

House File 464 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to court-ordered substance use disorder
2 evaluations for persons convicted of operating while
3 intoxicated.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 321J.2, subsection 7, paragraph a, Code
2 2025, is amended to read as follows:

3 a. All persons convicted of an offense under subsection 2
4 shall be ordered, at the person's expense, to undergo, ~~prior to~~
5 ~~sentencing,~~ a substance use disorder evaluation. The court shall
6 order the person to follow the recommendations proposed in the
7 substance use disorder evaluation as provided in section 321J.3.

8 EXPLANATION

9 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
10 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

11 Under current law, a person who is convicted of operating
12 while intoxicated must pay for and undergo a substance use
13 disorder evaluation prior to sentencing. This bill strikes the
14 requirement for the evaluation to occur prior to sentencing.