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HOUSE BILL NO. 681

BY REPRESENTATIVE JORDAN

MTR VEHICLE/OFFICE: Provides relative to the office of motor vehicles reinstatement fees for no insurance

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 32:863(A)(3), relative to sanctions for lapse in required security;

to lessen and cap the sanctions; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 32:863(A)(3) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

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

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(3)(a) Sanctions for a violation of Paragraph (1) of this Subsection shall be imposed until proof of required liability security is provided to the secretary and all reinstatement fees are paid. Sanctions for a violation of Paragraph (2) of this Subsection shall be imposed for a period of not less than twelve months nor more than eighteen months. However, in no event shall these sanctions be removed until such time as proof of the required security is provided to the secretary along with all appropriate fees required by law, including a reinstatement fee of one hundred dollars per violation of Paragraph (1) of this Subsection if the vehicle was not covered by the required security for a period of one to thirty sixty days, two hundred fifty dollars if the vehicle was not covered by required security for a period of thirty-one to ninety in excess of sixty days, and five hundred dollars if the vehicle

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was not covered by required security for a period in excess of ninety days. No
reinstatement fee shall be imposed by the secretary if the vehicle was not covered by
required security for a period of ten days or less and the insured surrenders the
vehicle's license plate to the secretary within ten days or if the violation is the
insured's first violation pursuant to Paragraph (1) of this Subsection and the lapse of
insurance coverage was for five days or less, provided immediate notice of the
cancellation is given within one to five days before issuing the violation. In addition,
notice shall be transmitted to the insured through any digitized credentials
established pursuant to R.S. 39:17.2(D) within one to five days before issuing the
violation. The reinstatement fees for violations of Paragraph (2) of this Subsection
shall be as follows: two hundred fifty dollars for a first violation, five hundred
dollars for a second violation, and one thousand dollars for a third or subsequent
violation. The reinstatement fee shall not be owed for an alleged violation of
Paragraph (2) of this Subsection when proof of the required security is provided to
the secretary within sixty days of the date of the notice. If at the time of
reinstatement, a person has multiple violations and is within sixty days of the notice,
the total amount of fees to be paid shall not exceed eight hundred fifty dollars for
violations of Paragraph (1) of this Subsection and one thousand seventy-five dollars
for violations of Paragraph (2) of this Subsection. At no time shall the total amount
of fees, including administrative fees, exceed two hundred fifty dollars for persons
sixty-five years or older. After sixty days of the date of the notice, all fees shall be
considered final delinquent debt and therefore owed, and the
eight-hundred-fifty-dollar limit for persons under sixty-five years shall no longer
apply.

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## **DIGEST**

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**Abstract:** Changes the reinstatement fees for lapse in required vehicle security and modifies the time frames.

<u>Present law</u> provides for a reinstatement fee when the secretary determines that a vehicle is not covered by security of \$100 for one to 30 days, \$250 for 31 to 90 days, and \$500 for more than 90 days.

<u>Proposed law</u> changes the reinstatement fee to \$100 for a lapse in coverage for a period between one and 60 days and a reinstatement fee of \$250 for a lapse of coverage that is more than 60 days.

(Amends R.S. 32:863(A)(3))