
DIGEST

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HB No. 872

Abstract: Increases penalties for operating vehicle without the required liability insurance.

Present law requires a fine not to exceed \$1,000 for violation of the Motor Vehicle Safety Responsibility Law.

Proposed law retains present law and additionally requires a minimum fine of \$75.

Present law requires that the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections (DPS&C) revoke the registration, impound or cancel the vehicle license plate of a vehicle not covered by security as required by the Motor Vehicle Safety Responsibility Law, and the suspension shall be for a minimum of six months and a maximum of 18 months when the owner submitted false information that the vehicle was covered by the required security.

Proposed law retains present law but requires that DPS&C revoke the registration, impound the vehicle and cancel the vehicle license plate of a vehicle not covered by security as required by the Motor Vehicle Safety Responsibility Law, and increases the minimum suspension to 12 months when the owner submits false information that the vehicle was covered by the required security.

Present law requires that DPS&C impose a reinstatement fee of \$25 if a vehicle was not covered by the required security for a period of 1 to 31 days, a fee of \$100 for a period of 31 to 90 days, and a fee of \$200 for a period in excess of 90 days, and imposes the same fees when the registration has been revoked because the owner submitted false information that the vehicle was covered by the required security.

Proposed law retains present law but imposes a reinstatement fee of \$100 if a vehicle was not covered by the required security for a period of 1 to 31 days, a fee of \$250 for a period of 31 to 90 days, and a fee of \$500 for a period in excess of 90 days. Proposed law also imposes a reinstatement fee of \$ 250 if a vehicle was not covered by the required security for a period of 1 to 31 days, a fee of \$500 for a period of 31 to 90 days, and a fee of \$1,000 for a period in excess of 90 days when the registration has been revoked because the owner submitted false information that the vehicle was covered by the required security in his application for registration or in his application for inspection.

Present law provides that if a person has multiple violations at the time of reinstatement, the total amount of fees shall not exceed \$500 for a person under 65 years old, and \$200 for a person 65 years or older.

Proposed law removes the maximum amount of fees that can be owed by any person at the time of reinstatement.

Present law provides that DPS&C shall waive the sanctions and reinstatement fees for failure to maintain the required security when the owner furnishes evidence to DPS&C that the vehicle is currently covered by the required security.

Proposed law retains present law but requires that the required security have been continuous without lapse.

Present law requires a fine of not more than \$125 for the submission of false information that a vehicle was covered by the required security in an application for registration or an application for inspection, and a fine of not more than \$500 for knowingly operating a vehicle or allowing to be operated without the required security.

Proposed law retains present law but requires a minimum fine of \$500 and a maximum fine of \$1,000.

Present law requires a fine of not more than \$500, revocation of vehicle registration for 60 days, and suspension of driving privileges for 60 days imposed upon the owner of a vehicle involved in an accident in La. when not covered by the required security.

Proposed law retains present law but imposes a minimum fine of \$500 and a maximum fine of \$1,000, revocation of vehicle registration for 180 days, and suspension of driving privileges for 180 days.

Present law requires the secretary to procure and implement a real-time system to verify the existence of motor vehicle insurance in compliance with the Motor Vehicle Safety Responsibility Law.

Proposed law retains present law, but provides that all monies collected pursuant to R.S. 22:863.2(E) and one-half of the monies collected pursuant to the other provisions of present law shall be appropriated to fund the creation and maintenance of a real-time system.

Provides that the provisions of proposed law become effective on February 1, 2015.

(Amends R.S. 32:862(G)(4), 863(A)(1) and (3)(a), and (B)(2)(b), 863.1(C)(1)(c), (D), and (I)(3), 863.2(E)(1), 864, and 865(A) and (B)(1); Adds R.S. 32:868)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works to the original bill.

1. Made technical changes.

2. Removed provision of proposed law that provides for an increase in the reinstatement fee.
3. Removed provision of proposed law that provides relative to the notification of the cancellation or issuance of security and penalties.
4. Provided that the provisions of proposed law will become effective on February 1, 2015.