## New Jersey DUI Attorneys Report Proposed DUI Ignition Interlock Device Laws

New Jersey lawmakers are considering harsher penalties to prevent drivers from driving while under the influence of alcohol. <u>New Jersey DUI attorneys</u> report that, under the current New Jersey law, only repeat DUI offenders or those who are found to have a blood-alcohol level of nearly twice the legal limit, are required to install the ignition interlock devices (IIDs) in their cars.

Under the proposed law, even first-time offenders will be required to install the ignition interlock devices. This law would mandate IID installation in all cars that DUI offenders own or lease within the state of New Jersey, and offenders would be prohibited from driving any vehicles without the ignition interlock device. First-time DUI/DWI offenders would be required to have an IID installed in their vehicles for six months to a year, and repeat offenders may be required to install an IID for up to three years. Failure to comply with a court-mandated order to install an IID could result in a year-long license suspension. Any attempts to get around the locking system—such as having a passenger take the sobriety test instead, or driving another car without an IID—carries the same penalty.

The ignition interlock devices monitor a DUI offender's driving ability, and, if necessary, prohibit the driver from starting the car. The ignition interlock device is attached to a car's ignition system and measures the driver's blood alcohol content before starting the ignition. In order for the IID to start the car's ignition, the driver must blow a sober breath sample into the device. If the driver's sample is above the legal limit, the IID will prevent the car from starting, keeping the drunk driver off the road.

The <u>New Jersey DUI attorneys</u> at Helmer, Paul, Conley, and Kasselman want you to be aware of the changes in New Jersey's DUI laws, and to stay safe on New Jersey roads. DUI convictions carry hefty penalties, and the installation of an IID is just the beginning.

The **New Jersey DUI attorneys** at Helmer Paul Conley and Kasselman represent persons charged with DUI across New Jersey. If you or a loved one have been charged with a DUI, contact one of our experienced <u>New Jersey DUI attorneys</u> at Helmer, Paul, Conley, and Kasselman today at 877-HELMER1 for a free, no strings attached consultation.