

ALEC EXPOSED

"ALEC" has long been a secretive collaboration between Big Business and "conservative" politicians. Behind closed doors, they ghostwrite "model" bills to be introduced in state capitols across the country. This agenda--underwritten by global corporations--includes major tax loopholes for big industries and the super rich, proposals to offshore U.S. jobs and gut minimum wage, and efforts to weaken public health, safety, and environmental protections. Although many of these bills have become law, until now, their origin has been largely unknown. With **ALEC EXPOSED**, the Center for Media and Democracy hopes more Americans will study the bills to understand the depth and breadth of how big corporations are changing the legal rules and undermining democracy across the nation.

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For more on these corporations, search at www.SourceWatch.org.

DID YOU KNOW? Corporations VOTED to adopt this. Through ALEC, global companies work as "equals" in "unison" with politicians to write laws to govern your life. Big Business has "a VOICE and a VOTE," according to newly exposed documents. **DO YOU?**

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Suspension of Driving Privileges Act

Did you know the NRA--the National Rifle Association--was the corporate co-chair in 2011?

Summary

This Act would require the mandatory suspension of the driver's licenses of all drug offenders for a minimum of six months and a maximum of two years. The courts would be required to notify the department of motor vehicles of all drug convictions.

Model Legislation

{Title, enacting clause, etc.}

Section 1. {Title.} This Act shall be known and may be cited as the Suspension of Driving Privileges Act.

Section 2. {Suspension of license.}

(A) In addition to any disposition authorized by [cite state controlled substance act], or any other statute indicating the dispositions that can be ordered for an adjudication of delinquency, every person convicted of or adjudicated delinquent for a violation of any offense defined in [cite state controlled substance act] shall forthwith forfeit his or her right to operate a motor vehicle over the highways of this State for a period to be fixed by the court at not less than six months or more than two years.

(B) After the expiration of six months, the privilege shall be restored to him or her at the discretion of the director of the division of motor vehicles upon application to and after certification by a physician to the director that the person is not a drug dependent person within the meaning of this chapter.

Section 3. {Application to individuals under 17 years of age.} In the case of any person who at the time of the imposition of sentence is less than 17 years of age, the period of the suspension of driving privileges authorized herein shall not commence until the defendant reaches the age of 17.

Section 4. {Reporting procedure.} The court before whom any person is convicted of or adjudicated delinquent for a violation of any offense defined in [cite state controlled substance act] shall cause a report of the conviction or adjudication to be filed with the director of the division of motor vehicles.

Section 5. {Severability clause.}

Section 6. {Repealer clause.}

Section 7. {Effective date.}

ALEC's Sourcebook of American State Legislation 1995

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Center for Media and Democracy's quick summary:

This bill is part of a bundle of 1995 ALEC model bills that propagate failed "War on Drugs" policies. This bill and others fail to recognize that increased punishment has not been shown to deter drug use and that drug abuse is an addiction that needs to be treated with rehabilitative interventions rather than more harsh punishment. How can people convicted of drug use, even limited use, turn their lives around without being able to drive to work? How does this contrast with ALEC's view on alcohol use, given the financial interests of some of ALEC's corporate underwriters?