



House of Representatives

General Assembly

File No. 756

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Substitute House Bill No. 7258

House of Representatives, April 23, 2025

The Committee on Judiciary reported through REP. STAFSTROM of the 129th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY CONCERNING DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF CANNABIS OR PSILOCYBIN.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) The Department of Emergency
- 2 Services and Public Protection shall study the feasibility of instituting a
- 3 blood tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) level and psilocybin level at which
- 4 point a driver is per se driving while intoxicated, in a manner analogous
- 5 to blood alcohol content. In conducting such study, the department shall
- 6 examine the cannabis and psilocybin-related driving while under the
- 7 influence structure of the following states: Colorado, Illinois, Montana,
- 8 Nevada, Ohio and Washington. Not later than February 1, 2026, the
- 9 Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection shall report
- 10 such study, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the
- 11 general statutes, to the joint standing committee of the General
- 12 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the judiciary with
- 13 recommendations and options for implementing per se blood levels of
- 14 THC and psilocybin for determination of when a person is driving

- 15 under the influence of cannabis or psilocybin in this state.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill, which requires the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection to study and report the feasibility of instituting a blood tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) level and psilocybin level at which point a driver is per se driving while intoxicated, is not anticipated to result in a fiscal impact because the department has the expertise to assess the feasibility of instituting such standards.

The Out Years

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Judiciary Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

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