

## Do You Know the Latest Drunk Driving Act?

### Zero Tolerance against Drunk Driving!

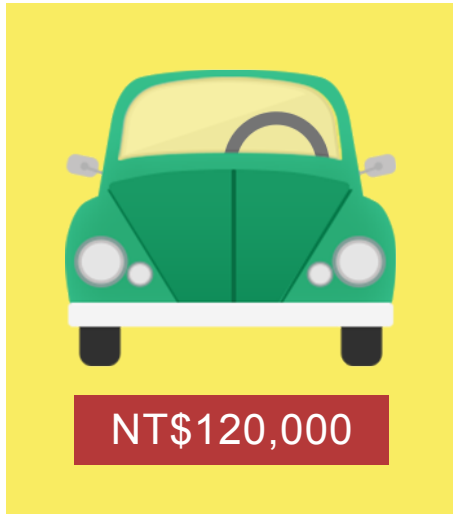
The severe and collective punishment has taken effect from July onwards.

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Drunk driving causes death and social discontent. The Legislative Yuan has amended the "Road Traffic Management and Penalty Act", and the new regulations on drunk driving took effect on July 1. Passengers on the same vehicle must be punished collectively. The first offenders of sobriety testing refusal or those who evade the test will be fined NT\$180,000.



Drunk driving can no longer be solved a small amount of fine!

Drivers, please take note: The Department of Transportation's latest drunk driving act took effect on July 1, 2019. The **maximum** penalty for first-time offenders is NT\$90,000 for motor-bikes and NT\$120,000 for cars. In addition to raising the fine, passengers on the same vehicle will also be penalized, with the maximum penalty of NT\$3,000.

**Fines for first-time drunk driving offenders and for failure to comply with the test are increased.**

**The revised DUI act took effect on July 1.** If the BAT (Breath Analyzer Test) level exceeds 0.15mg/l, or the BAC (Blood Alcohol Contents) level exceeds 0.03%, a fine of NT\$15,000 to NT\$90,000 will be imposed on a motorcyclist. The penalty for driving is NT\$30,000 to NT\$120,000. If drunk driving causes serious injury or death, the offender's driver's license will be revoked and he/she will not be allowed to apply for the license forever. In addition, those who refuse the sobriety test **will be fined NT\$180,000 for the first time within 5 years.** For more than two offences in five years, NT\$180,000 will be added **each time.**

**Vehicle may be confiscated if drunk driving causes death or injury to another person.**

**The penalties for repeating offenders are heavier.** Reoffending within 5 years will result in a fine of NT\$120,000 for car driver and NT\$90,000 for motorcyclist. If you drive under the influence for the third time or more within 5 years, you will be fined another NT\$90,000, and so on. The accumulation has no upper limit. For example, if you drive a car drunk for three times within five years, you will be fined NT\$120,000 for the second time, NT\$120,000 plus NT\$90,000 for the third time, which equals NT\$210,000. A repeat drunk driver who causes serious injury or death to another person may forfeit the vehicle in addition to having the license revoked and not being allowed to take the license again.

**There is also a penalty for drunk cycling**

**Many people mistakenly believe that there is no penalty for drunk cycling.** In fact, those who ride bicycles and electric bicycles while drunk will also be fined up to NT\$1,200, and those who fail to comply with the test will be fined NT\$2,400.



**Passengers could face a fine up to NT\$3,000 if their drivers are found drunk driving.**

In particular, the new act introduced in July imposes penalties on passengers on the same vehicle. Passengers aged 18 or more will be fined between NT\$600 and NT\$3,000 if the driver's BAT or BAC reaches 0.25mg/l and 0.05% respectively. However, passengers under the age of 18, over the age of 70, with mental disabilities and receiving transportation service are exempt.

**An ignition interlock device will be implemented next year.**

From next march, drivers who have had their licenses suspended for drunk driving will **have to complete education or alcohol addiction treatment before they can apply for a license.** In addition, **within a certain period of time after the test, their cars must be equipped with an ignition interlock device,** otherwise the driver will be fined between NT\$6,000 and NT\$12,000.

**The maximum sentence for drunk driving is life imprisonment.**

According to the new provisions of the Criminal Code, a drunk driver who causes death within five years will be sentenced to life imprisonment or imprisonment of more than five years. A drunk driver who causes injury will be sentenced to imprisonment of not less than three years but not more than 10 years. As a result, drunk driving is no longer a matter that you can get away with a fine. People who continue to drive on the road under the influence of alcohol will commit not only wallet homicide but also crime that may make them end up in jail.