

TITLE: The Sanctioning Process and the DUI Offender

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PROJECT OBJECTIVE:

To increase knowledge and awareness of the state-of-the-art of drunk driver sanction effectiveness.

SUMMARY:

This paper presents an overview from a large number of studies on traffic sanction models and the impact of fines, jail, license suspension and license restriction on the subsequent driving records of DUI (driving under the influence of alcohol/ drugs) offenders. Firm conclusions on the impact of fine levels and prison were not possible because of inconsistent findings and methodological limitations in most of the studies.

The paper notes that virtually nothing is known about license restriction, although one relatively well-designed study reported positive results; several studies have demonstrated improved driving records following license suspension. Although most suspended DUI drivers admit to driving during suspension, a California survey of suspended drivers indicated that the majority reported significant reductions in mileage and that they drove more carefully to avoid detection.

IMPLEMENTATION STATUS OF FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Not applicable.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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See Tashima and Peck, Report #95, for an evaluation of the effects of license restriction for DUI offenders.