

2018 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 443

BY SENATOR BISHOP

MOTOR VEHICLES. Reduces the fines for failure to maintain compulsory motor vehicle liability security. (8/1/18)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 32:863.1(I), relative to evidence of compulsory motor vehicle
3 liability security; to reduce the amount of the fines for failure to maintain motor
4 vehicle liability security; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 32:863.1(I) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §863.1. Evidence of compulsory motor vehicle liability security contained in
8 vehicle; enforcement; penalty; fees

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10 I.(1) Every owner or lessee of a self-propelled motor vehicle registered in
11 another state which is involved in a traffic accident or collision in Louisiana shall
12 provide one of the documents comparable to those listed in Subsection A evidencing
13 that the motor vehicle is covered by a valid policy of automobile insurance. If the
14 operator of the motor vehicle is unable to show such proof, a notice of
15 noncompliance shall be issued **by the office of motor vehicles**.

16 (2) If the operator of the motor vehicle is issued a notice of noncompliance,
17 the owner of the vehicle shall have thirty working days from the date that the notice

1 of noncompliance was issued to present to the office of motor vehicles proof that
2 insurance coverage was in effect at the time of the issuance of the notice of
3 noncompliance or proof that insurance coverage was not required by the state in
4 which the vehicle was registered.

5 (3) If the owner fails to provide the proof required in Paragraph (2) of this
6 Subsection, there shall be a fine of ~~one hundred~~ **fifty** dollars for a first offense, a fine
7 of ~~two~~ **one** hundred fifty dollars for a second offense, and a fine of ~~five~~ **three**
8 hundred dollars for any subsequent offense.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Cheryl Cooper.

DIGEST

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Present law provides for the following penalties for failure to maintain evidence of compulsory motor vehicle liability insurance:

- (1) A fine of \$100.00 for a first offense.
- (2) A fine of \$250.00 for a second offense.
- (3) A fine of \$500.00 for a third and subsequent offense.

Proposed law changes the penalties for failure to maintain evidence of compulsory motor vehicle liability insurance to the following:

- (1) A fine of \$50 for a first offense.
- (2) A fine of \$150 for a second offense.
- (3) A fine of \$300 for a third and subsequent offense.

Effective August 1, 2018.

(Amends R.S. 22:863.1(I))