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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))