



**House
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DRUNK DRIVING: DEBT TO GOVT.

**House Bill 4081
Sponsor: Rep. Lyn Banks
Committee: Judiciary**

Complete to 2-22-91

A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4081 AS INTRODUCED 2-5-91

The bill would amend the Revised Judicature Act to make someone convicted of a drunk driving offense liable to the state or local unit of government for the expense of an emergency response to the incident from which the conviction arose. The liability would constitute a debt commencing at the person's conviction. Emergency expenses would include the costs of providing police, fire fighting, rescue, and emergency medical services at the scene of the incident, as well as the salaries of personnel responding to the incident; however, the offender's debt would not exceed \$1,000 for a particular incident.

The bill would apply to convictions for the following: operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of or impaired by alcohol or a controlled substance, or allowing another to drive while "under the influence"; felonious driving, negligent homicide, or manslaughter resulting from the operation of a motor vehicle, aircraft, or vessel while impaired by or under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance; operating an aircraft while under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance, or allowing another to do so; and, operating a vessel while under the influence of or impaired by alcohol or a controlled substance.

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