

3-1004. Consent to chemical test; administration of tests; unreasonable refusal unlawful, penalty. Any person who operates or has actual physical control of an aircraft within this state shall be deemed to have given consent to submit to a chemical test of blood, urine or breath, for the purpose of determining the amount of alcoholic content in such person's body fluid, if such person is arrested or otherwise taken into custody for any offense involving operating an aircraft under the influence of intoxicating liquor in violation of a state statute or a city ordinance and the arresting officer has reasonable grounds to believe that prior to arrest the person was operating an aircraft under the influence of intoxicating liquor. The test shall be administered at the direction of a law enforcement officer. If a law enforcement officer requests the arrested person to submit to a chemical test of blood, the withdrawal of blood at the direction of the officer may be performed only by: (1) A person licensed to practice medicine and surgery or a person acting under the supervision of any such licensed person; (2) a registered nurse or a licensed practical nurse; or (3) any qualified medical technician. No person authorized by this section to withdraw blood, nor any person assisting in the performance of a blood alcohol test or any hospital wherein such blood is withdrawn or tested that has been directed by any law enforcement officer to withdraw or test blood shall be liable in any civil or criminal action when such act is performed in a reasonable manner according to generally accepted medical practices in the community where performed. No law enforcement officer who is acting pursuant to this section shall be liable for such action in any civil or criminal proceeding involving such action. If the person refuses a request to submit to a test of breath or blood, it shall not be given and the law enforcement officer shall arrest such person for refusal to submit to a blood alcohol test. Unreasonable refusal to submit to a blood alcohol test under this section is a class C misdemeanor.

History: L. 1981, ch. 138, § 4; July 1.