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(Wyo.)-State Officials Looking At 24/7 Sobriety Program



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CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP) - A program designed to keep people accused of drunk driving out of jail - as long as they stay sober - could be coming to Wyoming.

State officials are in early discussions to examine if the 24/7 Sobriety Program is the right fit. The program allows repeat impaired-driving offenders to submit to a twice-a-day breathalyzer test instead of staying in jail while they wait for their trial. It also can be used as a condition of parole or probation for alcohol, drug or domestic violence offenses.

A participant who fails the test is immediately taken into custody and has their bond revoked.

Gov. Matt Mead, Attorney General Greg Phillips, state legislators and the Governor's Council on Impaired Driving have been discussing plans recently to bring the program to Wyoming.