

Legislators eye tighter DWI laws

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In an effort to reduce underage drunk driving, Albany lawmakers are considering stricter penalties.

Assembly Transportation Committee Chair Michael J. Bragman, D-

Cicero, has introduced a bill that would lower the legal blood alcohol content (BAC) for driving while intoxicated from .10 to .04 for drivers under 21 and require license suspension for one year, or until the person reaches 21, whichever is longer.

Jim Moriarty, spokesman for Senate Transportation Committee Chair Norman J. Levy, R-Merrick, said that as a strong supporter of lowering BAC levels for underage motorists, Levy has already proposed similar legislation. The

Levy proposal does not, however, include mandatory revocation.

Under current law, underage offenders face license revocation following a second conviction.

According to Moriarty, the Levy legislation has been reported to the Senate floor, where approval appears likely.