Overview

This bill reduces from 0.10 to 0.08 the legal ("per se") limit for alcohol concentration while driving, operating, or being in physical control of motor vehicles, off-road recreational vehicles, and motorboats in operation, as well as for hunting with a firearm or bow. This change applies, as well, to criminal vehicular homicide and injury statutes using any kind of motorized vehicle. The bill also increases by $2.50 the fee for reinstatement of a person's driver's license following suspension or disqualification.

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22 Hunting with a firearm or bow. Reduces the per se alcohol concentration limit to 0.08.
3 DWI law. Reduces the per se limit to 0.08. Since January 1, 1998, DWI law governs off-road recreational vehicles and motorboats in operation, in addition to regular motor vehicles.
77 Implied consent law; alcohol concentration testing. Reduces the per se limit to 0.08.
8 Fee raised. Increases the driver's license reinstatement fee from $20 to $22.50, effective July 1, 1999, for a person whose license has been suspended for non-alcohol-related reasons, or who, for any reason, has been disqualified from holding a commercial driver's license.
9 Military vehicles. Reduces the per se limit to 0.08 for driving or flying military vehicles anywhere in the state.
10 Criminal vehicular homicide and injury. Reduces the per se limit to 0.08 for all criminal vehicular homicide and injury crimes. These crimes provide penalties for persons who cause injury or death as a result of operating a motor vehicle with an alcohol concentration over the legal limit.
11 Study required. Directs the department of public safety to study, and by February 1, 2002 to report on, the impact of the reduction of the legal alcohol concentration limit from 0.10 to 0.08.
12 Effective date. Sections 1 to 7, 9 and 10 are effective September 1, 1999, and apply to offenses committed on or after that date. Section 8, the fee increase, is effective July 1, 1999, and is
permanent.