

S 1816

A bill to amend title 23, United States Code, to modify a provision relating to minimum penalties for repeat offenders for driving while intoxicated or driving under the influence.

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Transportation and Public Works

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Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works. (Nov 7, 2011)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Lautenberg, Frank R. [D-NJ]

Party: Democratic • **State:** NJ • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (3 total)

| Cosponsor | Party / State | Role | Date Joined |
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| Sen. Udall, Tom [D-NM] | D · NM | | Nov 7, 2011 |
| Sen. Harkin, Tom [D-IA] | D · IA | | Dec 1, 2011 |
| Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA] | D · WA | | Jan 23, 2012 |

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
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| Environment and Public Works Committee | Senate | Referred To | Nov 7, 2011 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Transportation and Public Works

Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
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| 112 S 1813 | Related bill | Apr 24, 2012: See also H.R. 4348. |
| 112 HR 14 | Related bill | Mar 21, 2012: Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, Natural Resources, Energy and Commerce, Agriculture, Science, Space, and Technology, the Budget, Oversight and Government Reform, Financial Services, Education and the Workforce, and Foreign Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned. |
| 112 HR 3810 | Related bill | Jan 24, 2012: Referred to the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit. |

Amends the federal-aid highway program to modify the minimum penalties states are required to impose on motorists convicted multiple times for driving while intoxicated or under the influence of alcohol.

Requires repeat offenders to have: (1) all their driving privileges suspended (currently, a driver's license suspension) for at least one year; or (2) a combination of suspension of unlimited driving privileges for one year, allowing for reinstatement of limited driving privileges, subject to restrictions and limited exemptions as established under state law, if an ignition interlock device is installed for at least one year on each of the motor vehicles they own or operate.

Eliminates the current alternative of a combination of suspension of all driving privileges for the first 45 days of the suspension period followed by a reinstatement of limited driving privileges for the purpose of getting to and from work, school, or an alcohol treatment program if an ignition interlock device is installed on each of the motor vehicles owned or operated, or both, by the individual.

Actions Timeline

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