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  - 20 to 40 hours of Community Service
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#### Third Offense:

- Loss of License/Prohibit from Obtaining License- 12 months
- Minimum of 60 hours of Community Service
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- Alcohol assessment by a licensed drug and alcohol counselor

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