

## **Short-Term Licence Suspension - Summary**

Bill 54 received Royal Assent during the last legislative session. It is set to be proclaimed June 24, 2011. Therefore, as of June 24, 2011, drivers who are found to have a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) between 0.05% and 0.08% milligrams are subject to a seven day suspension of their drivers licence.

Those driver's who are found to have a BAC of 0.08% will be subject to the administrative licence suspension. However, with the introduction of the short-term licence suspension change, the 90 day suspension will commence immediately and the 7 day temporary driver's licence is eliminated.

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

### **1. What are the new penalties?**

If you are found to have a BAC between 0.05% and 0.08% you are subject to a seven day suspension of your drivers licence.

### **2. What happens if I blow over .08?**

You will be charged with impaired driving and subject to a 90 day administrative licence suspension.

### **3. How are the new provisions different from the current one?**

Currently, when a driver registers a BAC of 0.05% drivers are required to surrender their licence and receive an automatic 24-hour suspension. Under the new rule, drivers are subject to a seven day suspension of their driving privileges.

### **4. How do I get my licence back?**

The peace officer will take your licence to the police station and you can pick it up once the 7 day suspension has expired.

### **5. Do I have to pay a reinstatement fee?**

No.

### **6. Will this appear on my driving record?**

No, records of 7 day short-term licence suspension are kept by local police and the information is not recorded on your driving record. However, the administrative licence suspension will continue to be recorded on your driving record.

### **7. Do other provinces have a low blood alcohol suspension?**

Yes, all other Canadian jurisdictions impose short-term administrative licence suspensions on drivers with BAC levels exceeding 0.05%.

### **8. What if I have an out-of-province driver's licence?**

The police officer will issue a Notice and Order of Suspension thereby disqualifying the driver from obtaining or holding a New Brunswick licence as well as suspending their driving privileges to operate a motor vehicle in New Brunswick.