



FY2010 RECOMMENDATION/FY10-D02 INCREASE THE MINIMUM ALCOHOL SURCHARGE

Status: Implementation Complete

Actions/Updates

2012 ACTION/IMPLEMENTATION

Previously C.R.S. 42-4-1301(7) required a \$50 surcharge however this statute was repealed with HB10-1347 and in turn 42-4-1307(10)(b) was modified to increase the surcharge to \$100 which is to be transmitted to the persistent drunk driving fund (see C.R.S. 42-3-303).

Description

Increase the minimum alcohol surcharge provided in C.R.S. 42-4-1301(7)(d) from \$50 to \$100. The additional funding shall be directed to a persistent impaired driving fund to be used for community and jail-based treatment as provided in C.R.S. 43-3.303, for reimbursement to county jails, evaluation of substance abuse treatment programs and, if warranted (see Recommendations DUI-11 and DUI-12), DUI Court expansion.

Agencies Responsible

Discussion

The Commission agrees that recidivism reduction efforts must include making substance abuse treatment available in county jails. While serving time in jail, offenders may begin to learn how to manage their addiction when substances are unavailable. Many jail administrators are willing to provide space for treatment providers but the costs remain prohibitive. This recommendation for an increase in the surcharge is intended to immediately assist in both providing bed space and substance abuse treatment services for offenders serving a jail sentence. In addition, some money will be available to evaluate these programs.