Section: 2. Driver's License Laws

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R.S. 32:661(A) R.S. 32:661.1

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General:

- R.S. 32:661(A) provides that any person who operates a motor vehicle upon the public highways of Louisiana is presumed to have consented to a chemical test (blood, breath or urine) to determine blood alcohol content. The test is administered at the direction of a law enforcement officer having reasonable grounds to believe the arrestee to have been driving or in control of a motor vehicle upon the public highways of Louisiana while under the influence of alcoholic beverages or any abused or illegal controlled dangerous substance as set forth in R.S. 40:964 (Act 338 of the 1987 Regular Session).
- R.S. 32:661.1 provides that any person who operates a motor powered watercraft upon
 the public navigable waterways of Louisiana is presumed to have consented to a
 chemical test (blood, breath or urine) to determine blood alcohol content. Said test is
 administered at the direction of a law enforcement officer having reasonable grounds to
 believe the arrestee to have been driving or in actual physical control of a motor powered
 watercraft while under the influence of alcoholic beverages or any abused or illegal
 controlled dangerous substance as set forth in R.S. 40:976 (Act 661 of the 1989 Regular
 Session).
- Louisiana RS 32:407, amended in 2008, requires proof of completion of a 30-hour classroom driver education course or a 6-hour pre-licensing course at the time of reinstatement for this violation for any driver who has an Intermediate License, 16 years of age with a 61 restriction. The course completion date must be after the date of violation. The 8-hour behind the wheel training is not required. Once the driver turns 17, however, the course is no longer required for reinstatement. Act 605 does not waive this requirement.