

IMMEDIATE ROADSIDE PROHIBITION

The Manitoba government introduced legislation in November 2018 to create stronger and timelier consequences for impaired drivers, through an approach called immediate roadside prohibition. Effective Dec. 16, 2019, these new sanctions will be put in place.

'Warn' (blood alcohol content of .05 to .079) on a roadside screening device, breathalyzer or blood test:

- vehicle impoundment for three, seven or 30 days for first, second, or third and subsequent violations (new);
- monetary penalty of \$400 for a first violation, \$500 for a second, or \$600 for a third or subsequent violation (new);
- ignition interlock use is mandatory on the third or subsequent violation (new);
- driver's licence suspension of three days on the first violation, escalating up to 60 days (existing);
- referral to an Addictions Foundation of Manitoba (AFM) program if there have been two or more violations within 10 years (existing); and
- \$50 driver's licence reinstatement fee (existing).

'Fail' (blood alcohol content at or over 0.08) or 'refusal' of a roadside approved screening device test, for first-time offenses not involving bodily harm, death or other significant aggravating circumstances:

- monetary penalty of \$700 (new);
- mandatory use of an ignition interlock for one year (new);
- immediate three-month roadside driver's licence suspension (existing);
- vehicle impoundment for 30 or 60 days, for a fail or refusal respectively (existing);
- referral to an AFM assessment or remedial program (existing); and
- \$50 driver's licence reinstatement fee (existing).