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**Governor Signs Bills to Save Lives by
Keeping More Drunk Drivers Off Roads**

Governor Christie Whitman today signed two pieces of legislation that will further the state's efforts to prevent drunk driving.

"As Governor, my mission is to make New Jersey the best place to live, work and raise a family, and that means making people safe from the harm of drunk driving," said Gov. Whitman. "Drunk drivers can hurt themselves as well as others. We need to make it as difficult as possible for someone drunk to drive."

"These two bills will deter intoxicated people from getting behind the wheel of a car," continued the Governor.

Below is a summary of the two pieces of legislation signed today by Gov. Whitman:

ACS for A-157 and 2688, sponsored by Assembly Members Christopher "Kip" Bateman (R-Morris/Somerset), Christopher J. Connors (R-Atlantic/Burlington/Ocean), Jeffrey W. Moran (R-Atlantic/Burlington/Ocean) and David C. Russo (R-Bergen/Passaic) and Senators C. Louis Bassano (R-Essex/Union) and Leonard T. Connors Jr.(R-Atlantic/Burlington/Ocean), provides for ignition interlock devices to curb drunk driving.

ACS for A-2117 and 2126, sponsored by Assembly Members Peter J. Barnes, Jr.(D-Middlesex), Christopher "Kip" Bateman (R-Morris/ Somerset), Peter J. Biondi (R-Morris/Somerset) and James W. Holzapfel (R-Monmouth/Ocean) and Senators Jack Sinagra (R- Middlesex) and Robert W. Singer (R-Burlington/Monmouth /Ocean), creates a disorderly persons offense for a parent or guardian to drive while intoxicated (DWI) with a minor over whom the parent or guardian has supervisory authority in the vehicle.