

Deputy Proposes Scrapping Zero Tolerance Rule For Drivers

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The State Duma will on Thursday consider a bill that would abandon the "zero tolerance" approach to driving and consuming alcohol.

"The bill reinstates the legal norm for an 'allowance per mile' — a permitted maximum amount of alcohol in the driver's blood that would not result in legal punishment," the bill's author, A Just Russia deputy Anton Belyakov, told journalists Thursday in comments carried by Interfax.

Belyakov explained that the bill proposes 0.2 grams of pure ethanol per liter of blood as the maximum legal concentration of alcohol in a driver's blood.

Anything exceeding that amount would be considered alcohol intoxication and incur punishment against offending drivers, he said.

Belyakov said this initiative seeks to protect Russia's 50 million drivers from any potential legal errors and undeserved punishment from inaccurate alcohol testers or natural alcohol content levels in the human body.

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