2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 698

## BY REPRESENTATIVE SCHAMERHORN

## MOTOR VEHICLES: Provides relative to the suspension, revocation, renewal, and cancellation of licenses

1	AN ACT		
2	To amend and reenact R.S. 32:414(N), relative to the suspension of driving and motor		
3	vehicle registration privileges; to provide for penalties for payments and fees made		
4	with an insufficient funds check; and to provide for related matters.		
5	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:		
6	Section 1. R.S. 32:414(N) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:		
7	§414. Suspension, revocation, renewal, and cancellation of licenses; judicial review		
8	* * *		
9	N. The department may suspend the driving and motor vehicle registration		
10	privileges of any person who pays taxes or fees to the office of motor vehicles, or to		
11	a public license tag agent contracted with and acting on behalf of the office of motor		
12	vehicles, with a check which is subsequently dishonored for insufficient funds, if the		
13	person fails to redeem the check within thirty days after the date notice of suspension		
14	is mailed to the licensee by the department. The period of suspension shall begin		
15	thirty days after the date the notice of suspension is mailed to the licensee by the		
16	department. Any license so suspended shall remain suspended until all pending		
17	assessments against the person, including a reinstatement fee provided for in		
18	Subsection H of this Section, have been paid in cash. No economic hardship license		
19	shall be issued when a person's driving and motor vehicle registration privileges have		
20	been suspended under the provisions of this Subsection. The department shall		

CODING: Words in struck through type are deletions from existing law; words <u>underscored</u> are additions.

1	promulgate rules as may be necessary for a public license tag agent to submit an
2	insufficient funds check as provided in this Subsection to the office of motor vehicles

3 <u>for collections.</u>

4

\* \*

## DIGEST

The digest printed below was prepared by House Legislative Services. It constitutes no part of the legislative instrument. The keyword, one-liner, abstract, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

HB 698 Original	2024 Regular Session	Schamerhorn
TID 096 Original	2024 Regular Session	Schamerhorn

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.

<u>Present law</u> 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.

<u>Present law</u> 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.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> and adds a public license tag agent contracted with or acting on behalf of the office of motor vehicles to <u>present law</u> 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.

<u>Proposed law</u> requires the department to promulgate the same rules as <u>present law</u> for a public license tag agent.

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