

**ACT No. 714**

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 669

BY REPRESENTATIVE MARCELLE

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 32:57.1(A), relative to the status of an operator's license after  
3 failing to appear in court; to provide discretion for a magistrate or judge to issue a  
4 suspension on the renewal of an operator's license; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 32:57.1(A) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §57.1. Failure to honor written promise to appear; penalty; disposition of fines

8 A. Whenever an arrested person who was released on his written promise to  
9 appear before a magistrate at the place and time specified in a summons described  
10 in R.S. 32:391(B) fails to honor his written promise to appear, the magistrate or  
11 judge of the court exercising jurisdiction ~~shall~~ may immediately forward to the  
12 Department of Public Safety and Corrections notice of the failure to appear, with  
13 information necessary for identification of the arrested person. Thereupon, unless the  
14 original charges have been disposed of, the Department of Public Safety and  
15 Corrections shall immediately notify the arrested person of suspension of his  
16 operator's license and the imposition of a fifty-dollar fee, regardless of the  
17 disposition of the original charge. The Department of Public Safety and Corrections  
18 likewise shall inform the arrested person that his operator's license cannot be  
19 renewed or reissued until the forwarding court exercising jurisdiction certifies that

