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Understanding Drunk Driving Charges and/or License Consequences

If you're facing drunk driving charges, the attorneys at Hills at Law, P.C. are here to help you understand your rights and guide you through the process with expert legal representation.

1. Operating While Visibly Impaired (OWVI)

While your driving privileges will be limited during this period, you can still drive for specific purposes, including employment-related travel, court-ordered treatment (e.g., alcohol/drug education) and court appearances or probation appointments. However, if you violate these restrictions, the consequences can worsen.

Tip: Always check the specific restrictions listed in your order from the Secretary of State and follow them closely. Violating these restrictions can lead to more severe penalties.

2. Operating While Intoxicated (OWI)

A more serious offense than OWVI, an OWI conviction carries stricter penalties. If you're convicted, you will face: **30 days of hard suspension** (no driving at all), **150 days** of restricted driving privileges, and **6 points** added to your driving record. Be aware that accumulating too many points on your record (12 or more within two years) can result in a longer suspension or further legal consequences.

Tip: Stay on top of your driving record and monitor your points. If you're getting close to 12 points, consult an attorney to see if you can take steps to reduce the impact.

3. Super Drunk Driving (BAC of .17 or Higher)

Known as "super drunk," this charge carries the most serious penalties. If you're convicted of driving with a **blood alcohol content (BAC) of .17 or higher**, you will face: **45 days of hard suspension** (no driving) and **one year** of restricted driving privileges, including mandatory installation of an **ignition interlock device** in your vehicle.

Tip: If you're required to have an ignition interlock, make sure you fully understand how it works and follow all instructions. Non-compliance could lead to further complications in your case.

General Advice for Protecting Your Driving Privileges

Throughout the process, it's essential to stay vigilant and informed. Here are some critical tips to help you manage your situation:

- **Know your restrictions**
- **Carry proof**
- **Understand the points system**
- **Work with a lawyer**

Final Tip of Advice

Put your Criminal Defense Team in your phone! Scan here!



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