



Interlock Focus

Quarterly newsletter for the interlock industry

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Small changes in state legislation bring huge changes in traffic safety

Record-breaking 2013 driver safety statistics report that thirteen new ignition interlock device (IID) related bills have been passed and signed into law by their respective Governors this year alone. Eight other ones are still alive and moving through state legislatures! Not only has the industry exploded right before our eyes, but we can irrefutably predict an even bigger rate of expansion in the near future. We can easily expect an increase in interlock installations by at least 15%!



As the numbers continue to increase, the states have seen huge shifts within interlock technology regulations. As of July 2013, two additional states have mandated

the use of an IID for any driver convicted of DUI, including first-time offenders.

For this development, we can thank MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving), which has fought tirelessly to convince nearly two dozen states to require IIDs in the case of a DUI. When the new laws go into effect, Ohio and Tennessee will become the 18th and 19th states to implement the new standard.

California, one of the chief users of IID technology, is not far behind in these new and exciting developments. New legislation proposed by Senate Bill 55 would mandate the use of IIDs for all repeat offenders, vaulting the state past Texas as the "King" of all ignition interlock programs.

Tennessee and Illinois have also made big leaps in traffic safety requiring IID's to

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- Identifies the test taking as legitimate and human
- Makes sure the offender is actually the person who submitted the test
- Prevents users from being tempted to seek alternative means of passing the test before driving
- Protects users when someone else is driving and submits a violation

verify the driver with photo verification technology. Such accessories help the system function with even more dependability and precision. These built-in cameras take a picture of the driver taking the test to verify who is submitting samples. ■

Long Island parents push for ignition interlock devices in all school buses amid rash of DWI arrests

■ Unions want more background checks, random drug testing

FARMINGDALE, N.Y.

A public hearing held Thursday took aim at what has become a growing problem of school bus drivers operating their vehicles while intoxicated.

Last October, a school bus carrying five young children careened into a house.

As CBS 2's Jennifer McLogan reported, Christian Escudero, who's just 8 years old, managed to lift the emergency evacuation lever as the driver passed out in a drunken stupor.

Christian and his mother were among those at a public hearing examining how to better protect society from drunk school bus drivers.

"The driver was sideways off the seat and people were crying and scared. And I opened the door," Escudero told McLogan.

The driver in that case pleaded guilty this week and is now serving one year in jail.

In recent months, four Long Island drivers were arrested for operating their school buses while intoxicated.

"My son could have been killed. He's my only child and I almost lost him," Melissa Escudero told McLogan.

Melissa Escudero and others are demanding mandatory ignition interlock devices on every school bus.

"It's absolutely urgent to pass right now," Al Belbol of the Merrick PTA told McLogan. "We have the technology."

Using sophisticated technology, each school bus driver would be required to provide a breath sample before every run.

"If it's over the limit, horns would blow, lights would flash," ignition interlock expert Craig Lotz said.

"We're hopeful that before we end session this June that we'll take up a comprehensive package to deal with this issue," State Sen. Charles Fuschillo told McLogan.

But bus drivers' unions call the mandates discriminatory.

"Having my drivers have to go through a process that's only reserved for people that have been convicted of a crime," Paul Mori of the New York School Bus Contractors Association told McLogan.

The ignition interlock devices are required for drivers convicted of DWI on Long Island.

Instead, unions favor expanding background checks and increasing random drug and alcohol tests.

Under current state law, those who drive buses with 14 or fewer children are excluded from random drug and alcohol testing. ■

- CBS New York



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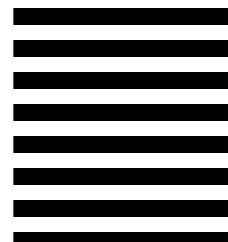
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Maine joins 19 other states in the passage of all-offender IID legislation

Governor Paul Lepage of Maine recently signed proposed legislation into law, which encourages the use of ignition interlocks in the case of a DUI/DWI. With the passage of new legislation in Maine, 20 states now give first time offenders an option to drive legally with ignition interlocks. Beginning December 1, 2013, a first-time offender in the state of Maine can decide between a six-month license suspension period and a 30-day license suspension period followed by five months of driving with an IID.

Intoxalock could not support such legislation more. Realizing that driving plays a crucial part in everyone's life, but that drunk driving unfortunately plays a constant role as well, we have always known that state IID legislation would allow for both compromise and trust between offenders and courts. Studies show that "first-time offenders" hardly ever live up



to their name. The average first-time offender will have driven under the influence around 80 times before getting arrested.* With ignition interlock technology, capable drivers can get back on the road and back to their lives, without an undeserved trust that they will change their destructive patterns. ■

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