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SENATE BILL 6648

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- 1 AN ACT Relating to clarifying when a defendant must appear; and
- 2 amending RCW 46.61.50571.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.61.50571 and 1999 c 114 s 1 are each amended to 5 read as follows:
- 6 (1) A defendant who is ((arrested for)) charged with an offense
- 7 involving driving while under the influence as defined in RCW
- 8 46.61.502, driving under age twenty-one after consuming alcohol as
- 9 defined in RCW 46.61.503, or being in physical control of a vehicle
- of defined in New 10.01.303, of being in physical control of a venicle
- 10 while under the influence as defined in RCW 46.61.504, shall be
- 11 required to appear in person before a ((magistrate)) judicial officer
- 12 within one judicial day after the arrest if the defendant is served
- 13 with a citation or complaint at the time of the arrest. A court may by
- 14 local court rule waive the requirement for appearance within one
- 15 judicial day if it provides for the appearance at the earliest
- 16 practicable day following arrest and establishes the method for
- 17 identifying that day in the rule.
- 18 (2) A defendant who is charged ((by citation, complaint, or
- 19 information)) with an offense involving driving while under the

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- 1 influence as defined in RCW 46.61.502, driving under age twenty-one
- 2 after consuming alcohol as defined in RCW 46.61.503, or being in
- 3 physical control of a vehicle while under the influence as defined in
- 4 RCW 46.61.504, and who is not ((arrested)) served with a citation or
- 5 complaint at the time of the incident, shall appear in court for
- 6 arraignment in person as soon as practicable, but in no event later
- 7 than fourteen days after the next day on which court is in session
- 8 following the issuance of the citation or the filing of the complaint
- 9 or information.
- 10 (3) At the time of an appearance required by this section, the
- 11 court shall determine the necessity of imposing conditions of pretrial
- 12 release according to the procedures established by court rule for a
- 13 preliminary appearance or an arraignment.
- 14 (4) Appearances required by this section are mandatory and may not
- 15 be waived.

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