



State:

Massachusetts

Statute/Law:

Chapter 90, Section 24: *Driving while under the influence of intoxicating liquor, etc.*

Per Se Law?:

No

Statute/Law Language:

Section 24. (1) (a) (1) Whoever, upon any way or in any place to which the public has a right of access, or upon any way or in any place to which members of the public have access as invitees or licensees, operates a motor vehicle with a percentage, by weight, of alcohol in their blood of eight one-hundredths or greater, or while under the influence of intoxicating liquor, or of marijuana, narcotic drugs, depressants or stimulant substances, all as defined in section one of chapter ninety-four C, or the vapors of glue shall be punished by a fine of not less than five hundred nor more than five thousand dollars or by imprisonment for not more than two and one-half years, or both such fine and imprisonment.

Penalties Following Conviction:

For a first offense, shall be punished by a fine of \$500-\$5000 or by imprisonment for not more than two and one-half years, or both such fine and imprisonment;

For a second offense, shall be punished by a fine of \$600-\$10,000 and by imprisonment for 60 days-2.5 years;

For a third offense, shall be punished by a fine of \$1,000-\$15,000 and by imprisonment 180 days- 2.5 years.

Discretionary Court-Ordered Penalties:

May be ordered to participate in a driver education program or a drug treatment or drug rehabilitation program, or any combination of said programs. The court shall set such financial and other terms for the participation of the defendant as it deems appropriate; Court fees may be invested in the Victims of Drunk Driving Trust Fund or the Head Injury Treatment Services Trust Fund .





For more information:

<http://www.malegislature.gov/Laws/GeneralLaws/PartI/TitleXIV/Chapter90/Section24>

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