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Motor Vehicle Division to offer Ignition Interlock License beginning June 23

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Santa Fe - The Director of the state's Motor Vehicle Division (MVD) announced today that beginning June 23, a person whose driver's license has been revoked, suspended, or denied due to a DWI conviction will be able to apply for an Ignition Interlock License.

"This legislation is important in our total commitment to reduce drunk driving," said Maria E. Martinez, MVD Director, "Now in addition to taking away their license – we can stop abusers from driving drunk by requiring the ignition interlock license."

"This law is important to all New Mexicans and will fully be implemented," said Governor Bill Richardson, who signed the bill into law in April.

Drivers can apply for a license that allows them to only operate a vehicle if it is equipped with an approved ignition interlock device, which monitors the driver's blood alcohol level. The devices are available from several suppliers and require an installation fee and monthly rental fee.

The cost for the license is \$45 and is issued for a maximum of one year. Applicants will also be required to provide proof of identity and insurance. Interlock ignition devices must be installed prior to coming to MVD.

Anyone wishing to apply must file a Request for Hearing from MVD. Forms are available on the Internet at http://trd_intra/testinternet/forms/mvd/mvd10792.pdf or by calling 1-888-683-4636. For information regarding the purchase of an ignition, interlock device log on to ipl.umn.edu/traf