

# DROWSY DRIVING REDUCTION ACT OF 2015

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## Title of Bill: Drowsy Driving Reduction Act of 2014

1 Preamble: More than 1 in 3 individuals frequently drive drowsy, according to a  
2 recent nationally representative survey from the National Sleep Foundation<sup>1</sup>.  
3 The Institute of Medicine estimates around 20% of serious car crashes are  
4 associated with driver sleepiness<sup>2</sup>. Drowsy Driving is a growing, but  
5 preventable, public health and safety problem. The following Act is created to  
6 reduce the incidence of drowsy driving and crash-related deaths and injuries.

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10 SECTION 1: The Drowsy Driving Reduction Task Force (“Task Force”) is created

11 to:

12 (a) study drowsy driving prevalence in our state;

13 (b) provide recommendations to:

14 (1) enhance drowsy driving education and public awareness; and,

15 (2) assess special road infrastructures that may contribute to or

16 reduce drowsy driving related crashes; and,

17 (c) evaluate current laws, regulations and special factors that

18 mitigate against effective policing and enforcement of drowsy

19 driving.

20 SUBSECTION A: Task Force composition must include

21 representatives from:

22 (a) the Department of Transportation;

23 (b) the Department of Public Safety;

24 (c) the Department of Health and Human Services; and,

25 (d) one medical expert who specializes in sleep disorders.

26 SECTION 2: No later than 18 months after the passage of this Act, the Task Force

27 shall issue a report to the Governor and speaker of the House of

28 Representatives with its findings and recommendations which may

29 include legislative, regulatory and/or administrative proposals.

30 SECTION 3: Nothing in this Act shall prevent Administrative Authorities from

31 taking earlier appropriate action on drowsy driving prevention.

1- National Sleep Foundation. 2009 *Sleep in America* poll. Health and Safety. Washington, DC: The National Sleep Foundation, 2009.

2- National Research Council. *Sleep Disorders and Sleep Deprivation: An Unmet Public Health Problem*. Washington, DC: The National Academies Press, 2006.