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AN ACT

RELATING TO DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF INTOXICATING LIQUOR OR DRUGS; AMENDING THE REQUIREMENTS FOR TESTING THE BLOOD OF A PERSON SUSPECTED OF OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE WHILE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF INTOXICATING LIQUOR OR DRUGS; PROVIDING THAT CERTAIN MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS ARE AUTHORIZED TO WITHDRAW BLOOD IN THE PERFORMANCE OF A CHEMICAL BLOOD TEST FOR DRIVING A MOTOR VEHICLE OR OPERATING A MOTORBOAT UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF INTOXICATING LIQUOR OR DRUGS.

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

HHHC→~~SECTION 1. Section 66-8-102 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1953, Chapter 139, Section 54, as amended) is amended to read:~~

~~"66-8-102. DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF INTOXICATING LIQUOR OR DRUGS--AGGRAVATED DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF INTOXICATING LIQUOR OR DRUGS--PENALTIES.--"~~

~~A. It is unlawful for a person who is under the influence of intoxicating liquor to drive a vehicle within this state.~~

~~B. It is unlawful for a person who is under the influence of any drug to a degree that renders the person incapable of safely driving a vehicle to drive a vehicle within this state.~~

~~C. It is unlawful for:~~

~~(1) a person to drive a vehicle in this state if the person has an alcohol concentration of eight one hundredths or more in the person's blood or breath within three hours of driving the vehicle and the alcohol concentration results from alcohol consumed before or while driving the vehicle; or~~

~~(2) a person to drive a commercial motor vehicle in this state if the person has an alcohol concentration of four one hundredths or more in the person's blood or breath within three hours of driving the commercial~~

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~~motor vehicle and the alcohol concentration results from alcohol consumed before or while driving the vehicle.~~

~~D. Aggravated driving under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs consists of:~~

~~(1) driving a vehicle in this state with an alcohol concentration of sixteen one hundredths or more in the driver's blood or breath within three hours of driving the vehicle and the alcohol concentration results from alcohol consumed before or while driving the vehicle;~~

~~(2) causing bodily injury to a human being as a result of the unlawful operation of a motor vehicle while driving under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs; or~~

~~(3) refusing to submit to chemical breath testing, as provided for in the Implied Consent Act, and in the judgment of the court, based upon evidence of intoxication presented to the court, the driver was under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs.~~

~~E. A first conviction pursuant to this section shall be punished, notwithstanding the provisions of Section 31-18-13 NMSA 1978, by imprisonment for not more than ninety days or by a fine of not more than five hundred dollars (\$500), or both; provided that if the sentence is suspended in whole or in part or deferred, the period of probation may extend beyond ninety days but shall not exceed one year. Upon a first~~

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~~conviction pursuant to this section, an offender shall be sentenced to not less than twenty-four hours of community service. In addition, the offender may be required to pay a fine of three hundred dollars (\$300). The offender shall be ordered by the court to participate in and complete a screening program described in Subsection L of this section and to attend a driver rehabilitation program for alcohol or drugs, also known as a "DWI school", approved by the bureau and also may be required to participate in other rehabilitative services as the court shall determine to be necessary. In addition to those penalties, when an offender commits aggravated driving under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs, the offender shall be sentenced to not less than forty-eight consecutive hours in jail. If an offender fails to complete, within a time specified by the court, any community service, screening program, treatment program or DWI school ordered by the court or fails to comply with any other condition of probation, the offender shall be sentenced to not less than an additional forty-eight consecutive hours in jail. Any jail sentence imposed pursuant to this subsection for failure to complete, within a time specified by the court, any community service, screening program, treatment program or DWI school ordered by the court or for aggravated driving under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs shall not be suspended, deferred~~

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~~or taken under advisement. On a first conviction pursuant to this section, any time spent in jail for the offense prior to the conviction for that offense shall be credited to any term of imprisonment fixed by the court. A deferred sentence pursuant to this subsection shall be considered a first conviction for the purpose of determining subsequent convictions.~~

~~F. A second or third conviction pursuant to this section shall be punished, notwithstanding the provisions of Section 31-18-13 NMSA 1978, by imprisonment for not more than three hundred sixty-four days or by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000), or both; provided that if the sentence is suspended in whole or in part, the period of probation may extend beyond one year but shall not exceed five years. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary for suspension or deferment of execution of a sentence:~~

~~(1) upon a second conviction, an offender shall be sentenced to a jail term of not less than ninety-six consecutive hours, not less than forty-eight hours of community service and a fine of five hundred dollars (\$500). In addition to those penalties, when an offender commits aggravated driving under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs, the offender shall be sentenced to a jail term of not less than ninety-six consecutive hours. If an offender fails to~~

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~~complete, within a time specified by the court, any community service, screening program or treatment program ordered by the court, the offender shall be sentenced to not less than an additional seven consecutive days in jail. A penalty imposed pursuant to this paragraph shall not be suspended or deferred or taken under advisement; and~~

~~(2) upon a third conviction, an offender shall be sentenced to a jail term of not less than thirty consecutive days, not less than ninety-six hours of community service and a fine of seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750). In addition to those penalties, when an offender commits aggravated driving under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs, the offender shall be sentenced to a jail term of not less than sixty consecutive days. If an offender fails to complete, within a time specified by the court, any community service, screening program or treatment program ordered by the court, the offender shall be sentenced to not less than an additional sixty consecutive days in jail. A penalty imposed pursuant to this paragraph shall not be suspended or deferred or taken under advisement.~~

~~G. Upon a fourth conviction pursuant to this section, an offender is guilty of a fourth degree felony and, notwithstanding the provisions of Section 31-18-15 NMSA 1978, shall be sentenced to a term of imprisonment of eighteen~~

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~~months, six months of which shall not be suspended, deferred or taken under advisement.~~

~~H. Upon a fifth conviction pursuant to this section, an offender is guilty of a fourth degree felony and, notwithstanding the provisions of Section 31-18-15 NMSA 1978, shall be sentenced to a term of imprisonment of two years, one year of which shall not be suspended, deferred or taken under advisement.~~

~~I. Upon a sixth conviction pursuant to this section, an offender is guilty of a third degree felony and, notwithstanding the provisions of Section 31-18-15 NMSA 1978, shall be sentenced to a term of imprisonment of thirty months, eighteen months of which shall not be suspended, deferred or taken under advisement.~~

~~J. Upon a seventh conviction pursuant to this section, an offender is guilty of a third degree felony and, notwithstanding the provisions of Section 31-18-15 NMSA 1978, shall be sentenced to a term of imprisonment of three years, two years of which shall not be suspended, deferred or taken under advisement.~~

~~K. Upon an eighth or subsequent conviction pursuant to this section, an offender is guilty of a second degree felony and, notwithstanding the provisions of Section 31-18-15 NMSA 1978, shall be sentenced to a term of imprisonment of~~

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~~twelve years, ten years of which shall not be suspended,
deferred or taken under advisement.~~

~~L. Upon any conviction pursuant to this section, an
offender shall be required to participate in and complete,
within a time specified by the court, an alcohol or drug abuse
screening program approved by the department of finance and
administration and, if necessary, a treatment program approved
by the court. The requirement imposed pursuant to this
subsection shall not be suspended, deferred or taken under
advisement.~~

~~M. Upon a second or third conviction pursuant to
this section, an offender shall be required to participate in
and complete, within a time specified by the court:~~

~~(1) not less than a twenty-eight-day
inpatient, residential or in-custody substance abuse treatment
program approved by the court;~~

~~(2) not less than a ninety-day outpatient
treatment program approved by the court;~~

~~(3) a drug court program approved by the
court; or~~

~~(4) any other substance abuse treatment
program approved by the court.~~

~~The requirement imposed pursuant to this subsection shall
not be suspended, deferred or taken under advisement.~~

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~~N. Upon a felony conviction pursuant to this section, the corrections department shall provide substance abuse counseling and treatment to the offender in its custody. While the offender is on probation or parole under its supervision, the corrections department shall also provide substance abuse counseling and treatment to the offender or shall require the offender to obtain substance abuse counseling and treatment.~~

~~O. Upon a conviction pursuant to this section, an offender shall be required to obtain an ignition interlock license and have an ignition interlock device installed and operating on all motor vehicles driven by the offender, pursuant to rules adopted by the bureau. Unless determined by the bureau to be indigent, the offender shall pay all costs associated with having an ignition interlock device installed on the appropriate motor vehicles. The offender shall operate only those vehicles equipped with ignition interlock devices for:~~

~~(1) a period of one year, for a first offender;~~

~~(2) a period of two years, for a second conviction pursuant to this section;~~

~~(3) a period of three years, for a third conviction pursuant to this section; or~~

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~~(4) the remainder of the offender's life, for a fourth or subsequent conviction pursuant to this section.~~

~~P. Five years from the date of conviction and every five years thereafter, a fourth or subsequent offender may apply to a district court for removal of the ignition interlock device requirement provided in this section and for restoration of a driver's license. A district court may, for good cause shown, remove the ignition interlock device requirement and order restoration of the license; provided that the offender has not been subsequently convicted of driving a motor vehicle under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs. Good cause may include an alcohol screening and proof from the interlock vendor that the person has not had violations of the interlock device.~~

~~Q. An offender who obtains an ignition interlock license and installs an ignition interlock device prior to conviction shall be given credit at sentencing for the time period the ignition interlock device has been in use.~~

~~R. In the case of a first, second or third offense under this section, the magistrate court has concurrent jurisdiction with district courts to try the offender.~~

~~S. A conviction pursuant to a municipal or county ordinance in New Mexico or a law of any other jurisdiction, territory or possession of the United States or of a tribe,~~

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~~when that ordinance or law is equivalent to New Mexico law for driving under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs, and prescribes penalties for driving under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs, shall be deemed to be a conviction pursuant to this section for purposes of determining whether a conviction is a second or subsequent conviction.~~

~~F. In addition to any other fine or fee that may be imposed pursuant to the conviction or other disposition of the offense under this section, the court may order the offender to pay the costs of any court-ordered screening and treatment programs.~~

~~U. With respect to this section and notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, if an offender's sentence was suspended or deferred in whole or in part and the offender violates any condition of probation, the court may impose any sentence that the court could have originally imposed and credit shall not be given for time served by the offender on probation.~~

~~V. As used in this section:~~

~~(1) "bodily injury" means an injury to a person that is not likely to cause death or great bodily harm to the person, but does cause painful temporary disfigurement or temporary loss or impairment of the functions of any member or organ of the person's body; and~~

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~~(2) "commercial motor vehicle" means a motor vehicle or combination of motor vehicles used in commerce to transport passengers or property if the motor vehicle:~~

~~(a) has a gross combination weight rating of more than twenty-six thousand pounds inclusive of a towed unit with a gross vehicle weight rating of more than ten thousand pounds;~~

~~(b) has a gross vehicle weight rating of more than twenty-six thousand pounds;~~

~~(c) is designed to transport sixteen or more passengers, including the driver; or~~

~~(d) is of any size and is used in the transportation of hazardous materials, which requires the motor vehicle to be placarded under applicable law."~~ ←HHHC

SECTION HHHC→2.←HHHC HHHC→1.←HHHC Section 66-8-103 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1967, Chapter 160, Section 1) is amended to read:

"66-8-103. CHEMICAL BLOOD TESTS--PERSONS QUALIFIED TO PERFORM TESTS--RELIEF FROM LIABILITY.--Only a physician, licensed professional or practical nurse, [~~or laboratory technician~~] emergency medical technician or certified phlebotomist or a technologist employed by a hospital or physician shall withdraw blood from [~~any~~] a person in the performance of a [~~blood-alcohol~~] chemical blood test. No such physician, nurse, technician, phlebotomist or technologist who

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withdraws blood from ~~[any]~~ a person in the performance of a ~~[blood-alcohol]~~ chemical blood test that has been directed by ~~[any]~~ a police officer or by ~~[any]~~ a judicial or probation officer shall be held liable in any civil or criminal action for assault, battery, false imprisonment or any conduct of ~~[any]~~ a police officer except for negligence, nor shall ~~[any]~~ a person assisting in the performance of ~~[such-a]~~ the test or ~~[any]~~ a hospital wherein blood is withdrawn in the performance of ~~[such-a]~~ the test be subject to civil or criminal liability for assault, battery, false imprisonment or any conduct of ~~[any]~~ a police officer except for negligence."

SECTION HHC→3.←HHC HHC→2.←HHC Section 66-8-104 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1978, Chapter 35, Section 512) is amended to read:

"66-8-104. ~~[BLOOD-ALCOHOL]~~ CHEMICAL BLOOD TESTS--~~[POLICE, JUDICIAL OR PROBATION]~~ OFFICER UNAUTHORIZED TO MAKE ARREST OR DIRECT TEST EXCEPT IN PERFORMANCE OF OFFICIAL DUTIES ~~[AUTHORIZED BY LAW]~~.--Nothing in Sections ~~[64-8-103 or 64-8-104 NMSA 1953]~~ 66-8-103 or 66-8-104 NMSA 1978 is intended to authorize ~~[any]~~ a police officer or ~~[any]~~ a judicial or probation officer to make ~~[any]~~ an arrest or to direct the performance of a ~~[blood-alcohol]~~ chemical blood test except in the performance of ~~[his]~~ that officer's official duties and as otherwise authorized by law."

SECTION HHC→4.←HHC HHC→3.←HHC Section 66-8-111 NMSA .229259.2AIC February 6, 2025 (7:50pm)

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1978 (being Laws 1978, Chapter 35, Section 519, as amended) is amended to read:

"66-8-111. REFUSAL TO SUBMIT TO CHEMICAL TESTS--TESTING--
GROUNDS FOR REVOCATION OF LICENSE OR PRIVILEGE TO DRIVE.--

A. If a person under arrest for violation of an offense enumerated in the Motor Vehicle Code refuses upon request of a law enforcement officer to submit to chemical tests designated by the law enforcement agency as provided in Section 66-8-107 NMSA 1978, none shall be administered except when a municipal judge, magistrate or district judge issues a search warrant authorizing chemical tests as provided in Section 66-8-107 NMSA 1978 upon finding in a law enforcement officer's written affidavit that there is probable cause to believe that the person has driven a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol ~~HHHC~~→, ~~cannabis~~←~~HHHC~~ or a controlled substance thereby causing the death or great bodily injury of another person, or there is probable cause to believe that the person has committed a felony or misdemeanor while under the influence of alcohol ~~HHHC~~→, ~~cannabis~~←~~HHHC~~ or a controlled substance and that chemical tests as provided in Section 66-8-107 NMSA 1978 will produce material evidence in a [~~felony~~] criminal prosecution.

B. If a person under arrest for violation of an offense enumerated in the Motor Vehicle Code refuses upon request of a law enforcement officer to submit to chemical

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tests designated by the law enforcement agency as provided in Subsection A of this section and the person does not cause great bodily injury of another person or there is probable cause to believe the person has committed a misdemeanor while under the influence of alcohol HHHC→, ~~cannabis~~←HHHC or a controlled substance, the person's charge may be aggravated pursuant to the provisions of Section 66-8-102 NMSA 1978. The department, upon receipt of a statement signed under penalty of perjury from a law enforcement officer stating the officer's reasonable grounds to believe the arrested person had been driving a motor vehicle within this state while under the influence of intoxicating liquor HHHC→, ~~cannabis~~←HHHC or drugs and that, upon request, the person refused to submit to a chemical test after being advised that failure to submit could result in revocation of the person's privilege to drive, shall revoke the person's New Mexico driver's license or any nonresident operating privilege for a period of one year or until all conditions for license reinstatement are met, whichever is later.

C. The department, upon receipt of a statement signed under penalty of perjury from a law enforcement officer stating the officer's reasonable grounds to believe the arrested person had been driving a motor vehicle within this state while under the influence of intoxicating liquor and that the person submitted to chemical testing pursuant to Section

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66-8-107 NMSA 1978 and the test results indicated an alcohol concentration in the person's blood or breath of eight one hundredths or more if the person is twenty-one years of age or older, four one hundredths or more if the person is driving a commercial motor vehicle or two one hundredths or more if the person is less than twenty-one years of age, shall revoke the person's license or permit to drive or ~~his~~ the person's nonresident operating privilege for a period of:

(1) six months or until all conditions for license reinstatement are met, whichever is later, if the person is twenty-one years of age or older;

(2) one year or until all conditions for license reinstatement are met, whichever is later, if the person was less than twenty-one years of age at the time of the arrest, notwithstanding any provision of the Children's Code; or

(3) one year or until all conditions for license reinstatement are met, whichever is later, if the ~~person has previously had his~~ person's license has been revoked previously pursuant to the provisions of this section, notwithstanding the provisions of Paragraph (1) of this subsection.

D. The determination of alcohol concentration shall be based on the grams of alcohol in one hundred milliliters of blood or the grams of alcohol in two hundred ten liters of

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breath.

E. If the person subject to the revocation provisions of this section is a resident or will become a resident within one year and is without a license to operate a motor vehicle in this state, the department shall deny the issuance of a license to [him] the person for the appropriate period of time as provided in Subsections B and C of this section.

F. A statement signed by a law enforcement officer, pursuant to the provisions of Subsection B or C of this section, shall be sworn to by the officer or shall contain a declaration substantially to the effect: "I hereby declare under penalty of perjury that the information given in this statement is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.". The statement may be signed and submitted electronically in a manner and form approved by the department A law enforcement officer who signs a statement knowing that the statement is untrue in any material issue or matter is guilty of perjury as provided in Section 66-5-38 NMSA 1978. HHHC→"←HHHC

HHHC→G. As used in this section, "cannabis" means:

(1) all parts of the plant genus Cannabis containing a delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol concentration of more than three-tenths percent on a dry weight basis, whether growing or not; the seeds of the plant; the resin extracted from any part of the plant; and every compound, manufacture,

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~~salt, derivative, mixture or preparation of the plant, its seeds or its resin;~~

~~(2) cannabis extract, which:~~

~~(a) includes a product obtained by separating resins, tetrahydrocannabinols or other substances from cannabis by extraction methods approved by the cannabis control division of the regulation and licensing department; and~~

~~(b) does not include the weight of any other ingredient combined with cannabis extract to prepare topical or oral administrations, food, drink or another product; and~~

~~(3) a cannabis product that is or that contains cannabis or cannabis extract, including edible or topical products that may also contain other ingredients."~~←HHHC

SECTION HHHC→5.←HHHC HHHC→4.←HHHC Section 66-8-111.1 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1984, Chapter 72, Section 7, as amended) is amended to read:

"66-8-111.1. LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER AGENT FOR DEPARTMENT--WRITTEN NOTICE OF REVOCATION AND RIGHT TO HEARING.--

A. On behalf of the department, a law enforcement officer requesting a chemical test or directing the administration of a chemical test pursuant to [Section] Sections 66-8-107 and 66-8-111 NMSA 1978 shall serve immediate

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written notice of revocation and of right to a hearing before the administrative hearings office pursuant to the Implied Consent Act on a person who:

(1) refuses to permit chemical testing; or
(2) submits to a chemical test the results of which indicate an alcohol concentration in the person's blood or breath of:

(a) eight one hundredths or more if the person is twenty-one years of age or older;

(b) four one hundredths or more if the person is driving a commercial motor vehicle; or

(c) two one hundredths or more if the person is less than twenty-one years of age.

B. The written notice of revocation and of a right to a hearing served on the driver shall be a temporary license valid for twenty days or, if the driver requests a hearing pursuant to Section 66-8-112 NMSA 1978, valid until the date the administrative hearings office issues the order following that hearing; provided that a written notice of revocation and right to a hearing shall not be a temporary license for a driver without any otherwise valid driving privileges in this state.

C. The law enforcement officer shall send to the department the signed statement required pursuant to Section 66-8-111 NMSA 1978."

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SECTION HHC→6.←HHC HHC→5.←HHC Section 66-13-1 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2003, Chapter 241, Section 1) is amended to read:

"66-13-1. SHORT TITLE.--[Sections 1 through 13 of this act] Chapter 66, Article 13 NMSA 1978 may be cited as the "Boating While Intoxicated Act"."

SECTION HHC→7.←HHC HHC→6.←HHC Section 66-13-6 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2003, Chapter 241, Section 6) is amended to read:

"66-13-6. [~~BLOOD-ALCOHOL~~] CHEMICAL BLOOD TESTS--PERSONS QUALIFIED TO PERFORM TESTS--RELIEF FROM CIVIL AND CRIMINAL LIABILITY.--Only a physician, licensed professional or practical nurse, [~~or laboratory technician~~] emergency medical technician or certified phlebotomist or a technologist employed by a hospital or physician shall withdraw blood from a person in the performance of a [~~blood-alcohol or drug~~] chemical blood test. A physician, nurse, technician, phlebotomist or technologist who withdraws blood from a person in the performance of a [~~blood-alcohol or drug~~] chemical blood test that has been directed by a law enforcement officer, or by a judicial or probation officer, shall not be held liable in a civil or criminal action for assault, battery, false imprisonment or any conduct of a law enforcement officer, except for negligence, nor shall a person assisting in the performance of the test, or a hospital wherein blood is

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withdrawn in the performance of the test, be subject to civil or criminal liability for assault, battery, false imprisonment or any conduct of a law enforcement officer, except for negligence."

SECTION ~~HHHC~~→8.←~~HHHC~~ ~~HHHC~~→7.←~~HHHC~~ Section 66-13-7 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2003, Chapter 241, Section 7) is amended to read:

"66-13-7. [~~BLOOD-ALCOHOL~~] CHEMICAL BLOOD TEST--[~~LAW ENFORCEMENT, JUDICIAL OR PROBATION~~] OFFICER UNAUTHORIZED TO MAKE ARREST OR DIRECT TEST EXCEPT IN PERFORMANCE OF OFFICIAL DUTIES [~~AUTHORIZED BY LAW~~].--Nothing in the Boating While Intoxicated Act is intended to authorize a law enforcement officer, or a judicial or probation officer, to make an arrest or direct the performance of a [~~blood-alcohol or drug~~] chemical blood test, except in the performance of [~~his~~] that officer's official duties or as otherwise authorized by law."