

## SUBCHAPTER B—GUIDELINES

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AUTHORITY: 23 U.S.C. 158; delegation of authority at 49 CFR 1.48 and 1.50.

SOURCE: 51 FR 10380, Mar. 26, 1986, unless otherwise noted.

#### § 1208.1 Scope.

This part prescribes the requirements necessary to implement 23 U.S.C. 158, which establishes the National Minimum Drinking Age.

#### § 1208.2 Purpose.

The purpose of this part is to clarify the provisions which a State must have incorporated into its laws in order to prevent the withholding of Federal-aid highway funds for noncompliance with the National Minimum Drinking Age.

#### § 1208.3 Definitions.

As used in this part:

*Alcoholic beverage* means beer, distilled spirits and wine containing one-half of one percent or more of alcohol by volume. Beer includes, but is not limited to, ale, lager, porter, stout, sake, and other similar fermented beverages brewed or produced from malt, wholly or in part or from any substitute therefor. Distilled spirits include alcohol, ethanol or spirits or wine in any form, including all dilutions and mixtures thereof from whatever process produced.

*Public possession* means the possession of any alcoholic beverage for any reason, including consumption on any street or highway or in any public place or in any place open to the public (including a club which is *de facto* open to the public). The term does not apply

to the possession of alcohol for an established religious purpose; when accompanied by a parent, spouse or legal guardian age 21 or older; for medical purposes when prescribed or administered by a licensed physician, pharmacist, dentist, nurse, hospital or medical institution; in private clubs or establishments; or to the sale, handling, transport, or service in dispensing of any alcoholic beverage pursuant to lawful employment of a person under the age of twenty-one years by a duly licensed manufacturer, wholesaler, or retailer of alcoholic beverages.

*Purchase* means to acquire by the payment of money or other consideration.

#### § 1208.4 Adoption of National Minimum Drinking Age.

The Secretary shall withhold ten percent of the amount required to be apportioned to any State under each of §§104(b)(1), 104(b)(2), 104(b)(5) and 104(b)(6) of title 23 U.S.C. on the first day of each fiscal year in which the purchase or public possession in such State of any alcoholic beverage by a person who is less than twenty-one years of age is lawful.

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#### § 1208.5 Unavailability of withheld funds.

Funds withheld under §1208.4 from apportionment to any State will not be available for apportionment to the State.

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#### § 1208.6 Procedures affecting States in noncompliance.

(a) Every fiscal year, each State determined to be in noncompliance with the National Minimum Drinking Age, based on NHTSA's and FHWA's preliminary review of its statutes for compliance or non-compliance, will be advised of the funds expected to be withheld under §1208.4 from apportionment, as part of the advance notice of apportionments required under 23 U.S.C. 104(e), normally not later than ninety days prior to final apportionment.

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(b) If NHTSA and FHWA determine that the State is in noncompliance with the National Minimum Drinking Age based on their preliminary review, the State may, within 30 days of its receipt of the advance notice of apportionments, submit documentation showing why it is in compliance. Documentation shall be submitted to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590.

(c) Every fiscal year, each State determined to be in noncompliance with the National Minimum Drinking Age, based on NHTSA's and FHWA's final determination of compliance or noncompliance, will receive notice of the funds being withheld under § 1208.4 from apportionment, as part of the certification of apportionments required under 23 U.S.C. 104(e), which normally occurs on October 1 of each fiscal year.

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**AUTHORITY:** 23 U.S.C. 161; delegation of authority at 49 CFR 1.48 and 1.50.

**SOURCE:** 61 FR 55217, Oct. 25, 1996, unless otherwise noted.

**§ 1210.1 Scope.**

This part prescribes the requirements necessary to implement 23 U.S.C. 161, which encourages States to enact and enforce zero tolerance laws.

**§ 1210.2 Purpose.**

The purpose of this part is to specify the steps that States must take to

avoid the withholding of Federal-aid highway funds for noncompliance with 23 U.S.C. 161.

**§ 1210.3 Definitions.**

As used in this part:

(a) *Alcohol concentration* means either grams of alcohol per 100 milliliters of blood or grams of alcohol per 210 liters of breath.

(b) *BAC* means either blood or breath alcohol concentration.

(c) *Operating a motor vehicle* means driving or being in actual physical control of a motor vehicle.

**§ 1210.4 Adoption of zero tolerance law.**

(a) The Secretary shall withhold five percent of the amount required to be apportioned to any State under each of sections 104(b)(1), 104(b)(3) and 104(b)(5) of title 23, United States Code, on the first day of fiscal year 1999 if the State does not meet the requirements of this part on that date.

(b) The Secretary shall withhold ten percent of the amount required to be apportioned to any State under each of sections 104(b)(1), 104(b)(3) and 104(b)(5) of title 23, United States Code, on the first day of fiscal year 2000 and any subsequent fiscal year if the State does not meet the requirements of this part on that date.

(c) A State meets the requirements of this section if the State has enacted and is enforcing a law that considers an individual under the age of 21 who has a BAC of 0.02 percent or greater while operating a motor vehicle in the State to be driving while intoxicated or driving under the influence of alcohol. The law must:

(1) Apply to all individuals under the age of 21;

(2) Set a BAC of not higher than 0.02 percent as the legal limit;

(3) Make operating a motor vehicle by an individual under age 21 above the legal limit a *per se* offense;

(4) Provide for primary enforcement; and

(5) Provide that license suspensions or revocations are authorized for any violation of the State zero tolerance law.