

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 875

BY REPRESENTATIVE PHELPS

MTR VEHICLE/OFFICE: Provides relative to lapses in motor vehicle liability security

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 32:863(A)(3)(a), relative to reinstatement fees for lapses in
3 motor vehicle liability security; to provide for a decrease in reinstatement fees for
4 lapses in motor vehicle liability security; to provide for grace periods before the
5 imposition of reinstatement fees for motor vehicle liability security lapses; and to
6 provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 32:863(A)(3)(a) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

9 §863. Sanctions for false declaration; reinstatement fees; revocation of registration;
10 review

11 A.

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13 (3)(a) Sanctions for a violation of Paragraph (1) of this Subsection shall be
14 imposed until proof of required liability security is provided to the secretary and all
15 reinstatement fees are paid. Sanctions for a violation of Paragraph (2) of this
16 Subsection shall be imposed for a period of not less than twelve months nor more
17 than eighteen months. However, in no event shall these sanctions be removed until
18 such time as proof of the required security is provided to the secretary along with all
19 appropriate fees required by law, including a reinstatement fee of ~~one hundred~~ fifty
20 dollars per violation of Paragraph (1) of this Subsection if the vehicle was not
21 covered by the required security for a period of one to thirty days, two hundred ~~fifty~~

DIGEST

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Abstract: Decreases reinstatement fees and modifies the grace periods applicable to lapses in motor vehicle liability security.

Present law requires a reinstatement fee for a lapse in vehicle security be \$100 per violation for lapses in coverage between one to 30 days; a reinstatement fee of \$250 for lapses in coverage between 31 to 90 days; and \$500 for lapses in coverage in excess of 90 days.

Proposed law modifies present law by decreasing a reinstatement fee for a lapse in vehicle security from \$100 to \$50 per violation for lapses in coverage between one to 30 days; a reinstatement fee from \$250 to \$200 for lapses in coverage between 31 to 90 days; and from \$500 to \$450 for lapses in coverage in excess of 90 days.

Present law prohibits a reinstatement fee from being imposed by the secretary if the vehicle was not covered by required security for 10 days or less and the insured surrenders the vehicle's license plate to the secretary within 10 days or if the violation is the insured's first violation pursuant to present law and the lapse of insurance coverage was for 10 days or less, provided that immediate notice of the cancellation is given within one to five days before issuing the violation.

Proposed law increases the grace period before the imposition of a reinstatement fee for lapses in security from 10 days or less to 30 days or less for first offense violation. Further requires that any subsequent violation have grace period of at least 10 days prior to the imposition of a reinstatement fee.

(Amends R.S. 32:863(A)(3)(a))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Allows for a 30 day grace period of lapses in vehicle liability security for first offense violations.
2. Includes a 10 day grace period for any subsequent violation for lapses in vehicle liability security.