

# ACT No. 639

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HOUSE BILL NO. 851

BY REPRESENTATIVE TALBOT

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 32:862(G)(4), 863(A)(1), (3)(a), and (B)(2)(b), 863.1(I)(3), 864, and 865(A) and (B)(1), relative to the penalties for operating a motor vehicle without the required motor vehicle liability security; to increase penalties for failing to provide required proof of compliance; to require suspension, revocation, and cancellation of driver's license and registration for violations; to remove limits on the maximum amount of penalties and reinstatement fees that are assessed; to increase the administrative reinstatement fee; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 32:862(G)(4), 863(A)(1), (3)(a), and (B)(2)(b), 863.1(I)(3), 864, and 865(A) and (B)(1) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§862. Proof of compliance

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G. The prohibited actions and penalties for violations thereof are as follows:

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(4) Whoever violates the provisions of this Subsection shall be fined not less than five hundred dollars nor more than one thousand dollars and shall be required to perform not less than forty hours nor more than two hundred hours of community service, provided that in lieu of imposing a monetary fine, the court may order the violator to purchase motor vehicle liability insurance and to submit proof of such insurance to the court.

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1 §863. Sanctions for false declaration; reinstatement fees; revocation of registration;  
 2 review

3 A.(1) Except as provided ~~herein below~~ in this Section, when the secretary  
 4 determines that a vehicle is not covered by security as required by this Chapter or  
 5 that the owner or lessee has allowed the required security to lapse, he shall revoke  
 6 the registration of the vehicle, and impound or cancel the vehicle's license plate.

7 \* \* \*

8 (3)(a) Sanctions for a violation of Paragraph (1) of this Subsection shall be  
 9 imposed until proof of required liability security is provided to the secretary and all  
 10 reinstatement fees are paid. Sanctions for a violation of Paragraph (2) of this  
 11 Subsection shall be imposed for a period of not less than ~~six~~ twelve months nor more  
 12 than eighteen months. However, in no event shall these sanctions be removed until  
 13 such time as proof of the required security is provided to the secretary along with all  
 14 appropriate fees required by law, including a reinstatement fee of ~~twenty-five~~ fifty  
 15 dollars per violation of Paragraph (1) of this Subsection if the vehicle was not  
 16 covered by the required security for a period of one to thirty days, one hundred fifty  
 17 dollars if the vehicle was not covered by required security for a period of thirty-one  
 18 to ninety days, and ~~two~~ three hundred dollars if the vehicle was not covered by  
 19 required security for a period in excess of ninety days. No reinstatement fee shall  
 20 be imposed by the secretary if the vehicle was not covered by required security for  
 21 a period of ten days or less and the insured surrenders the vehicle's license plate to  
 22 the secretary within ten days. The reinstatement fees for violations of Paragraph (2)  
 23 of this Subsection shall be as follows: ~~twenty-five~~ one hundred twenty-five dollars  
 24 for a first violation, ~~one~~ two hundred dollars for a second violation, and ~~two hundred~~  
 25 four hundred dollars for a third or subsequent violation, ~~provided the offenses~~  
 26 ~~occurred within a five-year period~~. The reinstatement fee shall not be owed for an  
 27 alleged violation of Paragraph (2) of this Subsection when proof of the required  
 28 security is provided to the secretary. ~~If at the time of reinstatement a person has~~  
 29 ~~multiple violations, the total amount of fees to be paid shall not exceed five hundred~~  
 30 ~~dollars, including any administrative fees for persons under sixty-five years old. At~~

1 ~~no time shall the total amount of fees, including any administrative fees, exceed two~~  
2 ~~hundred dollars for persons sixty-five years or older.~~

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4 B. The sanctions of Paragraph (A)(1) of this Section shall not be imposed,  
5 and any fine, fee, or other monetary sanction which has been remitted to the  
6 secretary pursuant to the sanctions of this Section, specifically including any  
7 reinstatement fee paid pursuant to Paragraph (A)(3) of this Section and any fee paid  
8 pursuant to Paragraph (D)(5) of this Section, shall be promptly refunded by the  
9 secretary to the person who paid it, if the owner or lessee furnishes any of the  
10 following:

11 \* \* \*

12 (2) If such evidence is not furnished by the owner or lessee, any other  
13 evidence satisfactory to the secretary, that each of the following conditions are met:

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15 (b) The vehicle is currently covered by security as required by R.S. 32:861  
16 and that the required security has been continuous without lapse.

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18 §863.1. Evidence of compulsory motor vehicle liability security contained in  
19 vehicle; enforcement; penalty; fees

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21 I.

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23 (3) If the owner fails to provide the proof required in Paragraph (2) of this  
24 Subsection, there shall be a fine of ~~fifty~~ one hundred dollars for a first offense, a fine  
25 of ~~one~~ two hundred fifty dollars for a second offense, and a fine of five hundred  
26 dollars for any subsequent offense.

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28 §864. Criminal sanctions for false declaration

29 Any person, firm, or corporation which violates R.S. 32:863(A)(2) shall be  
30 guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined not ~~more~~ less than ~~one~~

1           two hundred ~~twenty-five~~ fifty dollars nor more than five hundred dollars or  
2           imprisoned for a period of not more than thirty days.

3           §865. Criminal sanctions for operating motor vehicle not covered by security

4                   A. Any person knowingly operating a motor vehicle and any owner allowing  
5           a motor vehicle to be operated, when such motor vehicle is not covered by the  
6           security required under R.S. 32:861 shall, upon conviction, be fined not ~~more~~ less  
7           than five hundred dollars nor more than one thousand dollars.

8                   B.(1) If the vehicle is in any manner involved in an accident within this state,  
9           when such motor vehicle is not covered by the security required under R.S. 32:861,  
10          the owner thereof shall, upon conviction, be fined not ~~more~~ less than five hundred  
11          dollars nor more than one thousand dollars, shall have the registration of the vehicle  
12          revoked for a period of ~~sixty~~ one hundred eighty days, and shall have his driving  
13          privileges suspended for a period of ~~sixty~~ one hundred eighty days.

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15          Section 2. This Act shall become effective on February 1, 2015.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_