

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 582

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAYHAM

MTR VEHICLE/OFFICE: Provides relative to reinstatement fees for lapses of vehicle liability security

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S.32:863(A)(3)(a), relative to reinstatement fees for the lapse of
3 vehicle liability security; to provide for a decrease in reinstatement fees for lapse of
4 vehicle liability security coverage; to increase the grace period prior to the
5 imposition of reinstatement fees; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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

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

10 A.

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

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

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Decreases reinstatement fees for lapse of vehicle liability security coverage and increases the grace period prior to the imposition of reinstatement fees.

Present law requires a reinstatement fee for a lapse in vehicle liability security as follows: \$100 per violation for lapses in coverage between one to 30 days; a reinstatement fee of \$250 for lapses in coverage between 31 to 90 days; and \$500 for lapses in coverage in excess of 90 days.

Proposed law modifies present law by decreasing reinstatement fees for a lapse in motor vehicle insurance from \$100 to \$75 per violation for lapses in coverage between one to 30 days; from \$250 to \$200 for lapses in coverage between 31 to 90 days; and from \$500 to \$400 for lapses in coverage in excess of 90 days.

Present law provides a grace period where reinstatement fees will not apply if the vehicle was uninsured for 10 days or less and the insured surrenders the license plate to the office of motor vehicles within 10 days.

Proposed law extends the grace period in present law, prohibiting the imposition of reinstatement fees for the lapse of insurance coverage, from 10 days or less to 15 days or less, and applies the same period to the surrender requirement.

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