

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS

HB 732

2026 Regular Session

Owen

MTR VEHICLE/OFFICE: Provides for a temporary waiver of fees for final delinquent debt based on special circumstances

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Suspends the application of the hybrid vehicle road usage fee provided in present law (R.S. 32:461(A)(2)) until August 1, 2027 for Mild Hybrid (MHEV) and 48V Hybrid models and provides that failure to pay such fee is not considered debt that may be collected pursuant to proposed law or any other applicable collection authority.
2. Changes the commissioner's emergency authority from a temporary waiver to a temporary suspension of fines, fees, penalties, or license suspensions appearing on a person's driving record.
3. Removes a provision of proposed law that would have granted the commissioner full authority to reduce or eliminate any obligation provided for in proposed law.
4. Makes technical changes.

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

Present law (R.S. 32:8) allows the office of motor vehicles (OMV) to refer debts that are past due 180 days and final for collection through the office of debt recovery, while notifying debtors of payment options and possible fees.

Proposed law retains present law but grants the commissioner of the OMV, or his designee, emergency authority to temporarily suspend fines, fees, penalties, or license suspensions for up to 30 days to allow access to life-sustaining medical treatment, with documentation from a healthcare provider.

Proposed law defines "commissioner" as the commissioner of the OMV for purposes of proposed law.

Proposed law suspends the hybrid vehicle road usage fee provided in R.S. 32:461(A)(2) until August 1, 2027 for Mild Hybrid (MHEV) and 48V Hybrid models. Proposed law provides that failure to pay such fee is not considered debt that may be collected pursuant to proposed law or any other applicable collection authority.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 32:8(E) and (F))