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HB 698 Engrossed

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Abstract: Authorizes the office of motor vehicles to suspend driving and motor vehicle registration privileges of a person who pays taxes or fees to a public license tag agent with an insufficient funds check or any form of payment that is subject to a chargeback.

Present law authorizes the department to suspend the driving and motor vehicle registration privileges of any person who pays taxes or fees to the office of motor vehicles with a check that is dishonored for insufficient funds, if the person fails to redeem the check within 30 days after the date notice of suspension is mailed to the licensee by the department. Specifies that the period of suspension begins 30 days after the date the notice of suspension is mailed to the licensee by the department.

Present law provides that any license suspended will remain suspended until all pending assessments against the person, including a reinstatement fee have been paid in cash. Specifies that no economic hardship license will be issued when a person's driving and motor vehicle registration privileges have been suspended.

Proposed law retains present law and adds a public license tag agent contracted with or acting on behalf of the office of motor vehicles to present law provisions authorizing the office of motor vehicles to suspend a person driver's license privileges if the person paid taxes or fees with an insufficient funds check or any form of payment that is subject to a chargeback.

Proposed law authorizes that the office of motor vehicles to suspend the driving and motor vehicle registration privileges of any person who pays taxes or fees to either the office of motor vehicles, or to a public license tag agent contracted with the office of motor vehicles, with a credit or debit card or any form of electronic payment that is the subject of a chargeback, if the person fails to make the required payment within 30 days after the date notice of suspension is mailed to the licensee by the department. Further specifies the period of suspension will begin 30 days after the date the notice of suspension is mailed to the licensee by the department.

(Amends R.S. 32:414(N))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works to the original bill:

1. Remove a provision that prohibited the issuance of an economic hardship license when a person's driving and motor vehicle privileges are suspended pursuant to the law.
2. Authorize the department to suspend privileges for persons issuing payment to the office of motor vehicles or a public license that is subject of a chargeback if the actual payment is not made within 30 days.
3. Make technical changes.