

**ILLINOIS STATE MEDICAL SOCIETY**

**Resolution 04.2024-07  
(A-25)**

Introduced by: Raymond A. Dieter, Jr., MD, ISMS Member  
Subject: Reduction of Drunk Driving Accidents/Mortality  
Referred to: Council on Medical Service

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1           Whereas, each year many individuals die because of drunk driving-related  
2 accidents; and

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4           Whereas, prevention of the accidents would reduce injury and death significantly;  
5 therefore, be it

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7           RESOLVED, that the ISMS favors reduction of driving when intoxicated; and  
8 be it further

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10           RESOLVED, that the ISMS favors installation of alcohol sensors into motor  
11 vehicles especially cars that would detect possible legal inebriation due to alcohol; and  
12 be it further

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14           RESOLVED, that the ISMS favors legislation to pursue mandatory installation  
15 of these devices.

**Fiscal Note:**

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**Existing ISMS policy related to this issue:**

ISMS supports laws providing for appropriate sentencing of drunk drivers and encourages the judiciary to recommend rehabilitative treatment as an additional means of dealing with people convicted of driving while under the influence of alcohol. (HOD 1981; Last BOT Review 2014)

The Illinois State Medical Society supports Illinois law which requires that any driver involved in a personal injury or fatal motor vehicle accident be given a breath test or

chemical test of blood, breath, other bodily substance, or urine for the purpose of determining the content of alcohol, marijuana, other drugs, or intoxicating compounds when arrested. (2022 Annual Meeting; BOT 2021-JUN; Last BOT Review 2021)

Board of Trustees adopted Resolution 02.2021-03 (A-22), Marijuana Driving, as amended: RESOLVED, that ISMS supports Illinois law which requires that any driver involved in a personal injury or fatal motor vehicle accident be given a breath test or chemical test of blood, breath, other bodily substance, or urine for the purpose of determining the content of alcohol, marijuana, other drugs, or intoxicating compounds when arrested. (BOT - JUNE 2021)

It is the policy of the Society to support the lower acceptable blood alcohol level of what is considered “intoxicated” and “unsafe to operate a motor vehicle” of 80mg percent or .08 percent. (HOD 1996; Last BOT Review 2014)

House of Delegates adopted Res. 70 (A-96) as amended which directed that the Society urge the Illinois Legislature to lower the acceptable blood alcohol level of what is considered “intoxicated” and “unsafe to operate a motor vehicle” to 80mg percent or .08 percent. (HOD 1996)

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