

TITLE: Accident Rates, Financial Responsibility, and Restriction Compliance of SB-38 Participants

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PROJECT OBJECTIVE:

To collect data regarding the accident rates, financial responsibility, and restriction compliance of SB-38 alcohol treatment program participants, in response to a legislative proposal requiring proof of financial responsibility for SB-38 program participants.

SUMMARY:

In order to address questions raised by a legislative proposal requiring proof of financial responsibility for SB-38 alcohol treatment program participants, samples of SB-38 participants were identified and selected from departmental data sources (BAC and S&R action tapes for August 1984). Data analysis revealed that SB-38 participants: (1) had a significantly higher accident rate than either suspended second-DUI offenders or the driving population as a whole, (2) were at least twice as likely as the general driving population to not have insurance at the time of an accident, and (3) filed mandatory insurance proof to remove license restrictions only a third of the time. Based on these results, it was strongly recommended that the department support the legislative proposal requiring mandatory proof for SB-38 participants.

IMPLEMENTATION STATUS OF FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Data from this study were instrumental in the passage of legislation requiring mandatory proof of financial responsibility for SB-38 program participants.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

None.