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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO INCREASE THE SENTENCES FOR REPEAT DWI
9 OFFENDERS AND TO PROVIDE FOR FORFEITURE OF A PERSON'S
10 VEHICLE AFTER A SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE OR FOR
11 DRIVING ON A SUSPENDED LICENSE DUE TO DRIVING WHILE
12 INTOXICATED; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

13 TO INCREASE THE SENTENCES FOR REPEAT DWI
14 OFFENDERS AND TO PROVIDE FOR FORFEITURE
15 OF A PERSON'S VEHICLE AFTER A SECOND OR
16 SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE OR FOR DRIVING ON A
17 SUSPENDED LICENSE DUE TO DRIVING WHILE
18 INTOXICATED.

19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

20 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 5-65-105 is amended to read as follows:

21 5-65-105. Operation of motor vehicle during period of license
22 suspension or revocation.

23 ~~Any~~ A person whose privilege to operate a motor vehicle has been
24 suspended or revoked under a ~~provision of this act~~ this subchapter and § 5-
25 65-201 et seq. who operates a motor vehicle in this state during the period
26 of the suspension or revocation upon conviction is guilty of an unclassified
27 misdemeanor and:

28 (1) shall ~~shall~~ be imprisoned for ten (10) days; and

1 (2) ~~may~~ May be assessed a fine of not more than one thousand
2 dollars (\$1,000)-; and

3 (3) May have the person's motor vehicle that he or she was
4 operating during the period of the suspension or revocation of his or her
5 license seized and sold under § 5-65-117.

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7 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 5-65-111 is amended to read as follows:
8 5-65-111. Prison terms – Exception.

9 (a)(1)(A) Any person who pleads guilty or nolo contendere to or is
10 found guilty of violating § 5-65-103, for a first offense, is guilty of an
11 unclassified misdemeanor and may be imprisoned for no less than twenty-four
12 (24) hours and no more than one (1) year.

13 (B) However, the court may order public service in lieu of
14 ~~jail imprisonment~~, and in that instance, the court shall include the reasons
15 for the order of public service in lieu of ~~jail imprisonment~~ in the court's
16 written order or judgment.

17 (2)(A) However, if a passenger under sixteen (16) years of age
18 was in the motor vehicle at the time of the offense, a person who pleads
19 guilty or nolo contendere to or is found guilty of violating § 5-65-103, for
20 a first offense, is guilty of an unclassified misdemeanor and may be
21 imprisoned for no fewer than seven (7) days and no more than one (1) year.

22 (B) However, the court may order public service in lieu of
23 ~~jail imprisonment~~, and in that instance, the court shall include the reasons
24 for the order of public service in lieu of ~~jail imprisonment~~ in the court's
25 written order or judgment.

26 (b) Any person who pleads guilty or nolo contendere to or is found
27 guilty of violating § 5-65-103 after a first offense of violating § 5-65-103
28 or any other equivalent penal law of another state or foreign jurisdiction
29 shall be imprisoned or shall be ordered to perform public service in lieu of
30 ~~jail imprisonment~~ as follows:

31 (1)(A) For no fewer than seven (7) days but no more than one (1)
32 year for the second offense ~~occurring within five (5) years of the first~~
33 ~~offense~~ or no fewer than thirty (30) days of community service and the person
34 is guilty of an unclassified misdemeanor.

35 (B)(i) However, if a person under sixteen (16) years of
36 age was in the motor vehicle at the time of the second offense, for no fewer

1 than thirty (30) days but no more than one (1) year for the second offense
 2 ~~occurring within five (5) years of the first offense~~ or no fewer than sixty
 3 (60) days of community service and the person is guilty of an unclassified
 4 misdemeanor.

5 (ii) If the court orders community service, the
 6 court shall clearly set forth in written findings the reasons for the order
 7 of community service;

8 (2)(A) For no fewer than ~~ninety (90) days~~ one (1) year but no
 9 more than ~~one (1) year~~ six (6) years for the third offense ~~occurring within~~
 10 ~~five (5) years of the first offense or no fewer than ninety (90) days of~~
 11 ~~community service~~ and the person is guilty of an unclassified felony.

12 (B)(i) However, if a person under sixteen (16) years of
 13 age was in the motor vehicle at the time of the third offense, ~~for no fewer~~
 14 ~~than one hundred twenty days (120) days but no more than one (1) year for the~~
 15 ~~third offense occurring within five (5) years of the first offense or no~~
 16 ~~fewer than one hundred twenty (120) days of community service~~ the court may
 17 add an additional six (6) months to the person's sentence.

18 (ii) ~~If the court orders community service, the~~
 19 ~~court shall clearly set forth in written findings the reasons for the order~~
 20 ~~of community service;~~

21 (3)(A) ~~For at least one (1) year but no more than six (6) years~~
 22 ~~for the fourth offense occurring within five (5) years of the first offense~~
 23 ~~or not less than one (1) year of community service and is guilty of a felony~~
 24 For the fourth offense, the person is guilty of a Class C felony.

25 (B)(i) However, if a person under sixteen (16) years of
 26 age was in the motor vehicle at the time of the fourth offense, ~~for at least~~
 27 ~~two (2) years but no more than six (6) years for the fourth offense occurring~~
 28 ~~within five (5) years of the first offense or not less than two (2) years of~~
 29 ~~community service and is guilty of a felony~~ the court may add an additional
 30 one (1) year to the person's sentence.

31 (ii) ~~If the court orders community service, the~~
 32 ~~court shall clearly set forth in written findings the reasons for the order~~
 33 ~~of community service; and~~

34 (4)(A)(i) ~~For at least two (2) years but no more than ten (10)~~
 35 ~~years for the fifth or subsequent offense occurring within five (5) years of~~
 36 ~~the first offense or not less than two (2) years of community service and is~~

1 ~~guilty of a felony~~ For the fifth or subsequent offense, the person is guilty
 2 of a Class B felony.

3 ~~(ii) If the court orders community service, the~~
 4 ~~court shall clearly set forth in written findings the reasons for the order~~
 5 ~~of community service.~~

6 (B)~~(i)~~ However, if a person under sixteen (16) years of
 7 age was in the motor vehicle at the time of the fifth or subsequent offense,
 8 ~~for at least three (3) years but no more than ten (10) years for the fifth~~
 9 ~~offense occurring within five (5) years of the first offense or not less than~~
 10 ~~three (3) years of community service and is guilty of a felony~~ the court may
 11 add an additional three (3) years to the person's sentence.

12 ~~(ii) If the court orders community service, the~~
 13 ~~court shall clearly set forth in written findings the reasons for the order~~
 14 ~~of community service.~~

15 (c) For any arrest or offense occurring before ~~July 30, 1999,~~ the
 16 effective date of this act but that has not reached a final disposition as to
 17 judgment in court, the offense shall be decided under the law in effect at
 18 the time the offense occurred, and any defendant is subject to the penalty
 19 provisions in effect at that time and not under the provisions of this
 20 ~~section~~ act.

21 (d) It is an affirmative defense to prosecution under subdivisions
 22 (a)(2), (b)(1)(B), (b)(2)(B), (b)(3)(B), and (b)(4)(B) of this section that
 23 the person operating or in actual physical control of the motor vehicle was
 24 not more than two (2) years older than the passenger.

25 (e) A prior conviction for § 5-10-105(a)(1)(A) or (B) is considered a
 26 previous offense for purposes of subsection (b) of this section.

27
 28 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 5-65-112 is amended to read as follows:
 29 5-65-112. Fines.

30 Any person who pleads guilty or nolo contendere to or is found guilty
 31 of violating § 5-65-103 shall be fined:

32 (1) No less than one hundred fifty dollars (\$150) and no more
 33 than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for the first offense;

34 (2) No less than four hundred dollars (\$400) and no more than
 35 three thousand dollars (\$3,000) for the second offense ~~occurring within five~~
 36 ~~(5) years of the first offense; and~~

1 (3) No less than nine hundred dollars (\$900) and no more than
2 five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for the third ~~or subsequent~~ offense ~~occurring~~
3 ~~within five (5) years of the first offense.;~~

4 (4) No less than one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) and
5 no more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) for the fourth offense, in
6 addition to the fine authorized in § 5-4-201 for a Class C felony; and

7 (5) No less than three thousand dollars (\$3,000) and no more
8 than fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) for the fifth or subsequent offense,
9 in addition to the fine authorized in § 5-4-201 for a Class B felony.

10 (b) For any arrest or offense occurring before the effective date of
11 this act, but that has not reached a final disposition as to judgment in
12 court, the offense shall be decided under the law in effect at the time the
13 offense occurred, and any defendant is subject to the penalty provisions in
14 effect at that time and not under the provisions of this act.

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16 SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 5-65-117(a), concerning the seizure and
17 sale of motor vehicles driven by persons convicted of driving while
18 intoxicated, is amended to read as follows:

19 (a)(1)(A) Any person who pleads guilty or nolo contendere or is found
20 guilty of violating § 5-65-103 for a ~~fourth~~ second or subsequent offense
21 occurring within three (3) years of ~~the first~~ a prior offense, or of
22 violating § 5-65-105, at the discretion of the court, may have his or her
23 motor vehicle seized.

24 (B) If the motor vehicle is seized, the title to the motor
25 vehicle is forfeited to the state.

26 (2)(A) If ordered by the court, ~~it is the duty of the~~ county
27 sheriff of the county where the offense described in subdivision (a)(1) of
28 this section occurred ~~to~~ shall seize the motor vehicle.

29 (B) The court may issue an order directing the sheriff to
30 sell the motor vehicle seized at a public auction to the highest bidder
31 within thirty (30) days from the date of the judgment seizing the motor
32 vehicle.

33 Referred by the Arkansas House of Representatives

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