RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Existing law (R.S. 32:429.4(E)) authorizes the office of motor vehicles (OMV) to enter into installment agreements with eligible persons for payment of outstanding fines, penalties, and fees owed. Further specifies that failure to make a scheduled payment will result in the assessment of a late fee of $25, added to the total amount due. Additionally requires the OMV, upon the failure to receive a payment, to send an electronic mail notification to the debtor to update the debtor's payment information and pay the missed payment. Prior law required that after receiving the electronic mail notice, the debtor updates the payment information, pays the late fee, and submits the missed payment will result in the installment agreement remaining in place and no further action will be taken. Existing law specifies that in these cases, the missed payment and late fee must be received by the OMV vehicles prior to the next scheduled payment date.

New law specifies that the first three missed payments will be added to the end of the payment schedule of the installment agreement and any fourth, or subsequent, missed payment will result in a late fee of $25 added to the total amount due. Requires the installment agreement remain in place until a fourth, and any subsequent, missed payment occurs.

Existing law (R.S. 32:429.4(F)(1)) specifies that if a debtor missed an installment payment and does not make it up as provided in existing law the entire amount has to be paid within 60 days of the date of notice and demand from the commissioner of the OMV.

New law modifies existing law by providing that, if any installment payment is not paid on or before the date fixed for its payment or rescheduled payment and the debtor fails to make up the missed payment as provided for in new law, the entire amount unpaid pursuant to the installment agreement shall be paid by the debtor within a 60-day period from the date of notice and demand from the commissioner of the OMV.

Existing law (R.S. 32:863.1.2) authorizes the commissioner of the OMV to implement a Reinstatement Relief Program for a person and to determine the amount of reinstatement fees that the person owes. Requires that the person promptly pay the amount determined to be owed no later than 10 days from the date that the commissioner sets the amount owed through an installment agreement for the amount determined, together with all fees associated with the agreement. Prior law specified that a person would only maintain eligibility to remain in the Reinstatement Relief Program if they made all payments required in the installment agreement.

New law provides that a person enrolled in the Reinstatement Relief Program will be removed from the program upon failure to meet the requirements of the installment agreement pursuant to new law (R.S. 32:429.4), instead of the failure to make a timely payment and pay the associated late fee.

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Amends R.S. 32:429.4(E) and (F)(1) and 863.1.2(B))