

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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A Bill

SENATE BILL 217

5 By: Senator Altes
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE STATUTE REQUIRING A CHEMICAL
10 TEST OF THE BLOOD, BREATH, OR URINE OF THE DRIVER
11 INVOLVED IN AN ACCIDENT IN WHICH DEATH HAS
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13 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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16 BREATH, OR URINE OF THE DRIVER INVOLVED
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 5-65-208 is amended to read as follows:

25 5-65-208. Collisions – Testing required.

26 (a)(1) When the driver of a motor vehicle is involved in an accident
27 resulting in loss of human life or when there is reason to believe death may
28 result, ~~and there exists probable cause to believe that the driver is guilty~~
29 ~~of a violation of the state's law prohibiting driving while under the~~
30 ~~influence,~~ in addition to a penalty established elsewhere under state law, a
31 chemical test of the driver's blood, breath, or urine shall be administered
32 to the driver, even if fatally injured, to determine the presence of and
33 percentage of concentration of alcohol or the presence of drugs, or both, in
34 the driver's body.

35 (b)(1) The ~~police officer~~ law enforcement agency ~~who that responds to~~
36 investigates the collision, the physician in attendance, or any other person



1 ~~designated by state law who was present when the death occurred,~~ shall order
2 the chemical test as soon as practicable.

3 (2)(A) The medical personnel who conducted the chemical test
4 under subsection (a) of this section of the driver's blood, breath, or urine
5 shall forward the results of the chemical test to the Department of Arkansas
6 State Police, and the department shall establish and maintain the results of
7 the analyses required by subsection (a) of this section in a database.

8 (B) The information in the database shall reflect the
9 number of fatal motor vehicle accidents in which:

10 (i) Alcohol was found to be a factor, with the
11 percentage of alcohol concentration involved;

12 (ii) Drugs were found to be a factor, listing the
13 class of drugs so found and their amounts; and

14 (iii) Both alcohol and drugs were found to be
15 factors, with the percentage of alcohol concentration involved, and listing
16 the class of drugs so found and their amounts.

17 (c) The results of the analyses required by this section shall be
18 reported to the department and may be used by state and local officials only
19 for statistical purposes that do not reveal the identity of the deceased
20 person or for any law enforcement purpose, including prosecution for the
21 violation of any law.

22 /s/ Altes
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