

2016 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 400

BY SENATOR BARROW

MOTOR VEHICLES. Provides debt amnesty program to individuals for excessive debt due the office of motor vehicles. (8/1/16)

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 32:9, relative to motor vehicles; to require the office of motor vehicles to  
3 establish a debt amnesty program; to provide for an amnesty period; to provide the  
4 terms and conditions applicable to the program; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 32:9 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 **§9. Amnesty program; office of motor vehicles**

8 **A. The office of motor vehicles shall develop and implement a debt**  
9 **amnesty program to collect debt for fines, penalties, and fees due to the office**  
10 **of motor vehicles as defined in R.S. 32:8. The office shall publicize the debt**  
11 **amnesty program to maximize the public's awareness of and participation in**  
12 **the program.**

13 **B. The debt amnesty program shall be effective for a period of at least**  
14 **two months duration in 2016 occurring prior to December 31, 2016.**

15 **C. The debt amnesty program shall apply to debt due to the Department**  
16 **of Public Safety and Corrections, office of motor vehicles, pursuant to R.S.**  
17 **32:57.1, 863, or 863.1 on the effective date of this Section.**



eligible to participate in the debt amnesty program. Requires amnesty debt payments to be paid in full during the amnesty period and provides the following maximum schedule of amnesty debt payments.

- (1) For debt of \$1,000 or more for violation or multiple violations of R.S. 32:57.1, the amnesty debt payment due shall not exceed \$500.
- (2) For debt of \$1,000 or more for violation or for multiple violations of R.S. 32:863(A)(1), the amnesty debt payment due shall not exceed \$850 and shall not exceed \$1,075 for debt incurred for violation or for multiple violations of R.S. 32:863(A)(2). Requires the debtor to provide proof of insurance.
- (3) For debt of \$1,000 or more for violation or multiple violations of R.S. 32:863.1, the amnesty debt payment due shall not exceed \$500. Requires the debtor to provide proof of insurance.
- (4) No amnesty debt payment for debt of a person 65 years or older, including administrative fees, shall exceed \$250.

Proposed law requires the OMV to clear the debtor's record and reinstate his driver's license and motor vehicle registration upon receipt of the amnesty payment.

Effective August 1, 2016.

(Adds R.S. 32:9)