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1            AN ACT Relating to changing the penalties for gross misdemeanor  
2 driving under the influence convictions; amending RCW 46.61.5055; and  
3 prescribing penalties.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5            **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.61.5055 and 2006 c 73 s 3 are each amended to read  
6 as follows:

7            (1) Except as provided in RCW 46.61.502(6) or 46.61.504(6), a  
8 person who is convicted of a violation of RCW 46.61.502 or 46.61.504  
9 and who has no prior offense within seven years shall be punished as  
10 follows:

11            (a) ~~((In the case of a person whose alcohol concentration was less~~  
12 ~~than 0.15, or for whom for reasons other than the person's refusal to~~  
13 ~~take a test offered pursuant to RCW 46.20.308 there is no test result~~  
14 ~~indicating the person's alcohol concentration:~~

15            ~~(i) By imprisonment for not less than one day nor more than one~~  
16 ~~year. Twenty four consecutive hours of the imprisonment may not be~~  
17 ~~suspended or deferred unless the court finds that the imposition of~~  
18 ~~this mandatory minimum sentence would impose a substantial risk to the~~  
19 ~~offender's physical or mental well being. Whenever the mandatory~~

1 ~~minimum sentence is suspended or deferred, the court shall state in~~  
2 ~~writing the reason for granting the suspension or deferral and the~~  
3 ~~facts upon which the suspension or deferral is based. In lieu of the~~  
4 ~~mandatory minimum term of imprisonment required under this subsection~~  
5 ~~(1)(a)(i), the court may order not less than fifteen days of electronic~~  
6 ~~home monitoring. The offender shall pay the cost of electronic home~~  
7 ~~monitoring. The county or municipality in which the penalty is being~~  
8 ~~imposed shall determine the cost. The court may also require the~~  
9 ~~offender's electronic home monitoring device to include an alcohol~~  
10 ~~detection breathalyzer, and the court may restrict the amount of~~  
11 ~~alcohol the offender may consume during the time the offender is on~~  
12 ~~electronic home monitoring; and~~

13 ~~(ii) By a fine of not less than three hundred fifty dollars nor~~  
14 ~~more than five thousand dollars. Three hundred fifty dollars of the~~  
15 ~~fine may not be suspended or deferred unless the court finds the~~  
16 ~~offender to be indigent; or~~

17 ~~(b) In the case of a person whose alcohol concentration was at~~  
18 ~~least 0.15, or for whom by reason of the person's refusal to take a~~  
19 ~~test offered pursuant to RCW 46.20.308 there is no test result~~  
20 ~~indicating the person's alcohol concentration:~~

21 ~~(i))~~ By imprisonment for not less than two days nor more than one  
22 year. Two consecutive days of the imprisonment may not be suspended or  
23 deferred unless the court finds that the imposition of this mandatory  
24 minimum sentence would impose a substantial risk to the offender's  
25 physical or mental well-being. Whenever the mandatory minimum sentence  
26 is suspended or deferred, the court shall state in writing the reason  
27 for granting the suspension or deferral and the facts upon which the  
28 suspension or deferral is based. In lieu of the mandatory minimum term  
29 of imprisonment required under this subsection (1)((~~b~~)(~~i~~)) (a), the  
30 court may order not less than thirty days of electronic home  
31 monitoring. The offender shall pay the cost of electronic home  
32 monitoring. The county or municipality in which the penalty is being  
33 imposed shall determine the cost. The court may also require the  
34 offender's electronic home monitoring device to include an alcohol  
35 detection breathalyzer, and the court may restrict the amount of  
36 alcohol the offender may consume during the time the offender is on  
37 electronic home monitoring; and

1        ~~((i))~~ (b) By a fine of not less than five hundred dollars nor  
2 more than five thousand dollars. Five hundred dollars of the fine may  
3 not be suspended or deferred unless the court finds the offender to be  
4 indigent.

5        (2) Except as provided in RCW 46.61.502(6) or 46.61.504(6), a  
6 person who is convicted of a violation of RCW 46.61.502 or 46.61.504  
7 and who has one prior offense within seven years shall be punished as  
8 follows:

9        ~~(a) ((In the case of a person whose alcohol concentration was less  
10 than 0.15, or for whom for reasons other than the person's refusal to  
11 take a test offered pursuant to RCW 46.20.308 there is no test result  
12 indicating the person's alcohol concentration:~~

13        ~~(i) By imprisonment for not less than thirty days nor more than one  
14 year and sixty days of electronic home monitoring. The offender shall  
15 pay for the cost of the electronic monitoring. The county or  
16 municipality where the penalty is being imposed shall determine the  
17 cost. The court may also require the offender's electronic home  
18 monitoring device include an alcohol detection breathalyzer, and may  
19 restrict the amount of alcohol the offender may consume during the time  
20 the offender is on electronic home monitoring. Thirty days of  
21 imprisonment and sixty days of electronic home monitoring may not be  
22 suspended or deferred unless the court finds that the imposition of  
23 this mandatory minimum sentence would impose a substantial risk to the  
24 offender's physical or mental well being. Whenever the mandatory  
25 minimum sentence is suspended or deferred, the court shall state in  
26 writing the reason for granting the suspension or deferral and the  
27 facts upon which the suspension or deferral is based; and~~

28        ~~(ii) By a fine of not less than five hundred dollars nor more than  
29 five thousand dollars. Five hundred dollars of the fine may not be  
30 suspended or deferred unless the court finds the offender to be  
31 indigent; or~~

32        ~~(b) In the case of a person whose alcohol concentration was at  
33 least 0.15, or for whom by reason of the person's refusal to take a  
34 test offered pursuant to RCW 46.20.308 there is no test result  
35 indicating the person's alcohol concentration:~~

36        ~~(i))~~ By imprisonment for not less than forty-five days nor more  
37 than one year and ninety days of electronic home monitoring. The  
38 offender shall pay for the cost of the electronic monitoring. The

1 county or municipality where the penalty is being imposed shall  
2 determine the cost. The court may also require the offender's  
3 electronic home monitoring device include an alcohol detection  
4 breathalyzer, and may restrict the amount of alcohol the offender may  
5 consume during the time the offender is on electronic home monitoring.  
6 Forty-five days of imprisonment and ninety days of electronic home  
7 monitoring may not be suspended or deferred unless the court finds that  
8 the imposition of this mandatory minimum sentence would impose a  
9 substantial risk to the offender's physical or mental well-being.  
10 Whenever the mandatory minimum sentence is suspended or deferred, the  
11 court shall state in writing the reason for granting the suspension or  
12 deferral and the facts upon which the suspension or deferral is based;  
13 and

14 ~~((+ii))~~ (b) By a fine of not less than seven hundred fifty dollars  
15 nor more than five thousand dollars. Seven hundred fifty dollars of  
16 the fine may not be suspended or deferred unless the court finds the  
17 offender to be indigent.

18 (3) Except as provided in RCW 46.61.502(6) or 46.61.504(6), a  
19 person who is convicted of a violation of RCW 46.61.502 or 46.61.504  
20 and who has two or three prior offenses within seven years shall be  
21 punished as follows:

22 ~~(a) ((In the case of a person whose alcohol concentration was less  
23 than 0.15, or for whom for reasons other than the person's refusal to  
24 take a test offered pursuant to RCW 46.20.308 there is no test result  
25 indicating the person's alcohol concentration:~~

26 ~~(i) By imprisonment for not less than ninety days nor more than one  
27 year and one hundred twenty days of electronic home monitoring. The  
28 offender shall pay for the cost of the electronic monitoring. The  
29 county or municipality where the penalty is being imposed shall  
30 determine the cost. The court may also require the offender's  
31 electronic home monitoring device include an alcohol detection  
32 breathalyzer, and may restrict the amount of alcohol the offender may  
33 consume during the time the offender is on electronic home monitoring.  
34 Ninety days of imprisonment and one hundred twenty days of electronic  
35 home monitoring may not be suspended or deferred unless the court finds  
36 that the imposition of this mandatory minimum sentence would impose a  
37 substantial risk to the offender's physical or mental well-being.  
38 Whenever the mandatory minimum sentence is suspended or deferred, the~~

1 ~~court shall state in writing the reason for granting the suspension or~~  
2 ~~deferral and the facts upon which the suspension or deferral is based;~~  
3 ~~and~~

4 ~~(ii) By a fine of not less than one thousand dollars nor more than~~  
5 ~~five thousand dollars. One thousand dollars of the fine may not be~~  
6 ~~suspended or deferred unless the court finds the offender to be~~  
7 ~~indigent; or~~

8 ~~(b) In the case of a person whose alcohol concentration was at~~  
9 ~~least 0.15, or for whom by reason of the person's refusal to take a~~  
10 ~~test offered pursuant to RCW 46.20.308 there is no test result~~  
11 ~~indicating the person's alcohol concentration;~~

12 ~~(i))~~ By imprisonment for not less than one hundred twenty days nor  
13 more than one year and one hundred fifty days of electronic home  
14 monitoring. The offender shall pay for the cost of the electronic  
15 monitoring. The county or municipality where the penalty is being  
16 imposed shall determine the cost. The court may also require the  
17 offender's electronic home monitoring device include an alcohol  
18 detection breathalyzer, and may restrict the amount of alcohol the  
19 offender may consume during the time the offender is on electronic home  
20 monitoring. One hundred twenty days of imprisonment and one hundred  
21 fifty days of electronic home monitoring may not be suspended or  
22 deferred unless the court finds that the imposition of this mandatory  
23 minimum sentence would impose a substantial risk to the offender's  
24 physical or mental well-being. Whenever the mandatory minimum sentence  
25 is suspended or deferred, the court shall state in writing the reason  
26 for granting the suspension or deferral and the facts upon which the  
27 suspension or deferral is based; and

28 ~~((+i+))~~ (b) By a fine of not less than one thousand five hundred  
29 dollars nor more than five thousand dollars. One thousand five hundred  
30 dollars of the fine may not be suspended or deferred unless the court  
31 finds the offender to be indigent.

32 (4) A person who is convicted of a violation of RCW 46.61.502 or  
33 46.61.504 and who has four or more prior offenses within ten years, or  
34 who has ever previously been convicted of a violation of RCW 46.61.520  
35 committed while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or any drug  
36 or RCW 46.61.522 committed while under the influence of intoxicating  
37 liquor or any drug, shall be punished in accordance with chapter 9.94A  
38 RCW.

1 (5) If a person who is convicted of a violation of RCW 46.61.502 or  
2 46.61.504 committed the offense while a passenger under the age of  
3 sixteen was in the vehicle, the court shall:

4 (a) In any case in which the installation and use of an interlock  
5 or other device is not mandatory under RCW 46.20.720 or other law,  
6 order the use of such a device for not less than sixty days following  
7 the restoration of the person's license, permit, or nonresident driving  
8 privileges; and

9 (b) In any case in which the installation and use of such a device  
10 is otherwise mandatory, order the use of such a device for an  
11 additional sixty days.

12 (6) In exercising its discretion in setting penalties within the  
13 limits allowed by this section, the court shall particularly consider  
14 the following:

15 (a) Whether the person's driving at the time of the offense was  
16 responsible for injury or damage to another or another's property; and

17 (b) Whether at the time of the offense the person was driving or in  
18 physical control of a vehicle with one or more passengers.

19 (7) An offender punishable under this section is subject to the  
20 alcohol assessment and treatment provisions of RCW 46.61.5056.

21 (8)(a) The license, permit, or nonresident privilege of a person  
22 convicted of driving or being in physical control of a motor vehicle  
23 while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs must:

24 ~~((a) If the person's alcohol concentration was less than 0.15, or~~  
25 ~~if for reasons other than the person's refusal to take a test offered~~  
26 ~~under RCW 46.20.308 there is no test result indicating the person's~~  
27 ~~alcohol concentration:~~

28 ~~(i) Where there has been no prior offense within seven years, be~~  
29 ~~suspended or denied by the department for ninety days;~~

30 ~~(ii) Where there has been one prior offense within seven years, be~~  
31 ~~revoked or denied by the department for two years; or~~

32 ~~(iii) Where there have been two or more prior offenses within seven~~  
33 ~~years, be revoked or denied by the department for three years;~~

34 ~~(b) If the person's alcohol concentration was at least 0.15:))~~

35 (i) Where there has been no prior offense within seven years, be  
36 revoked or denied by the department for one year;

37 (ii) Where there has been one prior offense within seven years, be  
38 revoked or denied by the department for nine hundred days; or

1 (iii) Where there have been two or more prior offenses within seven  
2 years, be revoked or denied by the department for four years; or

3 ~~((e))~~ (b) If by reason of the person's refusal to take a test  
4 offered under RCW 46.20.308, there is no test result indicating the  
5 person's alcohol concentration:

6 (i) Where there have been no prior offenses within seven years, be  
7 revoked or denied by the department for two years;

8 (ii) Where there has been one prior offense within seven years, be  
9 revoked or denied by the department for three years; or

10 (iii) Where there have been two or more previous offenses within  
11 seven years, be revoked or denied by the department for four years.

12 The department shall grant credit on a day-for-day basis for any  
13 portion of a suspension, revocation, or denial already served under  
14 this subsection for a suspension, revocation, or denial imposed under  
15 RCW 46.20.3101 arising out of the same incident.

16 For purposes of this subsection (8), the department shall refer to  
17 the driver's record maintained under RCW 46.52.120 when determining the  
18 existence of prior offenses.

19 (9) After expiration of any period of suspension, revocation, or  
20 denial of the offender's license, permit, or privilege to drive  
21 required by this section, the department shall place the offender's  
22 driving privilege in probationary status pursuant to RCW 46.20.355.

23 (10)(a) In addition to any nonsuspendable and nondeferrable jail  
24 sentence required by this section, whenever the court imposes less than  
25 one year in jail, the court shall also suspend but shall not defer a  
26 period of confinement for a period not exceeding five years. The court  
27 shall impose conditions of probation that include: (i) Not driving a  
28 motor vehicle within this state without a valid license to drive and  
29 proof of financial responsibility for the future; (ii) not driving a  
30 motor vehicle within this state while having an alcohol concentration  
31 of 0.08 or more within two hours after driving; and (iii) not refusing  
32 to submit to a test of his or her breath or blood to determine alcohol  
33 concentration upon request of a law enforcement officer who has  
34 reasonable grounds to believe the person was driving or was in actual  
35 physical control of a motor vehicle within this state while under the  
36 influence of intoxicating liquor. The court may impose conditions of  
37 probation that include nonrepetition, installation of an ignition  
38 interlock device on the probationer's motor vehicle, alcohol or drug

1 treatment, supervised probation, or other conditions that may be  
2 appropriate. The sentence may be imposed in whole or in part upon  
3 violation of a condition of probation during the suspension period.

4 (b) For each violation of mandatory conditions of probation under  
5 (a)(i), (ii), or (iii) of this subsection, the court shall order the  
6 convicted person to be confined for thirty days, which shall not be  
7 suspended or deferred.

8 (c) For each incident involving a violation of a mandatory  
9 condition of probation imposed under this subsection, the license,  
10 permit, or privilege to drive of the person shall be suspended by the  
11 court for thirty days or, if such license, permit, or privilege to  
12 drive already is suspended, revoked, or denied at the time the finding  
13 of probation violation is made, the suspension, revocation, or denial  
14 then in effect shall be extended by thirty days. The court shall  
15 notify the department of any suspension, revocation, or denial or any  
16 extension of a suspension, revocation, or denial imposed under this  
17 subsection.

18 (11) A court may waive the electronic home monitoring requirements  
19 of this chapter when:

20 (a) The offender does not have a dwelling, telephone service, or  
21 any other necessity to operate an electronic home monitoring system;

22 (b) The offender does not reside in the state of Washington; or

23 (c) The court determines that there is reason to believe that the  
24 offender would violate the conditions of the electronic home monitoring  
25 penalty.

26 Whenever the mandatory minimum term of electronic home monitoring  
27 is waived, the court shall state in writing the reason for granting the  
28 waiver and the facts upon which the waiver is based, and shall impose  
29 an alternative sentence with similar punitive consequences. The  
30 alternative sentence may include, but is not limited to, additional  
31 jail time, work crew, or work camp.

32 Whenever the combination of jail time and electronic home  
33 monitoring or alternative sentence would exceed three hundred sixty-  
34 five days, the offender shall serve the jail portion of the sentence  
35 first, and the electronic home monitoring or alternative portion of the  
36 sentence shall be reduced so that the combination does not exceed three  
37 hundred sixty-five days.



1 (12) An offender serving a sentence under this section, whether or  
2 not a mandatory minimum term has expired, may be granted an  
3 extraordinary medical placement by the jail administrator subject to  
4 the standards and limitations set forth in RCW 9.94A.728(4).

5 (13) For purposes of this section and RCW 46.61.502 and 46.61.504:

6 (a) A "prior offense" means any of the following:

7 (i) A conviction for a violation of RCW 46.61.502 or an equivalent  
8 local ordinance;

9 (ii) A conviction for a violation of RCW 46.61.504 or an equivalent  
10 local ordinance;

11 (iii) A conviction for a violation of RCW 46.61.520 committed while  
12 under the influence of intoxicating liquor or any drug;

13 (iv) A conviction for a violation of RCW 46.61.522 committed while  
14 under the influence of intoxicating liquor or any drug;

15 (v) A conviction for a violation of RCW 46.61.5249, 46.61.500, or  
16 9A.36.050 or an equivalent local ordinance, if the conviction is the  
17 result of a charge that was originally filed as a violation of RCW  
18 46.61.502 or 46.61.504, or an equivalent local ordinance, or of RCW  
19 46.61.520 or 46.61.522;

20 (vi) An out-of-state conviction for a violation that would have  
21 been a violation of (a)(i), (ii), (iii), (iv), or (v) of this  
22 subsection if committed in this state;

23 (vii) A deferred prosecution under chapter 10.05 RCW granted in a  
24 prosecution for a violation of RCW 46.61.502, 46.61.504, or an  
25 equivalent local ordinance; or

26 (viii) A deferred prosecution under chapter 10.05 RCW granted in a  
27 prosecution for a violation of RCW 46.61.5249, or an equivalent local  
28 ordinance, if the charge under which the deferred prosecution was  
29 granted was originally filed as a violation of RCW 46.61.502 or  
30 46.61.504, or an equivalent local ordinance, or of RCW 46.61.520 or  
31 46.61.522; and

32 (b) "Within seven years" means that the arrest for a prior offense  
33 occurred within seven years of the arrest for the current offense.

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