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AB 1687: Increase Length of Revocation for DUIs

Summary

AB 1687 will increase the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) revocation period for a third Driving Under the Influence (DUI) conviction from three years to eight years.

Background

Under current law, the DMV is required to revoke the driving privileges of a person who has been convicted of, but not limited to, their third DUI and gross vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated.

Existing law allows the department to reinstate their license after three years.

The Problem

Drunk driving continues to be a major cause of preventable accidents and fatalities in California. Each year over 1,300 people die in the state from drunk driving collisions and DUI arrests have dropped from nearly 200,000 in 2010 to 100,000 in 2020.

A recent DMV analysis followed drivers who received a DUI in 2005. Over the next 15 years, over 25% of drivers were arrested again for another DUI. Among those drivers, 40% already had three or more DUIs at the time of the 2005 arrest.

California was once leading the nation against driving under the influence, and now the state has fallen behind. In New Jersey, a person convicted of repeat DUIs cannot get their license back until eight years after their conviction; while in Nebraska it is 15 years, and Connecticut will permanently revoke a license.

However, in California, a person can get their license back after three years and can continue to add more DUIs to their record.

Solution

AB 1687 will require the Department of Motor Vehicles to immediately revoke the license of a person convicted of three DUIs for eight years.

By expanding the revocation period for repeat offenders, AB 1687 will help make California roads safer by keeping drunk drivers from being behind the wheel.

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