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A bill to be entitled An act relating to driving under the influence; amending s. 316.193, F.S.; removing references to ignition interlock devices; decreasing the minimum blood-alcohol level for certain offenses; providing penalties; repealing ss. 316.1937 and 316.1938, F.S., relating to ignition interlock devices; amending s. 316.655, F.S.; requiring minimum periods of suspension of driving privileges for certain offenses; amending s. 316.656, F.S.; prohibiting a judge from accepting a plea to a lesser offense under certain circumstances; amending s. 322.271, F.S.; correcting a cross reference; creating s. 322.2715, F.S.; authorizing the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to contract for certain commodities and services; requiring the installation of ignition interlock devices as a condition to certain licensure; requiring warning labels; requiring the installation of ignition interlock devices on certain vehicles for certain period of time; providing for such time requirement to be determined by the court, subject to certain minimums; requiring notification by an offender to a probation officer when installation of an ignition interlock device is required as a condition of probation; providing penalties, including a minimum mandatory sentence, for failure to provide such notice; providing that certain actions with respect to such devices or vehicles is unlawful and prohibiting the lending or leasing of vehicles to persons required to drive vehicles with ignition interlocking devices if such vehicles do not have such devices;

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providing penalties, including minimum mandatory penalties



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under certain circumstances; providing an exception; providing for severability; providing an effective date.

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Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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Section 1. Section 316.193, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

316.193 Driving under the influence; penalties.--

- (1) A person is guilty of the offense of driving under the influence and is subject to punishment as provided in subsection (2) if the person is driving or in actual physical control of a vehicle within this state and:
- (a) The person is under the influence of alcoholic beverages, any chemical substance set forth in s. 877.111, or any substance controlled under chapter 893, when affected to the extent that the person's normal faculties are impaired;
- (b) The person has a blood-alcohol level of 0.08 or more grams of alcohol per 100 milliliters of blood; or
- (c) The person has a breath-alcohol level of 0.08 or more grams of alcohol per 210 liters of breath.
- (2)(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b), subsection
 (3), or subsection (4), any person who is convicted of a
 violation of subsection (1) shall be punished:
 - 1. By a fine of:
- a. Not less than \$250 or more than \$500 for a first conviction.
- b. Not less than \$500 or more than \$1,000 for a second conviction; and
 - 2. By imprisonment for:
 - a. Not more than 6 months for a first conviction.

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b. Not more than 9 months for a second conviction.

3. For a second conviction, by mandatory placement for a period of at least 1 year, at the convicted person's sole expense, of an ignition interlock device approved by the department in accordance with s. 316.1938 upon all vehicles that are individually or jointly leased or owned and routinely operated by the convicted person, when the convicted person qualifies for a permanent or restricted license. The installation of such device may not occur before July 1, 2003.

- (b)1. Any person who is convicted of a third violation of this section for an offense that occurs within 10 years after a prior conviction for a violation of this section commits a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084. In addition, the court shall order the mandatory placement for a period of not less than 2 years, at the convicted person's sole expense, of an ignition interlock device approved by the department in accordance with s. 316.1938 upon all vehicles that are individually or jointly leased or owned and routinely operated by the convicted person, when the convicted person qualifies for a permanent or restricted license. The installation of such device may not occur before July 1, 2003.
- 2. Any person who is convicted of a third violation of this section for an offense that occurs more than 10 years after the date of a prior conviction for a violation of this section shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$1,000 or more than \$2,500 and by imprisonment for not more than 12 months. In addition, the court shall order the mandatory placement for a period of at least 2 years, at the convicted person's sole expense, of an ignition interlock device approved by the



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department in accordance with s. 316.1938 upon all vehicles that are individually or jointly leased or owned and routinely operated by the convicted person, when the convicted person qualifies for a permanent or restricted license. The installation of such device may not occur before July 1, 2003.

- 3. Any person who is convicted of a fourth or subsequent violation of this section, regardless of when any prior conviction for a violation of this section occurred, commits a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084. However, the fine imposed for such fourth or subsequent violation may be not less than \$1,000.
 - (3) Any person:
 - (a) Who is in violation of subsection (1);
 - (b) Who operates a vehicle; and
- (c) Who, by reason of such operation, causes or contributes to causing:
- 1. Damage to the property or person of another commits a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.
- 2. Serious bodily injury to another, as defined in s. 316.1933, commits a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.
- 3. The death of any human being commits DUI manslaughter, and commits:
- a. A felony of the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.
- b. A felony of the first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084, if:



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- (I) At the time of the crash, the person knew, or should have known, that the crash occurred; and
- (II) The person failed to give information and render aid as required by s. 316.062.
- (4) Any person who is convicted of a violation of subsection (1) and who has a blood-alcohol level or breath-alcohol level of 0.16 0.20 or higher, or any person who is convicted of a violation of subsection (1) and who at the time of the offense was accompanied in the vehicle by a person under the age of 18 years, shall be punished:
 - (a) By a fine of:
- 1. Not less than \$500 or more than \$1,000 for a first conviction.
- 2. Not less than \$1,000 or more than \$2,000 for a second conviction.
- 3. Not less than \$2,000 for a third or subsequent conviction.
 - (b) By imprisonment for:
 - 1. Not more than 9 months for a first conviction.
 - 2. Not more than 12 months for a second conviction.

For the purposes of this subsection, only the instant offense is required to be a violation of subsection (1) by a person who has a blood-alcohol level or breath-alcohol level of $0.16 \, 0.20$ or higher.

(c) In addition to the penalties in paragraphs (a) and (b), the court shall order the mandatory placement, at the convicted person's sole expense, of an ignition interlock device approved by the department in accordance with s. 316.1938 upon all vehicles that are individually or jointly leased or owned



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and routinely operated by the convicted person for up to 6
months for the first offense and for at least 2 years for a
second offense, when the convicted person qualifies for a
permanent or restricted license. The installation of such device
may not occur before July 1, 2003.

The court shall place all offenders convicted of violating this section on monthly reporting probation and shall require completion of a substance abuse course conducted by a DUI program licensed by the department under s. 322.292, which must include a psychosocial evaluation of the offender. If the DUI program refers the offender to an authorized substance abuse treatment provider for substance abuse treatment, in addition to any sentence or fine imposed under this section, completion of all such education, evaluation, and treatment is a condition of reporting probation. The offender shall assume reasonable costs for such education, evaluation, and treatment. The referral to treatment resulting from a psychosocial evaluation shall not be waived without a supporting independent psychosocial evaluation conducted by an authorized substance abuse treatment provider appointed by the court, which shall have access to the DUI program's psychosocial evaluation before the independent psychosocial evaluation is conducted. The court shall review the results and recommendations of both evaluations before determining the request for waiver. The offender shall bear the full cost of this procedure. The term "substance abuse" means the abuse of alcohol or any substance named or described in Schedules I through V of s. 893.03. If an offender referred to treatment under this subsection fails to report for or complete such treatment or fails to complete the DUI program substance abuse education course and evaluation, the DUI program shall



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- (6) With respect to any person convicted of a violation of subsection (1), regardless of any penalty imposed pursuant to subsection (2), subsection (3), or subsection (4):
- (a) For the first conviction, the court shall place the defendant on probation for a period not to exceed 1 year and, as a condition of such probation, shall order the defendant to participate in public service or a community work project for a minimum of 50 hours; or the court may order instead, that any



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defendant pay an additional fine of \$10 for each hour of public service or community work otherwise required, if, after consideration of the residence or location of the defendant at the time public service or community work is required, payment of the fine is in the best interests of the state. However, the total period of probation and incarceration may not exceed 1 year. The court must also, as a condition of probation, order the impoundment or immobilization of the vehicle that was operated by or in the actual control of the defendant or any one vehicle registered in the defendant's name at the time of impoundment or immobilization, for a period of 10 days or for the unexpired term of any lease or rental agreement that expires within 10 days. The impoundment or immobilization must not occur concurrently with the incarceration of the defendant. The impoundment or immobilization order may be dismissed in accordance with paragraph (e), paragraph (f), paragraph (g), or paragraph (h).

(b) For the second conviction for an offense that occurs within a period of 5 years after the date of a prior conviction for violation of this section, the court shall order imprisonment for not less than 10 days. The court must also, as a condition of probation, order the impoundment or immobilization of all vehicles owned by the defendant at the time of impoundment or immobilization, for a period of 30 days or for the unexpired term of any lease or rental agreement that expires within 30 days. The impoundment or immobilization must not occur concurrently with the incarceration of the defendant and must occur concurrently with the driver's license revocation imposed under s. 322.28(2)(a)2. The impoundment or immobilization order may be dismissed in accordance with



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paragraph (e), paragraph (f), paragraph (g), or paragraph (h). At least 48 hours of confinement must be consecutive.

- (c) For the third or subsequent conviction for an offense that occurs within a period of 10 years after the date of a prior conviction for violation of this section, the court shall order imprisonment for not less than 30 days. The court must also, as a condition of probation, order the impoundment or immobilization of all vehicles owned by the defendant at the time of impoundment or immobilization, for a period of 90 days or for the unexpired term of any lease or rental agreement that expires within 90 days. The impoundment or immobilization must not occur concurrently with the incarceration of the defendant and must occur concurrently with the driver's license revocation imposed under s. 322.28(2)(a)3. The impoundment or immobilization order may be dismissed in accordance with paragraph (e), paragraph (f), paragraph (g), or paragraph (h). At least 48 hours of confinement must be consecutive.
- (d) The court must at the time of sentencing the defendant issue an order for the impoundment or immobilization of a vehicle. Within 7 business days after the date that the court issues the order of impoundment or immobilization, the clerk of the court must send notice by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the registered owner of each vehicle, if the registered owner is a person other than the defendant, and to each person of record claiming a lien against the vehicle.
- (e) A person who owns but was not operating the vehicle when the offense occurred may submit to the court a police report indicating that the vehicle was stolen at the time of the offense or documentation of having purchased the vehicle after the offense was committed from an entity other than the



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defendant or the defendant's agent. If the court finds that the vehicle was stolen or that the sale was not made to circumvent the order and allow the defendant continued access to the vehicle, the order must be dismissed and the owner of the vehicle will incur no costs. If the court denies the request to dismiss the order of impoundment or immobilization, the petitioner may request an evidentiary hearing.

- (f) A person who owns but was not operating the vehicle when the offense occurred, and whose vehicle was stolen or who purchased the vehicle after the offense was committed directly from the defendant or the defendant's agent, may request an evidentiary hearing to determine whether the impoundment or immobilization should occur. If the court finds that either the vehicle was stolen or the purchase was made without knowledge of the offense, that the purchaser had no relationship to the defendant other than through the transaction, and that such purchase would not circumvent the order and allow the defendant continued access to the vehicle, the order must be dismissed and the owner of the vehicle will incur no costs.
- (g) The court shall also dismiss the order of impoundment or immobilization of the vehicle if the court finds that the family of the owner of the vehicle has no other private or public means of transportation.
- (h) The court may also dismiss the order of impoundment or immobilization of any vehicles that are owned by the defendant but that are operated solely by the employees of the defendant or any business owned by the defendant.
- (i) All costs and fees for the impoundment or immobilization, including the cost of notification, must be paid by the owner of the vehicle or, if the vehicle is leased or



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rented, by the person leasing or renting the vehicle, unless the impoundment or immobilization order is dismissed. All provisions of s. 713.78 shall apply.

- (j) The person who owns a vehicle that is impounded or immobilized under this paragraph, or a person who has a lien of record against such a vehicle and who has not requested a review of the impoundment pursuant to paragraph (e), paragraph (f), or paragraph (q), may, within 10 days after the date that person has knowledge of the location of the vehicle, file a complaint in the county in which the owner resides to determine whether the vehicle was wrongfully taken or withheld from the owner or lienholder. Upon the filing of a complaint, the owner or lienholder may have the vehicle released by posting with the court a bond or other adequate security equal to the amount of the costs and fees for impoundment or immobilization, including towing or storage, to ensure the payment of such costs and fees if the owner or lienholder does not prevail. When the bond is posted and the fee is paid as set forth in s. 28.24, the clerk of the court shall issue a certificate releasing the vehicle. At the time of release, after reasonable inspection, the owner or lienholder must give a receipt to the towing or storage company indicating any loss or damage to the vehicle or to the contents of the vehicle.
- (k) A defendant, in the court's discretion, may be required to serve all or any portion of a term of imprisonment to which the defendant has been sentenced pursuant to this section in a residential alcoholism treatment program or a residential drug abuse treatment program. Any time spent in such a program must be credited by the court toward the term of imprisonment.



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For the purposes of this section, any conviction for a violation of s. 327.35; a previous conviction for the violation of former s. 316.1931, former s. 860.01, or former s. 316.028; or a previous conviction outside this state for driving under the influence, driving while intoxicated, driving with an unlawful blood-alcohol level, driving with an unlawful breath-alcohol level, or any other similar alcohol-related or drug-related traffic offense, is also considered a previous conviction for violation of this section. However, in satisfaction of the fine imposed pursuant to this section, the court may, upon a finding that the defendant is financially unable to pay either all or part of the fine, order that the defendant participate for a specified additional period of time in public service or a community work project in lieu of payment of that portion of the fine which the court determines the defendant is unable to pay. In determining such additional sentence, the court shall consider the amount of the unpaid portion of the fine and the reasonable value of the services to be ordered; however, the

(7) A conviction under this section does not bar any civil suit for damages against the person so convicted.

court may not compute the reasonable value of services at a rate

less than the federal minimum wage at the time of sentencing.

(8) At the arraignment, or in conjunction with any notice of arraignment provided by the clerk of the court, the clerk shall provide any person charged with a violation of this section with notice that upon conviction the court shall suspend or revoke the offender's driver's license and that the offender should make arrangements for transportation at any proceeding in which the court may take such action. Failure to provide such

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notice does not affect the court's suspension or revocation of the offender's driver's license.

- (9) A person who is arrested for a violation of this section may not be released from custody:
- (a) Until the person is no longer under the influence of alcoholic beverages, any chemical substance set forth in s. 877.111, or any substance controlled under chapter 893 and affected to the extent that his or her normal faculties are impaired;
- (b) Until the person's blood-alcohol level or breath-alcohol level is less than 0.05; or
- (c) Until 8 hours have elapsed from the time the person was arrested.
- (10) The rulings of the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles under s. 322.2615 shall not be considered in any trial for a violation of this section. Testimony or evidence from the administrative proceedings or any written statement submitted by a person in his or her request for administrative review is inadmissible into evidence or for any other purpose in any criminal proceeding, unless timely disclosed in criminal discovery pursuant to Rule 3.220, Florida Rules of Criminal Procedure.
- (11) The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles is directed to adopt rules providing for the implementation of the use of ignition interlock devices.
- Section 2. <u>Sections 316.1937 and 316.1938, Florida</u> Statutes, are repealed.
- Section 3. Section 316.655, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
 - 316.655 Penalties.--



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(1) A violation of any of the provisions of this chapter, except those violations with a specific criminal charge, as enumerated in s. 318.17, are infractions, as defined in s. 318.13(3). Except for violations of s. 316.302, infractions of this chapter are punishable as provided in chapter 318. Any person convicted of a violation of or otherwise found to be in violation of s. 316.063, s. 316.3025, s. 316.516, s. 316.545, or s. 316.550 shall be punished as specifically provided in that section.

- Notwithstanding the provision of chapter 322, drivers (2) convicted of a violation of any offense prohibited by this chapter or any other law of this state regulating motor vehicles may have their driving privileges revoked or suspended by the court if the court finds such revocation or suspension warranted by the totality of the circumstances resulting in the conviction and the need to provide for the maximum safety for all persons who travel on or who are otherwise affected by the use of the highways of the state, provided, however, that no period of revocation or suspension may be less than that required by chapter 322. In determining whether suspension or revocation is appropriate, the court shall consider all pertinent factors, including, but not limited to, such factors as the extent and nature of the driver's violation of this chapter, the number of persons killed or injured as the result of the driver's violation of this chapter, and the extent of any property damage resulting from the driver's violation of this chapter.
- (3) Notwithstanding the provisions of chapter 322, the court may require persons convicted of a violation of any offense prohibited by this chapter or any other law of this state to have installed a department-approved ignition interlock



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420	device upon all vehicles that are operated by the convicted
421	person, at the convicted person's sole expense. The court, based
422	upon the totality of the circumstances, shall determine the
423	length of required installation and the need to provide for the
424	maximum safety for all persons who travel on or who are
425	otherwise affected by the use of the highways of the state.
426	Section 4. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section
427	316.656, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
428	316.656 Mandatory adjudication; prohibition against
429	accepting plea to lesser included offense
430	(2)(a) No trial judge may accept a plea of guilty to a
431	lesser offense from a person charged under the provisions of
432	this act who has been given a breath or blood test to determine
433	blood or breath alcohol content, the results of which show a
434	blood or breath alcohol content by weight of $0.16 0.20$ percent
435	or more.
436	Section 5. Paragraph (d) of subsection (2) of section
437	322.271, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
438	322.271 Authority to modify revocation, cancellation, or
439	suspension order
440	(2)
441	(d) The department, based upon review of the licensee's
442	application for reinstatement, may require use of an ignition
443	interlock device pursuant to s. 316.1937 .
444	Section 6. Section 322.2715, Florida Statutes, is created
445	to read:
446	322.2715 Ignition interlock devices; certification;
447	warning label; unlawful acts
448	(1) The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles is

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authorized to contract, in accordance with chapter 287, with a



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provider or providers to furnish all or some of the commodities and contractual services required for the implementation of this section. Said contract must contain provisions for the providing of ignition interlock devices to the indigent.

- (2) The ignition interlock devices, when installed in a vehicle, shall prevent the vehicle from starting if the operator's breath alcohol level is in excess of 0.025 grams of alcohol per 210 liters of breath.
- (3) A warning label shall be affixed to each ignition interlock device upon installation. The label shall contain a warning that any person tampering with, circumventing, or otherwise misusing the device is guilty of a violation of law and may be subject to civil and criminal liability.
- (4)(a) Prior to issuing a permanent or restricted license under this chapter, the department shall require the placement of a department-approved ignition interlock device, for any person convicted of committing any DUI, upon all vehicles that are operated by the convicted person, at the convicted person's sole expense.
- (b) For the purposes of this section, any conviction for a violation of s. 316.193 or s. 316.1939; a previous conviction for the violation of former s. 316.1931, former s. 860.01, or former s. 316.028; or a previous conviction outside this state for driving under the influence, driving while intoxicated, driving with an unlawful blood-alcohol level, driving with an unlawful breath-alcohol level, or any other similar alcohol-related or drug-related traffic offense is considered a conviction of DUI.
 - (c) If the person has been convicted of:



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- 1. A first offense of DUI, the court may require the use of an approved ignition interlock device for a period of not less than 6 months or more than 2 years.
- 2. A first offense of DUI and at the time of the offense was:
- a. Accompanied in the vehicle by a person under the age of 18 years, the ignition interlock device shall be required for a period of not less than 6 months or more than 2 years.
- b. The person had a blood-alcohol level or breath-alcohol level of twice that prohibited by s. 316.193(1), the ignition interlock device shall be required for a period of not less than 6 months or more than 2 years.
- 3. A second offense of DUI, the ignition interlock device shall be required for a period of not less than 1 year or more than 2 years.
- 4. A third or subsequent offense of DUI, the ignition interlock device shall be required for a period of 2 years.
- 5. DUI manslaughter with no previous DUI convictions, the ignition interlock device shall be required for a period of not less than 1 year or more than 2 years.
- 6. DUI and the offender is accepted into a supervision program conducted by a licensed DUI program and fails the abstinence requirement of the program, the supervision program shall continue and an ignition interlock device shall be required for 1 year of a 5-year license revocation period required by s. 322.28(2)(a) and for 2 years of a 10-year license revocation period required by s. 322.28(2)(a), and the time period of the original license suspension shall be extended such that the period of suspension shall be deemed to begin on the date the ignition interlock device is installed. If such DUI



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offender fails the abstinence requirement of the supervision program a second time, the offender's restricted license shall be revoked for the remaining revocation period.

- (5) The requirement to place an ignition interlock device in a convicted person's vehicles shall be recorded on the person's license and in the department's records.
- (a) If, while required to place ignition interlock devices in his or her vehicle, the convicted person is on any type of probation, the probation order shall contain a condition requiring the placement of an ignition interlock device, as required by this section, effective upon the convicted person's obtaining a license under s. 322.271. The convicted person shall notify his or her probation officer of said condition within 72 hours after imposition of said condition.
- (b) A convicted person who violates the notice requirement of paragraph (a) commits a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083, and shall be sentenced to and required to serve a minimum term of incarceration of not less than 10 days.
- (6) The department shall require proof of installation of the ignition interlock device, shall require monitoring by a licensed DUI program of the person required to have an ignition interlock device, and shall require periodic reporting to the department by the licensed DUI program for verification of the operation of the device in the convicted person's vehicle.
 - (7) It is unlawful:
- (a) To tamper with, or to circumvent the operation of, an ignition interlock device.
- (b) For any person whose driving privilege is restricted pursuant to this section to request or solicit any other person



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to blow into an ignition interlock device or to start a motor vehicle equipped with the device for the purpose of providing the person so restricted with an operable motor vehicle.

- (c) To blow into an ignition interlock device or to start a motor vehicle equipped with the device for the purpose of providing an operable motor vehicle to a person whose driving privilege is restricted pursuant to this section.
- (d) To knowingly lease or lend a motor vehicle to a person who has had his or her driving privilege restricted as provided in this section, unless the vehicle is equipped with a functioning, approved ignition interlock device. Any person whose driving privilege requires the placement of an ignition interlock device shall notify any other person who leases or lends a motor vehicle to him or her of such driving restriction. Failure to provide such notification shall also constitute a violation of this subsection.
- (e) For any person required to install an ignition interlock device to operate a motor vehicle without an ignition interlock device.
- (8)(a) Any person who violates subsection (7) commits a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in s.

 775.082 or s. 775.083, and shall be sentenced to and required to serve a minimum term of incarceration of not less than 10 days.
- (b) In addition to any other provision of law, upon conviction of a violation of subsection (7) the department shall revoke the person's driving privilege for 1 year from the date of conviction.
- (c) Upon conviction of a separate violation of subsection (7) during the same period of required use of an ignition



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interlock device, the department shall revoke the person's driving privilege for 5 years from the date of conviction.

- (d) Any person convicted of a violation of subsection (7) who does not have a driver's license shall, in addition to any other penalty provided by law, pay a fine of not less than \$250 for each such violation. In the event that the person is unable to pay any such fine, the fine shall become a lien against the motor vehicle used in violation of subsection (7) and payment shall be made pursuant to s. 316.3025(4).
- (9)(a) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, if a person is required to operate a motor vehicle in the course and scope of his or her employment and if the vehicle is owned by the employer, the person may operate that vehicle without installation of an approved ignition interlock device, if the employer has been notified of such driving privilege restriction and proof of that notification is with the vehicle.
- (b) The provisions of paragraph (a) do not apply if the business entity which owns the vehicle is owned or controlled by the person whose driving privilege has been restricted.
- (10) The department is authorized to adopt rules to implement this section.
- (11) Except with respect to hearings to be conducted by the court, hearings pursuant to this section shall be conducted pursuant to and in accordance with s. 322.271 and reviewed pursuant to s. 322.31.
- Section 7. Severability. -- If any provision of this act is held invalid, the invalidity shall not affect other provisions of the act and to this end the provisions herein are declared severable.



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Section 8. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section 316.656, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

316.656 Mandatory adjudication; prohibition against accepting plea to lesser included offense.--

(2)(a) No trial judge may accept a plea of guilty to a lesser offense from a person charged under the provisions of this act who has been given a breath or blood test to determine blood or breath alcohol content, the results of which show a blood or breath alcohol content by weight of 0.16 0.20 percent or more.

Section 9. This act shall take effect October 1, 2003.

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