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Jesse White's Comprehensive Drunk Driving Legislation Signed into Law by the Governor
Legislation originated from White's Advisory Committee on Traffic Safety

Legislation initiated by Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White strengthening the state's DUI laws was signed into law by the governor.

Senate Bill 627 contains five measures designed to increase participation in the state's Breath Alcohol Ignition Interlock Device (BAIID) program. The proposals, which originate from White's Advisory Committee on Traffic Safety, are supported by Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) and the Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorists (AAIM).

"My mission as Secretary of State is to make the roads of Illinois the safest ever," said White. "This legislation will further strengthen our state's DUI laws, which will make our roads safer and save lives. Although Illinois recently received the highest rating possible for our efforts to fight drunk driving, five stars from MADD, I refuse to grow complacent."

The legislation, which was sponsored by state Rep. John D'Amico (D-Chicago) and state Sens. Steve Stadelman (D-Rockford) and Jason Barickman (R-Bloomington), contains the following measures:

- Add a signature line to the *Warning to Motorists* form which the driver would be required to sign. If the driver refuses, the law enforcement officer would indicate "refused to sign."
- Eliminate 30-day hard time for all offenders, as well as 12/36 month hard time statutory summary suspension and one-year DUI conviction hard time for repeat offenders, provided a BAIID is installed in their vehicles.
- Require BAIID if a person is convicted of driving on a revoked license, which was the result of a fatality.
- Require BAIID if an offender has any combination of two or more DUI/reckless homicide convictions or statutory summary suspensions. (Currently, BAIID is required only if offenses occurred within a 10-year period).
- Require BAIID on a first DUI conviction that results in great bodily harm or permanent disability or disfigurement.

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