STATEMENT TO

SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
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SENATE, No. 824

Assembly Floor Amendments
(Proposed by Assemblywoman DOWNEY)

ADOPTED: JUNE 20, 2019

The Senate committee substitute for Senate Bill No. 824 SCS reduces the length of driver’s license forfeiture for convictions of drunk driving and refusing to submit to a breathalyzer and increases the period of required ignition interlock device (IID) installation for these offenses.

These Assembly amendments require the Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission to semiannually issue a summary report containing information on drunk driving offenders required to install an ignition interlock device. The information is to include: the total number of offenders ordered to install an ignition interlock categorized by the offender’s number of convictions and place of residence; whether the offender qualifies for a reduced fee for monthly rental of an ignition interlock device categorized by family income exceeding 100 percent or 149 percent of the federal poverty level; the percentage of these offenders compared to the total number of offenders; and the number of these offenders residing in each county; the average length of time an offender maintains installation of the device categorized by the offender’s number of convictions; and the percent of offenders who remove the ignition interlock device because they are unable to afford continued installation.

The Assembly amendments also provide that the bill’s provisions are to expire four years after the effective date.

These Assembly amendments make the Senate committee substitute for Senate Bill No. 824 (SCS) identical to the Assembly Committee Substitute for Assembly Bill No. 2089 (ACS), as reported by the Assembly Appropriations Committee on June 18, 2019.