

# Interlock Focus

THE LATEST NEWS ON IGNITION INTERLOCK DEVICES

## FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION BILL SHEDS LIGHT ON IGNITION INTERLOCK DEVICES

Finally after much anticipation a conclusion has been reached. After twelve extensions spanning nearly three years, Congress has finally reached an agreement on a multi-year, federal transportation funding bill. Tucked deeply within this bill are numerous provisions that deal with ignition interlock devices (IIDs).

After much bickering, the conferees allowed a provision to stand that creates a pool of incentive money available to states that pass legislation requiring first time drunken driving offenders to install an IID as a condition of regaining driving privileges. This provision is a crowning achievement for Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD). MADD has fought diligently for this since unveiling their "Campaign to End Drunk Driving" five years ago.



The transportation bill also has a provision that eliminates the requirement that states have mandatory minimum "hard time" and limits on driving privileges during their interlock required permit duration. These well intentioned sanctions required a period of time in which the offender could not drive legally and thus did not have to have an interlock during that period. However, it didn't take long to find out that many offenders were taking their chances and driving anyway during their suspension period with no safety measures to prevent them from re-offending. With this new law, states can pass legislation to eliminate their 45 day hard time and give offenders the right to drive anywhere, anytime with the single condition of having an interlock installed on their vehicle.

With the expected increased use of ignition interlocks, this bill will drastically cut down on the number of offender's who simply 'chance' driving without a license, significantly reducing the number of drunken driving accidents and deaths. We are confident this bill is another step to keeping our roads safer.

## MEET TODD SHAPIRO

It is with pleasure that we introduce Todd Shapiro as the newest member of CST. He will be heading our team based in the Northeast region of the United States. He will be serving as dedicated support to local attorneys, judges, and other legal departments throughout the region to expand the awareness of the Intoxalock and our availability of service centers in the Northeast.

Todd's new goals are to grow the overall use of the ignition interlock devices and increasing public safety. He aims to establish new, successful business relationships as well as continue to grow existing ones. It is our hope that he will continue to strengthen our business relationships and enable CST to meet any changes in state regulations and newly implemented programs.

Todd has a strong background in the criminal justice field with an emphasis in community corrections programs. He has 18 years of work experience in the public policy and criminal justice fields and has also played a major role in lobbying, passing of legislation, policy making, and public relations.

As state legislations change, it is vital that we meet the new requirements and laws in the quickest and most effective manner. To ensure this, we will be adding more regional representatives throughout the country. Feel free to contact Todd at [tshapiro@cstinc.com](mailto:tshapiro@cstinc.com) or on his cell phone at (515) 782-0160 if you have any questions.

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## SOUTH DAKOTA ADDS **Intoxalock** TO 24/7 SOBRIETY PROGRAM

With an exclusive five year contract, Consumer Safety Technology has been chosen to provide its Intoxalock® Mobile eLERT™ advanced technology interlock to South Dakota's ground breaking 24/7 Sobriety Program. The Intoxalock Mobile eLERT device features photo imaging, GPS tracking and real time reporting. Judges sentence program participants to remain sober during their time in the Program and violations result in a night in the County Jail.

Prior to the addition of the Intoxalock, participants had to choose between the expensive SCRAM bracelet or the very inconvenient twice a day drive to the Sheriff's Department for tests on one of their breath analyzers. Now, with just one device, participants can conveniently and less expensively prove their sobriety by submitting their required twice daily breath samples into the Intoxalock Mobile eLERT while assuring the court and the public that they are not drinking and driving. In short, the Intoxalock creates a win-win situation for all.

### Do you need information for your clients?

We'd like to help you be prepared to answer questions and point your clients in the right direction for their ignition interlock needs. Just return the attached form and we'll send you materials customized for your state. You can provide this information to your clients at **NO COST** to you!

John Doe Address City State Zip
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## Please send me more information to help my clients drive legally!

Please send me at no charge:

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