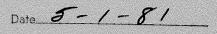
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ENROLLED Senate Bill No. 711-S

(By Mr. BOETTNER, Mr. ASH, MS. CHACE, MR. HECK, Mr. HOLLIDAY, Mr. MCCUNE and Mr. WHITE)

[Passed April 11, 1981; in effect September 1, 1981.]

AN ACT to repeal sections four, five, six, seven and eight, article five-a, and article five-b, chapter seventeen-c; to amend and reenact sections seven and eight, article two, and sections five, eight and nine, article three, chapter seventeen-b; to amend and reenact section two, article five, and to further amend said article by adding thereto eight new sections, designated sections two-a, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine and ten; to amend and reenact sections one, two, three and four, article five-a, chapter seventeen-c; to amend article six, chapter sixty by adding thereto a new section, designated section twenty-four, all of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to driving a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol, controlled substances or drugs generally; requiring that applicants for a license to operate a motor vehicle shall be tested on their knowledge of the effects of alcohol upon persons and the dangers of driving a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol; prescribing the form and content of a license to operate a motor vehicle and requiring licenses to be marked so as to indicate past violations resulting in suspension; setting forth the grounds for mandatory revocation of licenses upon conviction of certain offenses; placing limitations on the period of suspension; providing for the surrender and return of licenses and the willful refusal to return a license and fees in connection therewith; defining criminal offenses involving driving a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, controlled substances or drugs and setting forth the penalties therefor;

providing for implied consent to blood alcohol tests and the administration of such tests: defining the term "law-enforcement officer"; prescribing how preliminary breath analysis to be administered and how the results thereof are to be used; describing how blood tests are administered, and granting immunities to persons administering tests; permitting persons to refuse to take tests upon being warned of penalties for refusal; providing administrative penalties for refusal and allowing right to hearing before suspension; setting forth hearing procedure; providing for judicial review of suspension based on refusal to submit to tests; providing for the interpretation and use of chemical tests and describing presumptions arising from such tests; granting person arrested the right to demand test; allowing fee for withdrawing blood sample and permitting recovery of fee upon conviction; providing for implied consent to administrative procedures dealing with suspension and revocation of licenses; allowing temporary suspension and subsequent revocation of license; setting forth hearing procedures; defining the scope of the hearing; providing for findings to be made prior to revocation of license; providing for order of suspension and judicial review of the same; establishing a safety and treatment program for persons violating article; providing a procedure for reissuance of revoked license; requiring commissioner to report prior offenses to police officer submitting report of violations; establishing penalties to be imposed on officer or commissioner for failure to file affidavits or mail reports within time periods prescribed; requirement for posting informational sign in establishments selling alcoholic beverages or nonintoxicating beer.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That sections four, five, six, seven and eight, article five-a, and article five-b, chapter seventeen-c be repealed; that sections seven and eight, article two, and sections five, eight and nine, article three, chapter seventeen-b be amended and reenacted; that section two, article five, chapter seventeen-c be amended and reenacted, and that said article be further amended by adding thereto eight new sections, designated sections two-a, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine and ten; and that sections one, two, three and four, article five-a, chapter seventeen-c be amended and reenacted; and that article six, chapter sixty be amended by adding thereto a new section, designated section twenty-four, all to read as follows:

CHAPTER 17B. MOTOR VEHICLE OPERATOR'S AND CHAUFFEUR'S LICENSES.

ARTICLE 2. ISSUANCE OF LICENSE, EXPIRATION AND RENEWAL.

§17B-2-7. Examination of applicants.

(a) Upon the exhibiting by the applicant under the age of 1 2 eighteen years, of his or her birth certificate, or a certified 3 copy thereof, as evidence that the applicant is of lawful age, the department of public safety shall examine every applicant 4 for a license to operate a motor vehicle in this state, except as 5 otherwise provided in this section. Such examination shall 6 include a test of the applicant's eyesight, his ability to read 7 and understand highway signs regulating, warning, and 8 directing traffic, his knowledge of the traffic laws of this state, 9 his knowledge of the effects of alcohol upon persons and the 10 11 dangers of driving a motor vehicle under the influence of 12 alcohol, and shall include an actual demonstration of ability to exercise ordinary and reasonable control in the operation 13 of a motor vehicle, and such further physical and mental 14 examination as the department of motor vehicles deems 15 16 necessary to determine the applicant's fitness to operate a 17 motor vehicle safely upon the highways.

18 (b) The commissioner shall adopt and promulgate regulations concerning the examination of applicants for 19 20 licenses and the qualifications required of such applicants, 21 and the examination of such applicants by the department of 22 public safety shall be in accordance with such regulations. 23Such regulations shall provide for the viewing of educational material or films on the effects of alcohol upon persons and 24 the dangers of driving a motor vehicle while under the 25influence of alcohol. 26

§17B-2-8. Issuance and contents of licenses; license fees.

On and after the first day of January, one thousand nine 1 2 hundred eighty-two, the department shall, upon payment of 3 the required fee, issue to every applicant qualifying therefor 4 an operator's or chauffeur's license which license shall 5 contain a coded number assigned to the licensee, the full name, date of birth, residence address, a brief description and 6 7 a color photograph of the licensee and either a facsimile of the signature of the licensee or a space upon which the signature 8 of the licensee shall be written with pen and ink immediately 9 upon receipt of the license. No license shall be valid until it 10

has been so signed by the licensee. The department shall use 11 12 such process or processes in the issuance of licenses that will, insofar as possible, prevent any alteration, counterfeiting, 13 14 duplication, reproduction, forging, or modification of, or the superimposition of a photograph on, such license. The color 15 16 photograph shall be contained on all licenses issued on and after the first day of January, one thousand nine hundred 17 18 eighty-two, and upon every such license issued under the provisions of section twelve of this article. 19

The fee for the issuance of an operator's license shall be ten
dollars. The fee for the issuance of a chauffeur's license shall
be fifteen dollars.

23 The department of motor vehicles shall mark any license 24 which is reissued following a suspension of a person's license 25to operate a motor vehicle in this state with the type of 26 violation for which the original license was suspended and 27shall indicate the date of the violation. For purposes of this section, any conviction under the provisions of subsections 28 29(a) and (b) of the prior enactment of section two, article five, chapter seventeen-c of this code which offense was 30 31 committed within a period of five years immediately preceding the effective date of the present section two, article 32five, chapter seventeen-c, shall be treated as a violation to 33 which this section is applicable and suspensions based on 34 35 such convictions shall be marked on licenses which are 36 hereafter reissued.

ARTICLE 3. CANCELLATION, SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF LICENSES.

§17B-3-5. Grounds for mandatory revocation of license by department.

1 The department shall forthwith revoke the license of any 2 operator or chauffeur upon receiving a record of such 3 operator's or chauffeur's conviction of any of the following

4 offenses, when such conviction has become final:

5 (1) Manslaughter or negligent homicide resulting from the6 operation of a motor vehicle;

7 (2) Any felony in the commission of which a motor vehicle8 is used;

9 (3) Failure to stop and render aid as required under the
10 laws of this state in the event of involvement in a motor
11 vehicle accident resulting in the death or personal injury of
12 another;

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(4) Perjury or the making of a false affidavit or statement
under oath to the department under this chapter or under any
other law relating to the ownership or operation of motor
vehicles;

17 (5) Conviction, or forfeiture of bail not vacated, upon three
18 charges of reckless driving committed within a period of
19 twenty-four months;

20 (6) Nothing herein shall prohibit the department from
21 exercising its authority to revoke or suspend a person's
22 license to drive a motor vehicle in this state as provided in
23 article seventeen-c of this chapter.

§17B-3-8. Period of suspension or revocation.

The department shall not suspend a driver's license or
 privilege to drive a motor vehicle on the public highways for a
 period of more than one year, except as provided in chapter

4 seventeen-c of this code.

§17B-3-9. Surrender and return of license; willful refusal to return; additional fee for reinstatement.

1 The department upon suspending or revoking a license 2 shall require that such license shall be surrendered to and be retained by the department, except that at the end of the 3 4 period of suspension such license so surrendered shall be returned to the licensee: Provided, That, before such license 5 6 may be reinstated, the licensee shall pay a fee of fifteen dollars, in addition to all other fees and charges, which fee 7 8 shall be collected by the department and deposited in a 9 special revolving fund to be appropriated to the department for use in the enforcement of the provisions of this section. If 10 any person shall willfully fail to return to the department 11 such suspended or revoked license, the commissioner shall 12 forthwith notify the superintendent of the department of 13 14 public safety who shall, without delay, secure possession thereof and return same to the department. Said 15 16 superintendent of the department of public safety shall make a report in writing to the commissioner, within two weeks 17 18 after being so notified by the commissioner, as to the result of 19 his efforts to secure the possession and return of such license. For each license which shall have been suspended or revoked 20and which the holder thereof shall have willfully failed to 21 22return to the department within ten days from the time that 23such suspension or revocation becomes effective and which

24 shall have been certified to the superintendent of the 25department of public safety as aforesaid, the holder thereof, 26before the same may be reinstated, in addition to all other fees 27 and charges, shall pay a fee of fifteen dollars, which shall be 28 collected by the department of motor vehicles and paid into 29the state treasury and credited to the general fund to be 30 appropriated to the department of public safety for 31 application in the enforcement of the road laws.

CHAPTER 17C. TRAFFIC REGULATIONS AND LAWS OF THE ROAD.

ARTICLE 5. SERIOUS TRAFFIC OFFENSES.

§17C-5-2. Driving under influence of alcohol, controlled substances or drugs; penalties.

1 (a) Any person who, while under the influence of alcohol, 2 or under the influence of any controlled substance, or under 3 the influence of any other drug to a degree which renders him 4 incapable of safely driving, or under the combined influence of alcohol and any controlled substance or any other drug to a 5 6 degree which renders him incapable of safely driving, drives 7 a vehicle in this state, and when so driving does any act forbidden by law or fails to perform any duty imposed by law 8 9 in the driving of such vehicle, which act or failure proximately causes the death of any person within one year 10 next following such act or failure, if such act or failure be 11 12 committed in reckless disregard of the safety of others, and if 13 the influence of alcohol, controlled substances or drugs is 14 shown to be a contributing cause to the death, shall be guilty 15 of a felony, and upon conviction thereof shall be confined in 16 the penitentiary for not less than one nor more than three years and shall be fined not less than one thousand dollars. 17

18 (b) Any person who, while under the influence of alcohol, 19 or under the influence of any controlled substance, or under 20the influence of any other drug to a degree which renders him 21incapable of safely driving, or under the combined influence 22of alcohol and any controlled substance or any other drug to a 23degree which renders him incapable of safely driving, drives 24a vehicle in this state, and when so driving does any act 25forbidden by law or neglects any duty imposed by law in the 26driving of such vehicle, which act or neglect proximately 27causes the death of any person within one year next following 28such act, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon

29 conviction thereof shall be confined in the county jail for not
30 less than ninety days nor more than one year and shall be
31 fined not less than five hundred dollars nor more than one
32 thousand dollars.

(c) Any person who, while under the influence of alcohol, 33 34 or under the influence of any controlled substance, or under the influence of any other drug to a degree which renders him 35 36 incapable of safely driving, or under the combined influence of alcohol and any controlled substance or any other drug to a 37 degree which renders him incapable of safely driving, drives 38 39 a vehicle in this state, and when so driving does any act 40 forbidden by law or neglects any duty imposed by law in the 41 driving of such vehicle, which act or neglect proximately 42 causes bodily injury to any person other than himself, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be 43 confined in the county jail for a period of not less than one 44 45 day nor more than one year, which jail term shall include 46 actual confinement of not less than twenty-four hours, and shall be fined not less than two hundred dollars nor more 47 than one thousand dollars. 48

(d) Any person who, while under the influence of alcohol, 49 50 or under the influence of any controlled substance, or under the influence of any other drug to a degree which renders him 51 52incapable of safely driving, or under the combined influence 53 of alcohol and any controlled substance or any other drug to a degree which renders him incapable of safely driving, drives 54 55 a vehicle in this state, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and 56 upon conviction thereof shall be confined in the county jail for a period of not less than one day nor more than six 57 months, which jail term shall include actual confinement of 58 not less than twenty-four hours, and shall be fined not less 59 than one hundred dollars nor more than five hundred dollars. 60

61 (e) Any person who, being an habitual user of narcotic
62 drugs or amphetamine or any derivative thereof, drives a
63 vehicle in this state, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and
64 upon conviction thereof shall be confined in the county jail
65 for not more than six months.

(f) Any person who knowingly permits his vehicle to be
driven in this state by any other person who is under the
influence of alcohol, or under the influence of any controlled
substance, or under the influence of any other drug to a
degree which renders him incapable of safely driving, or
under the combined influence of alcohol and any controlled

72 substance or any other drug to a degree which renders him 73 incapable of safely driving, or is an habitual user of narcotic 74 drugs or amphetamine or any derivative thereof shall be 75 guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be 76 confined in the county jail for not more than six months and 77 shall be fined not less than one hundred dollars nor more than 78 five hundred dollars.

(g) Any person violating any provision of subsection (b),
(c), (d), (e) or (f) of this section shall, for the second offense
under this section, be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon
conviction thereof, shall be imprisoned in the county jail for a
period of not less than six months nor more than one year.

(h) A person violating any provision of subsection (b), (c),
(d), (e) or (f) of this section shall, for the third or any
subsequent offense under this section, be guilty of a felony,
and, upon conviction thereof, shall be imprisoned in the
penitentiary for not less than one nor more than three years.

(i) For purposes of subsections (g) and (h) of this section
relating to second, third and subsequent offenses, any
conviction under the provisions of subsections (a) or (b) of the
prior enactment of this section which occurred within a
period of five years immediately preceding the effective date
of this section, shall be regarded as convictions under
subsections (d) or (f) of this section.

96 (j) The fact that any person charged with a violation of
97 subsection (a), (b), (c), (d) or (e) of this section is or has been
98 legally entitled to use alcohol, a controlled substance or a
99 drug shall not constitute a defense against any charge of
100 violating subsection (a), (b), (c), (d) or (e) of this section.

101 (k) For purposes of this section, the term "controlled102 substance" shall have the meaning ascribed to it in chapter103 sixty-a of this code.

(l) The sentences provided herein upon conviction of a
violation of this article are mandatory and shall not be subject
to suspension or probation, except that the court may provide
for community service, or work release alternatives, or
weekends or part-time confinements.

§17C-5-2a. Phrases synonymous with driving under the influence of alcohol; validation of warrants and indictments.

(a) When used in this code, the terms or phrases "driving
 under the influence of intoxicating liquor," "driving or

3 operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated," "for any person
4 who is under the influence of intoxicating liquor to drive any
5 vehicle," or any similar term or phrase shall be construed to
6 mean and be synonymous with the term or phrase "while
7 under the influence of alcohol . . . drives a vehicle" as the
8 latter term or phrase is used in section two of this article.

9 (b) From and after the effective date of this section, a
10 warrant or indictment which charges or alleges the offense
11 prohibited by the provisions of section two of this article and
12 which warrant or indictment uses any of the terms or phrases
13 set forth in subsection (a) of this section shall not thereby be
14 fatally defective if such warrant or indictment otherwise
15 informs the person so accused of the charges against him.

§17C-5-4. Implied consent to test; administration at direction of law-enforcement officer; designation of type of test; definition of law-enforcement officer.

1 Any person who drives a motor vehicle upon the public 2 streets or highways of this state shall be deemed to have given 3 his consent by the operation thereof, subject to the provisions 4 of this article, to a preliminary breath analysis and a 5 secondary chemical test of either his blood, breath or urine 6 for the purposes of determining the alcoholic content of his 7 blood. A preliminary breath analysis may be administered in 8 accordance with the provisions of section five of this article whenever a police officer has reasonable cause to believe a 9 10 person to have been driving a motor vehicle upon the public streets and highways while under the influence of alcohol, 11 12 controlled substances or drugs as prohibited by section two 13 of this article. A secondary test of blood, breath or urine shall be incidental to a lawful arrest and shall be administered at 14 15 the direction of the arresting law-enforcement officer having reasonable grounds to believe the person to have been 16 17 driving a motor vehicle upon the public streets or highways 18 while under the influence of alcohol, controlled substances or 19 drugs as prohibited by section two of this article. The 20law-enforcement agency by which such law-enforcement 21officer is employed shall designate which one of the aforesaid 22 secondary tests shall be administered: Provided, That if the 23test so designated is a blood test and the person so arrested refuses to submit to such blood test, then the 24 law-enforcement officer making such arrest shall designate in 2526 lieu thereof, either a breath or urine test be administered, and

27 notwithstanding the provisions of section seven of this 28 article, such refusal to submit to a blood test only shall not 29 result in the suspension of the arrested person's license to 30 operate a motor vehicle in this state. Any person to whom a 31 preliminary breath test is administered who is then arrested 32 shall be told that his refusal to submit to the secondary test 33 finally designated as provided in this section, will result in the suspension of his license to operate a motor vehicle in this 34 35 state for a period of one year.

36 For the purposes of this article the term "law-enforcement 37 officer" shall mean and be limited to (1) any member of the department of public safety of this state, (2) any sheriff and 38 39 any deputy sheriff of any county, and (3) any member of a 40 municipal police department in any Class I, Class II or Class 41 III city, as cities are classified in section three, article one, 42 chapter eight of this code. If any Class I, Class II or Class III 43 city does not have available to its law-enforcement officers 44 the testing equipment or facilities necessary to conduct any 45 secondary test which a law-enforcement officer may 46 administer under this article, any member of the department 47 of public safety, the sheriff of the county wherein the arrest is 48 made or any deputy of such sheriff, may, upon the request of 49 such arresting law-enforcement officer and in his presence, 50 conduct such secondary test and the results of such test may be used in evidence to the same extent and in the same 51 52 manner as if such test had been conducted by such arresting 53 law-enforcement officer. Only the person actually 54 administering or conducting such test shall be competent to 55 testify as to the results and the veracity of such test.

§17C-5-5. Preliminary analysis of breath to determine alcoholic content of blood.

1 When a police officer has reason to believe a person to have 2 been driving a motor vehicle upon the public streets and highways of this state while under the influence of alcohol, 3 4 controlled substances or drugs, the police officer may require 5 such person to submit to a preliminary breath analysis for the purpose of determining such person's blood alcohol content. 6 7 Such breath analysis must be administered as soon as possible after the police officer has a reasonable belief that 8 the person has been driving while under the influence of 9 alcohol, controlled substances or drugs. Any preliminary 10 11 breath analysis required under this section must be

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administered with a device and in a manner approved by the 12 13 department of health for that purpose. The results of a 14 preliminary breath analysis shall be used solely for the purpose of guiding the officer in deciding whether an arrest 15 should be made. When a driver is arrested following a 16 17 preliminary breath analysis, the tests as hereinafter provided 18 in this article shall be administered in accordance with the provisions thereof. 19

§17C-5-6. How blood test administered; additional test at option of person tested; use of test results; certain immunity from liability incident to administering test.

1 Only a doctor of medicine or osteopathy, or registered 2 nurse, or trained medical technician at the place of his employment, acting at the request and direction of the 3 4 law-enforcement officer, may withdraw blood for the purpose of determining the alcoholic content thereof. These 5 6 limitations shall not apply to the taking of a breath test or a 7 urine specimen. In withdrawing blood for the purpose of 8 determining the alcoholic content thereof, only a previously unused and sterile needle and sterile vessel may be utilized 9 10 and the withdrawal shall otherwise be in strict accord with accepted medical practices. A nonalcoholic antiseptic shall 11 12be used for cleansing the skin prior to venapuncture. The 13person tested may, at his own expense, have a doctor of 14 medicine or osteopathy, or registered nurse, or trained medical technician at the place of his employment, of his own 1516 choosing, administer a chemical test in addition to the test administered at the direction of the law-enforcement officer. 17 18 Upon the request of the person who is tested, full information 19 concerning the test taken at the direction of the 20law-enforcement officer shall be made available to him. No person who administers any such test upon the request of a 2122law-enforcement officer as herein defined, no hospital in or 23with which such person is employed or is otherwise 24 associated or in which such test is administered, and no other 25person, firm or corporation by whom or with which such 26person is employed or is in any way associated, shall be in 27anywise criminally liable for the administration of such test, or civilly liable in damages to the person tested unless for 28 29 gross negligence or willful or wanton injury.

§17C-5-7. Refusal to submit to tests; suspension of license or privilege; consent not withdrawn if person arrested is incapable of refusal; hearing procedures; judicial review.

(a) If any person under arrest as specified in section four 1 of this article refuses to submit to any secondary chemical 2 3 test, the tests shall not be given: *Provided*, That prior to such refusal, the person is given a written statement advising him 4 of the possible criminal and civil penalties for such refusal. 5 The officer shall within twenty-four hours of such refusal. 6 submit to the commissioner of motor vehicles a sworn 7 statement of the officer that (1) he had reasonable grounds to 8 believe such person had been driving a motor vehicle upon 9 the public streets and highways of this state while under the 10 influence of alcohol, controlled substances or drugs, (2) such 11 person was lawfully placed under arrest for the offense of 12 13 driving a motor vehicle upon the public streets or highways of this state while under the influence of alcohol, controlled 14 substances or drugs, (3) such person refused to submit to the 15 secondary test finally designated in the manner provided in 16 section four of this article and (4) such person was told that 17 his license to operate a motor vehicle in this state would be 18 suspended for a period of one year if he refused to submit to 19 the secondary test finally designated in the manner provided 20 in section four of this article. The commissioner shall make 21 and enter an order suspending such person's license to 2223 operate a motor vehicle in this state for a period of one year. A copy of such order shall be forwarded to such person by 24 registered or certified mail, return receipt requested. No such 25suspension shall become effective until ten days after receipt 26 of the copy of such order. Any person who is unconscious or 2728 who is otherwise in a condition rendering him incapable of refusal, shall be deemed not to have withdrawn his consent 2930 for a test of his blood, breath or urine as provided in section one of this article and the test may be administered although¹ 31 such person is not told that his failure to submit to the test 32will result in the suspension of his license to operate a motor 33 34 vehicle in this state for a period of one year.

35 A suspension hereunder shall run concurrently with the 36 period of any suspension or revocation imposed in 37 accordance with other provisons of this code and growing out 38 of the same incident which gave rise to the arrest for driving a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, controlled
substances or drugs and the subsequent refusal to undergo
the test finally designated in accordance with the provisions
of section four of this article.

(b) Upon the written request of a person whose license to 43 operate a motor vehicle in this state has been suspended 44 under the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, the 45 commissioner of motor vehicles shall afford the person an 46 opportunity to be heard. Such written request must be filed 47 with the commissioner in person or by registered or certified 48 49 mail, return receipt requested, within ten days after receipt of a copy of the order of suspension. The hearing shall be before 50 said commissioner or authorized deputy or agent of said 51 commissioner, and all of the pertinent provisions of article 52 five, chapter twenty-nine-a of this code shall apply to and 53 54 govern the hearing and the administrative procedures in connection with and following such hearing, with like effect 55 as if the provisions of said article five were set forth in 56 extenso in this section, except that in the case of a resident of 57 this state the hearing shall be held in the county wherein the 58 59 person resides unless the commissioner or his authorized deputy or agent and such person agree that the hearing may 60 be held in some other county. Any such hearing shall be held 61 within twenty days after the date upon which the 62 commissioner received the timely written request therefor, 63 unless there is a postponement or continuance. The 64 commissioner may postpone or continue any hearing on his 65 own motion, or upon application of such person for good 66 cause shown. For the purpose of conducting such hearing, 67 the commissioner shall have the power and authority to issue 68 subpoenas and subpoenas duces tecum in accordance with 69 the provisions of section one, article five, chapter 70 twenty-nine-a of this code. All subpoenas and subpoenas 71duces tecum shall be issued and served within the time and 72for the fees and shall be enforced, as specified in section one, 73 article five of said chapter twenty-nine-a, and all of the said 74 section one provisions dealing with subpoenas and 75 subpoenas duces tecum shall apply to subpoenas and 76 subpoenas duces tecum issued for the purpose of a hearing 77 hereunder. 78

The scope of such hearing shall be (1) whether the arrestinglaw-enforcement officer had reasonable grounds to believe

such person had been driving a motor vehicle upon the public 81 streets or highways of this state while under the influence of 82 alcohol, controlled substances or drugs, (2) whether such 83 person was lawfully placed under arrest for the offense of 84 85 driving a motor vehicle upon the public streets or highways of this state while under the influence of alcohol, controlled 86 substances or drugs, (3) whether such person refused to 87 submit to the secondary test finally designated in the manner 88 provided in section four of this article, and (4) whether such 89 person had been told that his license to operate a motor 90 vehicle in this state would be suspended for a period of one 91 year if he refused to submit to the test finally designated in 92 the manner provided in section four of this article. 93

After such hearing and consideration of all of the 94 testimony, evidence and record in the case, the commissioner 95 shall make and enter an order affirming or rescinding his 96 earlier order of suspension. The commissioner shall affirm his 97 earlier order of suspension if he finds that (1) the arresting 98 law-enforcement officer had reasonable grounds to believe 99 such person had been driving a motor vehicle upon the public 100 streets or highways of this state while under the influence of 101 alcohol, controlled substances or drugs, (2) such person was 102 lawfully placed under arrest for the offense of driving a motor 103 104 vehicle upon the public streets or highways of the state while 105 under the influence of alcohol, controlled substances or drugs, (3) such person refused to submit to the test finally 106 107 designated in the manner provided in section four of this article, and (4) such person had been told that his license to 108 operate a motor vehicle in this state would be suspended for a 109 110 period of one year if he refused to submit to the test finally designated in the manner provided in section four of this 111 112 article. If the commissioner finds to the contrary with respect to any one of the above issues, he shall rescind his earlier 113 114 order of suspension. 115 A copy of the commissioner's order made and entered

following the hearing shall be served upon such person by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested. The commissioner shall not stay enforcement of the order; and pending appeal, the court to which such appeal is made, may grant a stay or supersedeas of such order only upon motion and hearing, and a finding by the court upon the evidence presented, that there is a reasonable probability that the

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appellant shall prevail upon the merits, and that the appellantwill suffer irreparable harm if such order is not staved.

125 (c) If the commissioner shall after hearing make and enter 126 an order affirming his earlier order of suspension, such 127 person shall be entitled to judicial review thereof. All of the 128 pertinent provisions of section four, article five, chapter 129 twenty-nine-a of this code shall apply to and govern such 130 review with like effect as if the provisions of said section four 131 were set forth in extenso in this section. The judgment of the 132 circuit court shall be final unless reversed on appeal to the 133 supreme court of appeals, in accordance with the provisions 134 of section one, article six, chapter twenty-nine-a of this code, except that notwithstanding the provisions of said section 135 one, the petition seeking such review must be filed with said 136 137 supreme court of appeals within thirty days from the date of entry of the judgment of the circuit court. 138

§17C-5-8. Interpretation and use of chemical test.

1 Upon trial for the offense of driving a motor vehicle on the 2 public streets or highways of this state while under the 3 influence of alcohol, controlled substances or drugs, or upon the trial of any civil or criminal action arising out of acts 4 5 alleged to have been committed by any person while driving a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, controlled 6 7 substances or drugs, evidence of the amount of alcohol in the person's blood at the time of the arrest or of the acts alleaged, 8 9 as shown by a chemical analysis of his blood, breath or urine, is admissible, if the sample or specimen was taken within two 10 hours from and after the time of arrest or of the acts alleged, 11 and shall give rise to the following presumptions or have the 12 following effect: 13

(a) Evidence that there was, at that time, five hundredths
of one percent or less, by weight, of alcohol in his blood, shall
be prima facie evidence that the person was not under the
influence of intoxicating liquor;

(b) Evidence that there was, at that time, more than five
hundredths of one percent and less than ten hundredths of
one percent, by weight, of alcohol in the person's blood shall
be relevant evidence, but it is not to be given prima facie
effect in indicating whether the person was under the
influence of intoxicating liquor;

24 (c) Evidence that there was, at that time, ten hundredths 25 of one percent or more, by weight, of alcohol in his blood,

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26 shall be admitted as prima facie evidence that the person was

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27 under the influence of intoxicating liquor.

28 Percent by weight of alcohol in the blood shall be based29 upon milligrams of alcohol per one hundred cubic30 centimeters of blood.

A chemical analysis of a person's blood, breath or urine, 31 in order to give rise to the presumptions or to have the effect 32 33 provided for in subdivisions (a), (b) and (c) of this section, must be performed in accordance with methods and 34 standards approved by the state department of health. A 35 36 chemical analysis of blood or urine to determine the alcoholic content of blood shall be conducted by a qualified laboratory 37 38 or by the state police scientific laboratory, of the criminal identification bureau of the department of public safety. 39

40 The provisions of this article shall not limit the introduction 41 in any administrative or judicial proceeding of any other 42 competent evidence bearing on the question of whether the 43 person was under the influence of alcohol, controlled 44 substances or drugs.

§17C-5-9. Right to demand test.

Any person lawfully arrested for driving a motor vehicle on the public streets or highways of this state while under the influence of alcohol, controlled substances or drugs who is lawfully arrested as aforesaid by a police officer, shall have the right to demand that a sample or specimen of his blood, breath or urine be taken within two hours from and after the time of arrest, and that a chemical test thereof be made. The analysis disclosed by such chemical test shall be made available to such arrested person forthwith upon demand.

§17C-5-10. Fee for withdrawing blood sample and making urine test; payment of fees.

1 A reasonable fee shall be allowed to the person 2 withdrawing a blood sample or administering a urine test at 3 the request and direction of a law-enforcement officer in 4 accordance with the provisions of this article. If the person 5 whose blood sample was withdrawn or whose urine was 6 tested was arrested and charged with a violation of 7 subsection (a) of section two, article five of this chapter, the 8 county having venue of such charge shall pay said fee, and if 9 said person is subsequently convicted of such charge, such 10 fee shall be taxed as a part of the costs of the criminal 11 proceeding and shall be paid, notwithstanding any other 12 provision of this code to the contrary, into the general fund of 13 said county. If the person whose blood sample was 14 withdrawn or whose urine was tested was arrested and 15 charged with a violation of a similar ordinance of any 16 municipality, said municipality shall pay said fee, and if said 17 person is subsequently convicted of such charge, such fee 18 shall be taxed as a part of the costs of the criminal proceeding 19 and shall be paid, notwithstanding any other provision of this 20 code to the contrary, into the general fund of said 21 municipality.

- ARTICLE 5A. ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES FOR SUSPENSION AND REVOCATION OF LICENSES FOR DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL, CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES OR DRUGS.
- §17C-5A-1. Implied consent to administrative procedure; revocation for driving under the influence of alcohol, controlled substances or drugs or driving with alcoholic concentration in blood of ten hundredths of one percent (.10), or more, by weight; temporary suspension of license.

1 (a) Any person who drives a motor vehicle upon the public 2 streets or highways of this state shall be deemed to have given 3 his consent by the operation thereof, subject to the provisions of this article, to the administrative procedure set forth in this 4 5 article for the determination of whether his license to operate a motor vehicle in this state should be revoked or suspended 6 because he did drive a motor vehicle while under the 7 influence of alcohol, controlled substances or drugs, or did 8 9 drive a motor vehicle while having an alcoholic concentration in his blood of ten hundredths of one percent (.10), or more, 10 by weight. 11

12 (b) Any law-enforcement officer arresting a person for an offense described in section two, article five of this chapter 13 shall report to the commissioner of the department of motor 14 vehicles by sworn, written statement within twenty-four 15 hours the name and address of the person so arrested. Such 16 report shall include the specific offense with which the 17 18 person is charged, and, if applicable, a copy of the results of 19 any secondary tests of blood, breath or urine. The 20 law-enforcement officer shall certify that such tests were

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administered in accordance with the provisions of article fiveof this chapter, and that he believes the results to be correct.

23 (c) If, upon examination of the sworn statement and the 24 tests results described in subsection (b) of this section, the 25commissioner shall determine that a person was arrested for 26 an offense described in section two, article five of this 27chapter, and that the results of the tests indicate that at the 28 time the test or tests were administered the person had, in his blood, an alcohol concentration of ten hundredths of one 29 30 percent (.10), or more, by weight, or at the time the person was arrested he was under the influence of a controlled substance 31 32 or drug, the commissioner shall make and enter an order 33 temporarily suspending such person's license to operate a 34 motor vehicle in this state. A copy of such order shall be forwarded to such person by registered or certified mail, 35 return receipt requested. No suspension shall become 36 37 effective until ten days after receipt of a copy of such order.

§17C-5À-2. Hearing procedures; scope of hearing; revocation upon proof by a preponderance of the evidence; period of revocation imposed; order of suspension; service; judicial review.

(a) Upon the written request of a person whose license to 1 operate a motor vehicle in this state has been suspended, 2 under the provisions of section one of this article, the 3 4 commissioner of motor vehicles shall afford the person an opportunity to be heard. Such written request must be filed 5 with the commissioner in person or by registered or certified 6 mail, return receipt requested, within ten days after receipt of 7 a copy of the order of suspension. The hearing shall be before 8 said commissioner or authorized deputy or agent of said 9 commissioner and all of the pertinent provisions of article 10 five, chapter twenty-nine-a of this code shall apply. 11

12 (b) Except that in the case of a resident of this state the hearing shall be held in the county wherein the person resides 13 unless the commissioner or his authorized deputy or agent 14 and such person agree that the hearing may be held in some 15 other county. Any such hearing shall be held within twenty 16 days after the date upon which the commissioner received 17 the timely written request therefor, unless there is a 18 postponement or continuance. The commissioner may 19 20 postpone or continue any hearing on his own motion, or upon application for each person for good cause shown. For the 2122 purpose of conducting such hearing, the commissioner shall

have the power and authority to issue subpoenas and 23subpoenas duces tecum in accordance with the provisions of 24 section one, article five, chapter twenty-nine-a of this code. 25All subpoenas and subpoenas duces tecum shall be issued 26 and served within the time and for the fees and shall be 27 enforced, as specified in section one, article five of said 28 chapter twenty-nine-a, and all of the said section one 2930 provisions dealing with subpoenas and subpoenas duces tecum shall apply to subpeonas and subpoenas duces tecum 31 32 issued for the purpose of a hearing hereunder.

(c) The principal question at such hearing shall be 33 whether the person did drive a motor vehicle while under the 34 35 influence of alcohol, or under the influence of any controlled substance, or under the influence of any other drug to a 36 degree which renders him incapable of safely driving, or 37 under the combined influence of alcohol and any controlled 38 substance or any other drug to a degree which renders him 39 incapable of safely driving, or did drive a motor vehicle while 40 having an alcoholic concentration in his blood of ten 41 hundredths of one percent (.10), or more, by weight. 42

The commissioner shall make specific findings as to (1) 43 whether the arresting law-enforcement officer had reasonable 44 45 grounds to believe such person to have been driving while under the influence of alcohol, controlled substances or 46 drugs, (2) whether such person was lawfully placed under 47 arrest for an offense involving driving under the influence of 48 alcohol, controlled substances or drugs, and (3) whether the 49 tests which were administered were administered in 50accordance with the provisions of this article and article five 51 of this code. 52

(1) If, in addition to a finding that the person did drive a 53 motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, or under 54 55 the influence of any controlled substance, or under the influences of any other drug to a degree which renders him 56 incapable of safely driving, or under the combined influence 57 of alcohol and any controlled substance or any other drug to a 58 degree which renders him incapable of safely driving, or did 59 60 drive a motor vehicle while having an alcoholic concentration in his blood of ten hundredths of one percent (.10), or more, 61 by weight, the commissioner also finds by a preponderance of 62 the evidence that the person when so driving did an act 63 forbidden by law or failed to perform a duty imposed by law, 64

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which act or failure proximately caused the death of a person 65 and was committed in reckless disregard of the safety of 66 others, and if the commissioner further finds that the 67 influence of alcohol, controlled substances or drugs or the 68 alcoholic concentration in the blood was a contributing cause 69 70 to the death, the commissioner shall revoke the person's license for a period of ten years: Provided, That if the 71 commissioner has previously suspended the person's license 72under the provisions of this section, the period of revocation 73 shall be for the life of such person. 74

75 (2) If, in addition to a finding that the person did drive a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, or under 76 the influence of any controlled substance, or under the 77 influence of any other drug to a degree which renders him 78 79 incapable of safely driving, or under the combined influence of alcohol and any controlled substance or any other drug to a 80 degree which renders him incapable of safely driving, or did 81 drive a motor vehicle while having an alcoholic concentration 82 in his blood of ten hundredths of one percent (.10), or more, 83 by weight, the commissioner also finds by a preponderance of 84 the evidence that the person when so driving did an act 85 forbidden by law or failed to perform a duty imposed by law, 86 which act or failure proximately caused the death of a person 87 the commissioner shall revoke the person's license for a 88 89 period of five years: *Provided*, That if the commissioner has previously suspended the person's license under the 90 provisions of this section, the period of revocation shall be for 91 the life of such person. 92

93 (3) If, in addition to a finding that the person did drive a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, or under 94 Ver) the influence of any controlled substance, or under the 95 influence of any other drugs to a degree which renders him 96 incapable of safely driving, or under the combined influence 97 of alcohol and any controlled substance or any other drug to a 98 degree which renders him incapable of safely driving, or did 99 drive a motor vehicle while having an alcoholic concentration 100 in his blood of ten hundredths of one percent (.10), or more, 101 by weight, the commissioner also finds by a preponderance of 102 the evidence that the person when so driving did an act 103forbidden by law or failed to perform a duty imposed by law, 104 105 which act or failure proximately caused bodily injury to a person other than himself, the commissioner shall revoke the 106 107 person's license for a period of two years: Provided, That if

108 the commissioner has previously suspended the person's109 license under the provisions of this section, the period of110 revocation shall be ten years.

111 (4) If the commissioner finds by a preponderance of the 112 evidence that the person did drive a motor vehicle while 113 under the influence of alcohol, or under the influence of any controlled substance, or under the influence of any other 114 115 drug to a degree which renders him incapable of safely 116 driving, or under the combined influence of alcohol and any 117 controlled substance or any other drug to a degree which 118 renders him incapable of safely driving, or did drive a motor 119 vehicle while having an alcoholic concentration in his blood 120 of ten hundredths of one percent (.10), or more, by weight, or finds that the person, being an habitual user of narcotic drugs 121 122 or amphetamine or any derivative thereof, did drive a motor 123 vehicle, or finds that the person knowingly permitted his 124 vehicle to be driven by another person who was under the 125influence of alcohol, or under the influence of any controlled 126 substance, or under the influence of any other drug to a degree which rendered him incapable of safely driving, or 127 128 under the combined influence of alcohol and any controlled 129 substance or any other drug to a degree which rendered him 130 incapable of safely driving, the commissioner shall revoke the 131 person's license for a period of six months: *Provided*, That if 132 the commissioner has previously suspended the person's 133 license under the provisions of this section, the period of 134 revocation shall be ten years: Provided, however, That if the 135 commissioner has previously suspended the person's license 136 more than once under the provisions of this section, the 137 period of revocation shall be for the life of the person.

(d) For the purpose of this section, a conviction for an
offense under subsection (a) or (b) of the prior enactment of
section two, article five, of this chapter, which offense was
committed within five years immediately preceding the
effective date of said section two, article five, shall be
considered the same as a prior finding of the commissioner
under this section.

(e) If the commissioner finds to the contrary with respect
to the above issues, he shall rescind his earlier order of
suspension or shall reduce the order of revocation to the
appropriate period of revocation under this section.

149 A copy of the commissioner's order made and entered

150 following the hearing shall be served upon such person by 151 registered or certified mail, return receipt requested. During 152 the pendency of any such hearing, the suspension of the 153 person's license to operate ε motor vehicle in this state shall 154 be stayed.

155 If the commissioner shall after hearing make and enter an 156 order affirming his earlier order of suspension, such person 157 shall be entitled to judicial review as set forth in chapter 158 twenty-nine-a of this code, except that the commissioner 159shall not stay enforcement of the order; and, pending such 160 appeal, the court may grant a stay or supersedeas of such 161 order only upon motion and hearing, and a finding by the 162 court upon the evidence presented, that there is a reasonable 163 probability that the appellant shall prevail upon the merits, 164 and that the appellant will suffer irreparable harm if such 165 order is not staved.

§17C-5A-3. Safety and treatment program to be established; application and reissuance of license; procedure.

(a) The department of motor vehicles in cooperation with 1 2 the department of health, the division of alcoholism and drug 3 abuse, shall establish by rule and regulation, a comprehensive safety and treatment program for persons 4 found in initial and subsequent violations of this article. The 5 program shall include, but not be limited to, treatment of 6 7 alcoholism, alcohol and drug abuse, psychological 8 counseling, educational courses on the dangers of alcohol and drugs as they relate to driving, defensive driving, or other 9 10 safety driving instruction, and other programs designed to properly educate, train, and rehabilitate the offender. 11

(b) The department of motor vehicles, in cooperation with 12 13 the department of health, the division of alcoholism and drug abuse, shall provide for the preparation of an educational and 14 treatment program for each person found in violation of this 15 article, which shall contain the following: (1) A listing and 16 evaluation of the offender's prior traffic record; (2) 17 18 characteristics and history of alcohol or drug use, if any; (3) his amenability to rehabilitation through the alcohol safety 19 program; and (4) a recommendation as to treatment or 2021 rehabilitation, and the terms and conditions of such treatment or rehabilitation. The program shall be prepared by 2223 persons knowledgeable in the diagnosis of alcohol or drug abuse and treatment. The cost of the program shall be paid 24 out of fees established by the commissioner of motor vehicles 25

26 in cooperation with the department of health, division of
27 alcohol and drug abuse. These fees shall be deposited in a
28 special account administering the program, to be designated
29 the "driver's rehabilitation fund."

The commissioner, after giving due consideration to the program developed for the offender, shall prescribe the necessary terms and conditions for the reissuance of the license to operate a motor vehicle in this state suspended hereunder, which shall include successful completion of the educational, treatment, or rehabilitation program, subject to the following:

(1) When the period of revocation is six months, the 37 38 license to operate a motor vehicle in this state shall not be reissued until (1) at least thirty days have elapsed from the 39 40 date of the initial suspension, during which time the 41 suspension was actually in effect. (2) the offender has 42successfully completed the program, (3) all costs of the program and administration have been paid, (4) the 43 44 commissioner finds that the offender is not likely to repeat a 45 violation of this article, and (5) there is no unusual and 46 immediate danger to the public if the offender is permitted to 47 drive again.

48 (2) When the period of revocation is for a period of years, the license to operate a motor vehicle in this state shall not be 49 50 reissued until (1) at least one half of such time period has elapsed from the date of the initial suspension, during which 51 52time the suspension was actually in effect, (2) the offender has 53 successfully completed the program, (3) all costs of the program and administration have been paid, (4) the 54 55 commissioner finds that the offender is not likely to repeat a 56 violation of this article, and (5) there is no unusual and immediate danger to the public if the offender is permitted to 57 58 drive again.

(3) When the period of revocation is for life, the license to 59 operate a motor vehicle in this state shall not be reissued until 60 (1) at least ten years have elapsed from the date of the initial 61 suspension, during which time the suspension was actually in 62 63 effect, (2) the offender has successfully completed the program, (3) all costs of the program and administration have 64 65 been paid, (4) the commissioner finds that the offender is not 66 likely to repeat a violation of this article, and (5) there is no unusual and immediate danger to the public if the offender is 67 68 permitted to drive again.

§17C-5A-4. Receipt of officer's affidavit; search and report to officer by commissioner; failure to report violation of this article to and failure to report prior offense by commissioner of department of motor vehicles; penalty.

The commissioner shall immediately upon receipt of the 1 affidavits required by section seven, article five of this 2 chapter and section one of this article record the date and 3 time of day of the receipt of such affidavits and shall 4 forthwith cause a search of the appropriate records of the 5 department to be made for any record of prior offenses under 6 this article and such commissioner shall immediately report 7 to the officer making such affidavit an abstract showing any 8 such prior offense, the date thereof, the identity of any court 9 record which any proceedings in regard thereto were 10 instituted and the disposition thereof. 11

12 Any police officer who fails to file the affidavits required by 13 this chapter within twenty-four hours of the arrest of any person charged for any violation of article five shall be guilty 14 of a misdemeanor and shall be subject to a fine of not less 15 16 than twenty dollars nor more than five hundred dollars. And if the commissioner shall willfully fail to post by United 17 18 States mail or other adequate means of communication a written report addressed to the police officer of any such 19 20offense, as required by this section, within a period of twenty-four hours after the receipt of the affidavit, the 21 22 commissioner shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be 23 subject to a fine of not less than twenty dollars nor more than 24 five hundred dollars.

CHAPTER 60. STATE CONTROL OF ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS.

ARTICLE 6. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS.

§60-6-24. Requirement for posting informational sign.

Each store or outlet controlled or operated by the state 1 2 alcohol beverage control commission, and any store, 3 supermarket, club, restaurant, or other facility selling alcoholic beverages or nonintoxicating beer for either on 4 premise or off premise consumption, shall post in an open 5 6 and prominent place within such establishment a 7 blood-alcohol chart containing information showing the estimated percent of alcohol in the blood by the number of 8 9 drinks in relation to body weight and time of consumption, as 10 follows:

BLOOD-ALCOHOL CHART

SHOWING ESTIMATED % OF ALCOHOL IN THE BLOOD BY NO. OF DRINKS IN RELATION TO BODY WEIGHT

DRINKS		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	100 lb.	.038	.075	.113	.150	.188	.225	.263	.300	.338	.375	.413	.450
Ĩ	120 lb.	.031	.063	.094	.125	.156	.188	.219	.250	.281	.313	.344	.375
	140 lb.	.027	.054	.080	.107	.134	.161	.188	.214	.241	.268	.295	.321
Ž	160 lb.	.023	.047	.070	.094	.117	.141	.164	.188	.211	.234	.258	.281
	180 Ib.	.021	.042	.063	.083	.104	.125	.146	.167	.188	.208	.229	.250
2	200 lb.	.019	.038	.0 56	.075	.094	.113	.131	.150	.169	.188	.206	.225
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	240 lb.	.01 6	.031	.047	.063	.078	.094	.109	.125	.141	.156	.172	.188

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HAS ALCOHOL AFFECTED YOUR DRIVING ABILITY?

The % of alcohol in your blood will tell you. This % can be estimated by-COUNTING YOUR DRINKS (1-drink equations 1 volume oz. of 100 proof alcohol or 1-12 oz. bottle of beer).

Use Blood-Alcohol Chart below. Under number of DRINKS and opposite Body-Weight find the % of Blood-Alcohol listed.

SUBTRACT from this number the % of alcohol "burned up" during the time elapsed since your first drink.

No. Hours Since 1st Drink		-	3	4	5	ó					
SUBTRACT	015%	.030%	.045%	.060%	.075%	.090%					
Example—180 lb. man - 8 drinks in 4 hours .167% minus .060% === .107%											
THIS REMAINDER IS AN ESTIMATE of the % of alcohol in your blood.											
INTERPRETATION OF RESULTS											
% OF BLOOD-ALCOHOL INTOXICATED? IF YOU DRIVE A CAR-											
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FOR BEST RESULTS - DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE

The size of display and location of said blood-alcohol chart shall be prescribed by the commissioner, by rule and regulation. Enforcement of the posting provisions of this section shall be carried out by the West Virginia nonintoxicating beer commissioner in establishments which are required to post such notice but are not subject to the supervision of the West Virginia alcohol beverage control commissioner.

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