
DIGEST

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Abstract: Grants the commissioner of the office of motor vehicles, or his designee, the authority to temporarily waive or suspend certain fines, fees, penalties, or license suspensions for up to 30 days under certain circumstances and to reduce or eliminate any obligation.

Present law (R.S. 32:8) allows the office of motor vehicles (OMV) to refer debts that are past due 180 days and final for collection through the Office of Debt Recovery, while notifying debtors of payment options and possible fees. Authorizes the OMV to adopt rules for referrals and, through the commissioner, compromise or settle debts to reduce collection costs.

Proposed law retains present law but grants the commissioner of the OMV, or his designee, emergency authority to temporarily waive or suspend fines, fees, penalties, or license suspensions for up to 30 days to allow access to life-sustaining medical treatment, with documentation from a healthcare provider. Clarifies that the underlying obligation is not forgiven, and the decision must be documented in writing by the OMV. Additionally, grants the commissioner full authority to reduce or eliminate any obligation.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 32:8(E))