

Act No. 169 (H.501). Crimes and criminal procedures; motor vehicles; operating under the influence of drugs

An act relating to operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol or drugs

This act prohibits operation of a vehicle while under the influence of a drug, which is defined to mean that a person's ability to operate a motor vehicle safely is diminished or impaired in the slightest degree. Current law prohibits operation while under the influence of a drug to a degree which renders the person incapable of driving safely. The act also requires the Department of Public Safety to report to the Senate and House Committees on Judiciary on the use of drug recognition experts in cases involving operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of drugs, and requires the Department of Health to report to the House Committees on Human Services and on Judiciary and the Senate Committees on Health and Welfare and on Judiciary on the feasibility, effectiveness, risks, and benefits of using an injectable form of the opioid antagonist naltrexone in the treatment of opioid addiction in Vermont, either instead of or in addition to the use of methadone and buprenorphine.

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