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Poll: Should Older Drivers Be Tested More Often?



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(CBS 42) AUSTIN How old is too old to drive? That's an issue state lawmakers are wrestling with as they debate mandatory vision and driving tests for people 90-years-old or older.

The legislation is known as Katie's Law and would require additional testing of elderly drivers in hopes of saving lives.

Lawmakers heard from several parents who said if this were already state law, their child might be alive today.

They came to Austin sharing a painful bond. Three families devastated by others possibly too old to drive. Their message--it's the most horrible pain imaginable.

"It is an agony and a pain that is debilitating," said Johna Bolka, whose daughter was killed by an elderly driver. "It knocks you to your knees and it's exhausting. Absolutely exhausting, just to get through the day."

"I was Katie's best friend," said Nina Bolka, whose sister was killed. "I knew her the best, and now it's hard because you're an only child."

"I lost my mother two years ago. There's nothing--nothing as horrible as losing a child," said Joan Bohls, whose daughter was killed. "Your flesh has been ripped from you. It's like a part of you has died. There's nothing like

it."

"It's a very tough day, but it's kind of appropriate. It's Valentine's Day and my daughter loved hearts," said Liv Stovall, whose daughter was killed.

Some lawmakers understand the problem through the eyes of their own mother.

"She is not only legally blind, but she is all but completely blind due to diabetes and her license was just renewed by mail," said Sen. John Carona.

It's a broken system, they say, that leaves everyone--even the elderly drivers--a victim.

This legislation would require license renewal for all drivers 90-years-old or older, require in-person renewal every two years and would also require a current vision and drivers test.

After Wednesday's testimony, there's also talk of lowering the age from 90 to possibly 80 or 85.

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