

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 1173

BY REPRESENTATIVE MURRAY

MTR VEHICLE/OFFICE: Provides with respect to installment agreements entered into through the Reinstatement Relief Program operated by the office of motor vehicles

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 32:429.4(E) and 863.1.2(B), relative to the terms of installment  
3 agreements for outstanding fines, penalties, and fees owed to the office of motor  
4 vehicles; to extend the issuance of certain late fees for failure to make timely  
5 payments; to provide for requirements before a person is removed from the  
6 Reinstatement Relief Program; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 32:429.4(E) and 863.1.2(B) are hereby amended and reenacted to  
9 read as follows:

10 §429.4. Installment agreement; outstanding penalties, fines, and fees owed to the  
11 office of motor vehicles

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13 E. The failure to make a scheduled payment in accordance with the terms of  
14 the installment agreement shall result in the missed scheduled payment being added  
15 to the end of the payment schedule of the installment agreement and shall apply to  
16 the first three missed payments. Upon a fourth, or any subsequent, missed payment  
17 an assessment of a late fee in the amount of twenty-five dollars, which shall be added  
18 to the total amount due. Upon the failure to receive a payment, the office of motor  
19 vehicles shall send an electronic mail notification to the debtor to update the debtor's  
20 payment information and pay the missed payment. ~~If, after receiving the electronic~~

1       ~~mail notice, the debtor updates the payment information, pays the late fee, and~~  
 2       ~~submits the missed payment, the~~ The installment agreement shall remain in place and  
 3       no further action ~~will~~ shall be taken until the fourth, and any subsequent, missed  
 4       payment. In such case, the missed payment and late fee shall be received by the  
 5       office of motor vehicles prior to the next scheduled payment date.

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7       §863.1.2. Reinstatement Relief Program

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9               B. The commissioner shall determine the amount of reinstatement fees that  
 10       the person owes. The person shall promptly pay the amount determined to be owed  
 11       no later than ten calendar days from the date that the commissioner sets the amount  
 12       that is owed. If the person needs to make payment arrangements, the person shall  
 13       execute an installment agreement with the office of motor vehicles. Such an  
 14       installment agreement shall only be for the amount determined to be owed by the  
 15       commissioner together with all fees associated with the installment agreement as  
 16       provided in R.S. 32:429.4. If a person executes an installment contract, that person  
 17       shall maintain eligibility to remain in the Reinstatement Relief Program only if they  
 18       make ~~all~~ payments required in the installment agreement. If a person fails to ~~make~~  
 19       ~~a timely payment and fails to pay the missed payment with the associated late fee~~  
 20       ~~before the next scheduled payment~~ meet the requirements of the installment  
 21       agreement pursuant to R.S. 32:429.4, the person shall be removed from the  
 22       Reinstatement Relief Program and shall not be eligible to reenter the Reinstatement  
 23       Relief Program.

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**DIGEST**

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**Abstract:** Provides relative to the issuance of certain late fees for failure to make timely payments and to removal of persons from the Reinstatement Relief Program.

Present law (R.S. 32:429.4) 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. Further requires 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. 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.

Proposed 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 the 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.

Present 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. Further 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. Specifies that a person will only maintain eligibility to remain in the Reinstatement Relief Program if they make all payments required in the installment agreement. Further specifies that failure to make a timely payment and failure to pay the missed payment with the associated late fee before the next scheduled payment, the person will be removed the program and not be eligible to reenter.

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

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