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CHANGES IN ONTARIO'S DRINKING AND DRIVING LAW

(Sudbury, ON) – Bill 203, the Safer Roads for a Safer Ontario Act, 2007, was introduced to help reduce drinking and driving. Starting Friday, May 1, 2009, if you're caught driving with a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) from .05 to .08 (known as the "warn range"), police officers will suspend your driver's licence at the roadside under these circumstances:

First occurrence:

- 3-day suspension
- \$150 Administrative Monetary Penalty

Second occurrence within a five-year period:

- 7-day suspension
- mandatory alcohol education program
- \$150 Administrative Monetary Penalty

Third Time (within 5 years):

- 30-day licence suspension
- mandatory alcohol treatment program
- Six-month ignition interlock licence condition
- \$150 Administrative Monetary Penalty

Subsequent infractions (within 5 years):

- 30-day licence suspension
- mandatory alcohol treatment program
- Six-month ignition interlock licence condition
- Mandatory medical evaluation
- \$150 Administrative Monetary Penalty

These roadside licence suspensions cannot be appealed. Suspensions will be recorded and will remain on the driver's record for five years. These suspensions will also be considered when determining consequences for subsequent infractions.

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Driving under the influence of alcohol to any extent jeopardizes the lives of everyone who travels and shares our roads. Those who choose to drive after drinking endanger themselves and everyone else. Roadside licence suspensions ensure that drinking drivers are taken off the road immediately and discourage individuals from re-offending.

This is a public safety issue. The OPP supports any legislation that will make Ontario highways and roadways safer for motorists and pedestrians. Members of the Sudbury and Espanola OPP Detachment would like to remind motorists to drive safe, drive sober, and remember that driving is a privilege, not a right!

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