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An Act To Strengthen OUI Laws As They Pertain to Drugs

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 16 MRSA §357, 2nd ¶, as amended by PL 2005, c. 477, §26, is further amended to read:

Notwithstanding this section, the result of a laboratory or any other test kept by a hospital or other medical facility that reflects blood-alcohol concentration level, detectable urine-drug level, and detectable blood-drug level may not be excluded as evidence in a criminal or civil proceeding by reason of any claim of confidentiality or privilege and may be admitted provided that the result is relevant and reliable evidence if the proceeding is one in which the operator of a motor vehicle, snowmobile, all-terrain vehicle or watercraft is alleged to have operated under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs; and the court is satisfied that probable cause exists to believe that the operator committed the offense charged.

SUMMARY

This bill adds makes the results of urine-drug level and blood-drug level hospital tests admissible as evidence along with blood-alcohol level test results.