an ignition interlock device if the person:
 - (i) has been placed under arrest;
- (ii) has then been requested by a peace officer to submit to any one or more of the chemical tests under Subsection (1); and
 - (iii) refuses to submit to any chemical test requested.
- (b) (i) Following the warning under Subsection (2)(a), if the person does not immediately request that the chemical test or tests as offered by a peace officer be administered, a peace officer shall, on behalf of the Driver License Division and within 24 hours of the arrest, give notice of the Driver License Division's intention to revoke the person's privilege or license to operate a motor vehicle.
- (ii) When a peace officer gives the notice on behalf of the Driver License Division, the peace officer shall supply to the operator, in a manner specified by the Driver License Division, basic information regarding how to obtain a hearing before the Driver License Division.
- (c) [As a matter of procedure, the] The peace officer shall submit [a signed report,] to the Driver License Division within 10 calendar days after [the day on which notice is provided under Subsection (2)(b), that] the date of the arrest:
 - (i) a copy of the citation issued to the person for the offense;
 - [(ii)] (ii) a signed report stating that:
- (A) the peace officer had grounds to believe the arrested person was in violation of any provision under Subsections (1)(a)(i) through (iii); and
- [(ii)] (B) the person had refused to submit to a chemical test or tests under Subsection (1)[-];
- (iii) all video and audio recordings of the investigation, arrest, and chemical testing for the offense; and
 - (iv) any other basis for the peace officer's determination that the person has violated

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- 90 Section 41-6a-502, 41-6a-517, 76-5-102.1, or 76-5-207.
 - (d) The county sheriff shall send to the division any video or audio of a chemical test conducted in a jail facility within 10 days after the date of the chemical test.
 - (3) Upon the request of the person who was tested, the results of the test or tests shall be made available to the person.
 - (4) (a) The person to be tested may, at the person's own expense, have a physician or a physician assistant of the person's own choice administer a chemical test in addition to the test or tests administered at the direction of a peace officer.
 - (b) The failure or inability to obtain the additional test does not affect admissibility of the results of the test or tests taken at the direction of a peace officer, or preclude or delay the test or tests to be taken at the direction of a peace officer.
 - (c) The additional test shall be subsequent to the test or tests administered at the direction of a peace officer.
 - (5) For the purpose of determining whether to submit to a chemical test or tests, the person to be tested does not have the right to consult an attorney or have an attorney, physician, or other person present as a condition for the taking of any test.
 - (6) Notwithstanding the provisions in this section, a blood test taken under this section is subject to Section 77-23-213.
 - (7) A person is guilty of refusing a chemical test if a peace officer has issued the warning required in Subsection (2)(a) and the person refuses to submit to a test of the person's blood under Subsection (1) after a court has issued a warrant to draw and test the blood.
 - (8) A person who violates Subsection (7) commits an offense classified as a misdemeanor or felony in accordance with Subsections 41-6a-503(1), (2), and (3).
 - (9) As part of any sentence for a conviction of violating this section, the court shall impose the same sentencing as outlined for driving under the influence violations in Section 41-6a-505, based on whether this is a first, second, or subsequent conviction as defined by Subsection 41-6a-501(2), with the following modifications:
- 117 (a) any jail sentence shall be 24 consecutive hours more than would be required under 118 Section 41-6a-505;
- 119 (b) any fine imposed shall be \$100 more than would be required under Section 120 41-6a-505; and

121	(c) the court shall order one or more of the following:
122	(i) the installation of an ignition interlock system as a condition of probation for the
123	individual in accordance with Section 41-6a-518;
124	(ii) the imposition of an ankle attached continuous transdermal alcohol monitoring
125	device as a condition of probation for the individual; or
126	(iii) the imposition of home confinement through the use of electronic monitoring in
127	accordance with Section 41-6a-506.
128	(10) (a) The offense of refusal to submit to a chemical test under this section does not
129	merge with any violation of Section 32B-4-409, 41-6a-502, 41-6a-517, or 41-6a-530.
130	(b) In accordance with Subsection 77-2a-3(8), a guilty or no contest plea to an offense
131	of refusal to submit to a chemical test under this section may not be held in abeyance.
132	Section 2. Section 41-6a-521 is amended to read:
133	41-6a-521. Revocation hearing for refusal Appeal.
134	(1) (a) A person who has been notified of the Driver License Division's intention to
135	revoke the person's license under Section 41-6a-520 is entitled to a hearing.
136	(b) A request for the hearing shall be made in writing within 10 calendar days after the
137	day on which notice is provided.
138	(c) (i) Upon request in a manner specified by the Driver License Division, the Driver
139	License Division shall grant to the person an opportunity to be heard within 29 days after the
140	date of arrest.
141	(ii) The Driver License Division shall comply with Subsection 53-3-223(6) to provide
142	evidence and other information to the person before the hearing described in Subsection
143	(1)(c)(i).
144	(d) If the person does not make a request for a hearing before the Driver License
145	Division under this Subsection (1), the person's privilege to operate a motor vehicle in the state
146	is revoked beginning on the 45th day after the date of arrest:
147	(i) for a person 21 years [of age] old or older on the date of arrest, for a period of:
148	(A) 18 months, unless Subsection (1)(d)(i)(B) applies; or
149	(B) 36 months, if the arrest was made on or after July 1, 2009, and the person has had a
150	previous:
151	(I) license sanction for an offense that occurred within the previous 10 years from the

- date of arrest under Section 41-6a-517, 41-6a-520, 41-6a-530, 53-3-223, or 53-3-231; or
- (II) conviction for an offense that occurred within the previous 10 years from the date of arrest under Section 41-6a-502 or a statute previously in effect in this state that would constitute a violation of Section 41-6a-502;
 - (ii) for a person under 21 years [of age] old on the date of arrest:

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- (A) until the person is 21 years [of age] old or for a period of two years, whichever is longer, if the arrest was made on or after July 1, 2011, unless Subsection (1)(d)(ii)(B) applies; or
 - (B) until the person is 21 years [of age] old or for a period of 36 months, whichever is longer, if the arrest was made on or after July 1, 2009, and the person has had a previous:
 - (I) license sanction for an offense that occurred within the previous 10 years from the date of arrest under Section 41-6a-517, 41-6a-520, 41-6a-530, 53-3-223, or 53-3-231; or
 - (II) conviction for an offense that occurred within the previous 10 years from the date of arrest under Section 41-6a-502 or a statute previously in effect in this state that would constitute a violation of Section 41-6a-502; or
 - (iii) for a person that was arrested prior to July 1, 2009, for the suspension periods in effect prior to July 1, 2009.
 - (2) (a) Except as provided in Subsection (2)(b), if a hearing is requested by the person, the hearing shall be conducted by the Driver License Division in:
 - (i) the county in which the offense occurred; or
 - (ii) a county which is adjacent to the county in which the offense occurred.
 - (b) The Driver License Division may hold a hearing in some other county if the Driver License Division and the person both agree.
 - (3) The hearing shall be documented and shall cover the issues of:
- 176 (a) whether a peace officer had reasonable grounds to believe that a person was 177 operating a motor vehicle in violation of Section 41-6a-502, 41-6a-517, 41-6a-530, or 178 53-3-231; and
- (b) whether the person refused to submit to the test or tests under Section 41-6a-520.
- (4) (a) In connection with the hearing, the division or its authorized agent:
- 181 (i) may administer oaths and may issue subpoenas for the attendance of witnesses and 182 the production of relevant books and papers; and

- (ii) shall issue subpoenas for the attendance of necessary peace officers.
 - (b) The Driver License Division shall pay witness fees and mileage from the Transportation Fund in accordance with the rates established in Section 78B-1-119.
 - (5) (a) If after a hearing, the Driver License Division determines that the person was requested to submit to a chemical test or tests and refused to submit to the test or tests, or if the person fails to appear before the Driver License Division as required in the notice, the Driver License Division shall revoke the person's license or permit to operate a motor vehicle in Utah beginning on the date the hearing is held:
 - (i) for a person 21 years [of age] old or older on the date of arrest, for a period of:
 - (A) 18 months unless Subsection (5)(a)(i)(B) applies; or
 - (B) 36 months, if the arrest was made on or after July 1, 2009, and the person has had a previous:
 - (I) license sanction for an offense that occurred within the previous 10 years from the date of arrest under Section 41-6a-517, 41-6a-520, 41-6a-530, 53-3-223, or 53-3-231; or
 - (II) conviction for an offense that occurred within the previous 10 years from the date of arrest under Section 41-6a-502 or a statute previously in effect in this state that would constitute a violation of Section 41-6a-502;
 - (ii) for a person under 21 years [of age] old on the date of arrest:
 - (A) until the person is 21 years [of age] old or for a period of two years, whichever is longer, for an arrest that was made on or after July 1, 2011, and unless Subsection (5)(a)(ii)(B) applies; or
 - (B) until the person is 21 years [of age] old or for a period of 36 months, whichever is longer, if the arrest was made on or after July 1, 2009, and the person has had a previous:
 - (I) license sanction for an offense that occurred within the previous 10 years from the date of arrest under Section 41-6a-517, 41-6a-520, 41-6a-530, 53-3-223, or 53-3-231; or
 - (II) conviction for an offense that occurred within the previous 10 years from the date of arrest under Section 41-6a-502 or a statute previously in effect in this state that would constitute a violation of Section 41-6a-502; or
 - (iii) for a person that was arrested prior to July 1, 2009, for the revocation periods in effect prior to July 1, 2009.
 - (b) The Driver License Division shall also assess against the person, in addition to any

- fee imposed under Subsection 53-3-205(12), a fee under Section 53-3-105, which shall be paid before the person's driving privilege is reinstated, to cover administrative costs.
 - (c) The fee shall be cancelled if the person obtains an unappealed court decision following a proceeding allowed under Subsection (2) that the revocation was improper.
 - (6) (a) Any person whose license has been revoked by the Driver License Division under this section following an administrative hearing may seek judicial review.
 - (b) Judicial review of an informal adjudicative proceeding is a trial.
- (c) Venue is in the district court in the county in which the offense occurred.
- Section 3. Section **53-3-223** is amended to read:
 - 53-3-223. Chemical test for driving under the influence -- Temporary license -- Hearing and decision -- Suspension and fee -- Judicial review.
 - (1) (a) If a peace officer has reasonable grounds to believe that a person may be violating or has violated Section 41-6a-502, 41-6a-517, 76-5-102.1, or 76-5-207, the peace officer may, in connection with arresting the person, request that the person submit to a chemical test or tests to be administered in compliance with the standards under Section 41-6a-520.
 - (b) In this section, a reference to Section 41-6a-502 includes any similar local ordinance adopted in compliance with Subsection 41-6a-510(1).
 - (2) The peace officer shall advise a person prior to the person's submission to a chemical test that a test result indicating a violation of Section 41-6a-502, 41-6a-517, 76-5-102.1, or 76-5-207 shall, and the existence of a blood alcohol content sufficient to render the person incapable of safely driving a motor vehicle may, result in suspension or revocation of the person's license to drive a motor vehicle.
 - (3) If the person submits to a chemical test and the test results indicate a blood or breath alcohol content in violation of Section 41-6a-502, 41-6a-517, 76-5-102.1, or 76-5-207, or if a peace officer makes a determination, based on reasonable grounds, that the person is otherwise in violation of Section 41-6a-502, 76-5-102.1, or 76-5-207, a peace officer shall, on behalf of the division and within 24 hours of arrest, give notice of the division's intention to suspend the person's license to drive a motor vehicle.
 - (4) When a peace officer gives notice on behalf of the division <u>as described in</u> Subsection (3), the peace officer shall supply to the driver, in a manner specified by the

245	division, basic information regarding how to obtain a prompt hearing before the division.
246	(5) (a) [As a matter of procedure, a] A peace officer shall send to the division within 10
247	calendar days after the day on which notice is provided to the driver:
248	[(a)] (i) a copy of the citation issued [for the offense] to the driver;
249	[(b)] (ii) a signed report in a manner specified by the division indicating the chemical
250	test results, if any; [and]
251	(iii) all video and audio recordings of the investigation, arrest, and chemical testing for
252	the offense; and
253	[(c)] (iv) any other basis for the peace officer's determination that the person has
254	violated Section 41-6a-502, 41-6a-517, 76-5-102.1, or 76-5-207.
255	(b) The county sheriff shall send to the division any video or audio of a chemical test
256	described in Subsection (1)(a) conducted in a jail facility within 10 days after the date of the
257	chemical test.
258	(6) (a) (i) Upon request in a manner specified by the division, the division shall grant to
259	the person an opportunity to be heard within 29 days after the date of arrest.
260	(ii) The request to be heard shall be made within 10 calendar days [of the day on which
261	notice is provided under Subsection (5)] after the date of the arrest.
262	(iii) Upon receiving the request for a hearing, and at least 10 days before the hearing,
263	the division shall provide the driver or the driver's counsel the entire agency file and all
264	information gathered during the investigation in accordance with Subsection 63G-4-203(1)(f)
265	to include:
266	(A) the summons and citation for driving under the influence;
267	(B) the driving under the influence report form;
268	(C) any other police reports and supplemental reports documenting the investigation
269	and arrest; and
270	(D) all video and audio recordings made during the investigation, arrest, and chemical
271	testing.
272	(b) (i) Any video evidence provided as described in Subsection (6)(a)(iii)(D) is
273	protected record, as defined in Section 63G-2-103.
274	(ii) A person who receives video or audio evidence as described in Subsection
275	(6)(a)(iii)(D) may not disclose the video or audio evidence in violation of Title 63G, Chapter 2,

270	Government Records Access and Management Act.
277	(iii) A person who intentionally discloses, provides a copy of, or improperly uses video
278	or audio evidence described in Subsection (6)(a)(iii)(D) is subject to the penalties described in
279	Section 63G-2-801.
280	[(b)] (c) (i) Except as provided in Subsection [(6)(b)(ii),] (6)(c)(ii), a hearing, if held,
281	shall be before the division in:
282	(A) the county in which the arrest occurred; or
283	(B) a county that is adjacent to the county in which the arrest occurred.
284	(ii) The division may hold a hearing in some other county if the division and the person
285	both agree.
286	[(c)] (d) The hearing shall be documented and shall cover the issues of:
287	(i) whether a peace officer had reasonable grounds to believe the person was driving a
288	motor vehicle in violation of Section 41-6a-502, 41-6a-517, 76-5-102.1, or 76-5-207;
289	(ii) whether the person refused to submit to the test; and
290	(iii) the test results, if any.
291	[(d)] (e) (i) In connection with a hearing the division or its authorized agent:
292	(A) may administer oaths and may issue subpoenas for the attendance of witnesses and
293	the production of relevant books and papers; or
294	(B) may issue subpoenas for the attendance of necessary peace officers.
295	(ii) The division shall pay witness fees and mileage from the Transportation Fund in
296	accordance with the rates established in Section 78B-1-119.
297	[(e)] (f) The division may designate one or more employees to conduct the hearing.
298	[(f)] (g) Any decision made after a hearing before any designated employee is as valid
299	as if made by the division.
300	(h) The division may not conduct a hearing if the division did not provide the person
301	the information described in this Subsection (6) at least 10 days before the date of the hearing.
302	(7) (a) If, after a hearing, the division determines that a peace officer had reasonable
303	grounds to believe that the person was driving a motor vehicle in violation of Section
304	41-6a-502, 41-6a-517, 76-5-102.1, or 76-5-207, if the person failed to appear before the
305	division as required in the notice, or if a hearing is not requested under this section, the division
306	shall:

307 (i) if the person is 21 years old or older at the time of arrest, suspend the person's 308 license or permit to operate a motor vehicle for a period of: 309 (A) 120 days beginning on the 45th day after the date of arrest for a first suspension; or 310 (B) two years beginning on the 45th day after the date of arrest for a second or 311 subsequent suspension for an offense that occurred within the previous 10 years; or 312 (ii) if the person is under 21 years old at the time of arrest: 313 (A) suspend the person's license or permit to operate a motor vehicle: 314 (I) for a period of six months, beginning on the 45th day after the date of arrest for a 315 first suspension; or 316 (II) until the person is 21 years old or for a period of two years, whichever is longer, 317 beginning on the 45th day after the date of arrest for a second or subsequent suspension for an 318 offense that occurred within the previous 10 years; or 319 (B) deny the person's application for a license or learner's permit: (I) for a period of six months beginning on the 45th day after the date of the arrest for a 320 321 first suspension, if the person has not been issued an operator license; or 322 (II) until the person is 21 years old or for a period of two years, whichever is longer, 323 beginning on the 45th day after the date of arrest for a second or subsequent suspension for an 324 offense that occurred within the previous 10 years. 325 (b) (i) Notwithstanding the provisions in Subsection (7)(a)(i)(A), the division shall 326 reinstate a person's license prior to completion of the 120 day suspension period imposed under 327 Subsection (7)(a)(i)(A): 328 (A) immediately upon receiving written verification of the person's dismissal of a charge for a violation of Section 41-6a-502, 41-6a-517, 76-5-102.1, or 76-5-207, if the written 329 330 verification is received prior to completion of the suspension period; or 331 (B) no sooner than 60 days beginning on the 45th day after the date of arrest upon 332 receiving written verification of the person's reduction of a charge for a violation of Section 333 41-6a-502, 41-6a-517, 76-5-102.1, or 76-5-207, if the written verification is received prior to 334 completion of the suspension period. 335 (ii) Notwithstanding the provisions in Subsection (7)(a)(i)(A), the division shall reinstate a person's license prior to completion of the 120-day suspension period imposed under 336

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- 339 (A) the written verification is received prior to completion of the suspension period; 340 and
 - (B) the reporting court notifies the Driver License Division that the defendant is participating in or has successfully completed the program of a driving under the influence court as defined in Section 41-6a-501.
 - (iii) If a person's license is reinstated under this Subsection (7)(b), the person is required to pay the license reinstatement application fees under Subsections 53-3-105(26) and (27).
 - (iv) The driver license reinstatements authorized under this Subsection (7)(b) only apply to a 120 day suspension period imposed under Subsection (7)(a)(i)(A).
 - (8) (a) The division shall assess against a person, in addition to any fee imposed under Subsection 53-3-205(12) for driving under the influence, a fee under Section 53-3-105 to cover administrative costs, which shall be paid before the person's driving privilege is reinstated. This fee shall be cancelled if the person obtains an unappealed division hearing or court decision that the suspension was not proper.
 - (b) A person whose license has been suspended by the division under this section following an administrative hearing may file a petition within 30 days after the suspension for a hearing on the matter which, if held, is governed by Section 53-3-224.
 - (9) (a) Notwithstanding the provisions in Subsection (7)(a)(i) or (ii), the division shall reinstate a person's license before completion of the suspension period imposed under Subsection (7)(a)(i) or (ii) if the reporting court notifies the Driver License Division that the defendant is participating in or has successfully completed a 24-7 sobriety program as defined in Section 41-6a-515.5.
 - (b) If a person's license is reinstated under Subsection (9)(a), the person is required to pay the license reinstatement application fees under Subsections 53-3-105(26) and (27).
 - (10) (a) If the division suspends a person's license for an alcohol related offense under Subsection (7)(a)(i)(A), the person may petition the division and elect to become an ignition interlock restricted driver if the person:
- 367 (i) has a valid driving privilege, with the exception of the suspension under Subsection (7)(a)(i)(A);

369	(ii) completes a risk assessment approved by the division that:
370	(A) is completed after the date of the arrest for which the person is suspended under
371	Subsection (7)(a)(i)(A); and
372	(B) identifies the person as a low risk offender;
373	(iii) installs an ignition interlock device in any vehicle owned or driven by the person
374	in accordance with Section 53-3-1007; and
375	(iv) pays the license reinstatement application fees described in Subsections
376	53-3-105(26) and (27).
377	(b) The person shall remain an ignition interlock restricted driver for a period of 120
378	days from the original effective date of the suspension under Subsection (7)(a)(i)(A). If the
379	person removes an ignition interlock device from a vehicle owned or driven by the person prior
380	to the expiration of the 120 day ignition interlock restriction period:
381	(i) the person's driver license shall be suspended under Subsection (7)(a)(i)(A) for the
382	remainder of the 120 day ignition interlock restriction period;
383	(ii) the person is required to pay the license reinstatement application fee under
384	Subsection 53-3-105(26); and
385	(iii) the person may not elect to become an ignition interlock restricted driver under
386	this section.
387	(c) If a person elects to become an ignition interlock restricted driver under Subsection

(10)(a), the provisions under Subsection (7)(b) do not apply.