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Bill No. HB 488

MCSC: The Voice of Montana's DUI Victims

HB 488 Toughen DUI Penalties

We have implemented laws to provide support for repeat DUI offenders—treatment and monitoring programs to keep them sober. But access to these programs is dependent on counting the offenses. Counting should be easy: 1, 2, 3, 4 But with DUIs it isn't easy. This bill will close several loopholes which keep the offenses from stacking.

- Aggravated DUI will be counted as prior offense and offenders must have CD evaluation
  - Create Aggravated DUI #2 and Aggravated DUI #3
- Criminal Child Endangerment (DUI with child in vehicle) will be counted as a prior offense

Offenders need to help pay the price for public safety. It is expensive to stop them, arrest them, prosecute them, and provide treatment and monitoring to keep them from offending again. This bill will collect a bit more from offenders.

- Refusal to provide a specimen incurs a fine [this will help to fund forensic testing]
- Fines increased for DUI offenses (alcohol or drugs)

It is very expensive when we fail to keep impaired drivers off the road. An offender may make a better choice if a DUI costs more.

DUI is a crime which kills and maims—Montana tops the nation in deaths.

The cost for the victims is already too much.
Holding your dead child's hand can't be measured.

ZERO deaths from impaired driving!

The Montana *Common Sense* Coalition

The Coalition is made up of volunteers and receives no public funding to support its efforts.

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