

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 722

BY REPRESENTATIVE TERRY LANDRY

MTR VEHICLE/DRIVER LIC: Provides with respect to the automatic reinstatement of a driver's license

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 32:414(F)(2) and 415(B)(1), relative to automatic reinstatement
3 of suspended driver's licenses for unpaid traffic fees; to provide for the automatic
4 reinstatement of suspended, cancelled, or revoked driver's licenses for unpaid fees;
5 to provide for proof of payment related to traffic fines; and to provide for related
6 matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 32:414(F)(2) and 415(B)(1) are hereby amended and reenacted to
9 read as follows:

10 §414. Suspension, revocation, renewal, and cancellation of licenses; judicial review

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14 (2)(a) For cause satisfactory to the department, it is hereby authorized to
15 suspend, cancel, or revoke the license of any person for a period of not more than
16 one year.

17 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, a person's
18 driver's license shall be automatically reinstated upon full payment of all fees
19 assessed by the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of motor
20 vehicles, and proof of payment of any fines, as contemplated by R.S. 32:393, or any

1 other provision under this Title, that resulted in the suspension, cancellation, or
2 revocation of a driver's license, except for offenses pursuant to R.S. 14:98. A second
3 violation pursuant to R.S. 14:98 shall include an additional one year suspension of
4 the person's driver's license.

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6 §415. Operating vehicle while license is suspended; offenses in other states; record
7 of offenses given other states

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9 B.(1)(a) Any period of suspension or revocation shall automatically be
10 extended for a period of one year from the date the licensee would otherwise have
11 been entitled to apply for a new license upon his conviction for any offense involving
12 the operation of a motor vehicle committed during such period. No driver shall use
13 a license issued to him in another state or the privilege of a nonresident to drive a
14 motor vehicle in this state, upon receiving notice of his conviction, or of the entry of
15 a plea of guilty and sentence thereupon, or of the forfeiture of bail in another state
16 of federal jurisdiction for any offense, which if committed in this state, would be
17 grounds for suspension or revocation of the license.

18 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, a person's
19 driver's license shall be automatically reinstated upon full payment of all fees
20 assessed by the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of motor
21 vehicles, and proof of payment of any fines, as contemplated by R.S. 32:393, or any
22 other provision under this Title, that resulted in the suspension, cancellation, or
23 revocation of a driver's license, except for offenses pursuant to R.S. 14:98. A second
24 violation pursuant to R.S. 14:98 shall include an additional one year suspension of
25 the person's driver's license.

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DIGEST

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HB 722 Engrossed

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Abstract: Provides for automatic reinstatement of suspended driver's licenses upon full payment of department fees and traffic fines.

Present law (R.S. 32:414(F)(2)) authorizes the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections (DPS&C), office of motor vehicles (OMV), to suspend, cancel, or revoke driver's licenses for cause satisfactory to the dept. for a period of not more than one year.

Proposed law retains present law but provides an exception to the one year suspension of a driver's license upon full payment of all fees assessed by the DPS&C, OMV, after proof of payment of any fines, as contemplated by present law (R.S. 32:393) that resulted in the suspension, cancellation, or revocation of a driver's license, a person's driver's license must be automatically reinstated, except for offenses pursuant to the crime of operating a vehicle while impaired. Further requires a second violation in present law (R.S. 14:98) include an additional one year suspension of the person's driver's license.

Present law (R.S. 32:415(B)(1)(a)) requires any period of suspension or revocation be automatically extended for a period of one year from the date the licensee would otherwise have been entitled to apply for a new license upon his conviction for any offense involving the operation of a motor vehicle committed during such period. Further requires that no driver can use a license issued to him in another state or the privilege of a nonresident to drive a vehicle in this state, upon receiving notice of his conviction, or of the entry of a plea of guilty and sentence, or of the forfeiture of bail in another state of federal jurisdiction for any offense, which if committed in this state, would be grounds for suspension or revocation of the license.

Proposed law retains present law and provides that unless contrary to present law, a person's driver's license will be automatically reinstated upon full payment of all fees assessed by the DPS&C, OMV, and proof of payment of any fines, as contemplated by present law (R.S. 32:393), that resulted in the suspension, cancellation, or revocation of a driver's license, except for offenses pursuant to the crime of operating a vehicle while impaired. Further requires a second violation pursuant to present law (R.S. 14:98) include an additional one year suspension of the person's driver's license.

(Amends R.S. 32:414(F)(2) and 415(B)(1))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Make technical changes.
2. Add an exception that suspended, revoked, and cancelled licenses cannot be automatically reinstated for offenses pursuant to the crime of operating a vehicle while impaired. Further requires a second violation pursuant to present law (R.S. 14:98) include an additional one year suspension of the person's driver's license.
3. Add the requirement that a person's driver's license be automatically reinstated upon full payment of all fees assessed by the Department of Public Safety and

Corrections, office of motor vehicles, and proof of payment of any fines associated with unpaid traffic and parking fines, or any other provision in present law (R.S. 32:393) , that resulted in the suspension, cancellation, or revocation of a driver's license, ~~except for~~ offenses pursuant to the crime of operating a vehicle while impaired. Further requires a second violation pursuant to present law (R.S. 14:98) include an additional one year suspension of the person's driver's license.