

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 762

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAYHAM

MTR VEHICLE/OFFICE: Prohibits the Office of Motor Vehicles from referring certain cases to the Office of Debt Recovery

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 32:8(B), relative to debt referral by the office of motor vehicles;  
3 to prohibit the office of motor vehicles from referring debts arising from unpaid  
4 reinstatement fees to the office of debt recovery; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 32:8(B) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §8. Final delinquent debt; office of motor vehicles

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9 B. The office of motor vehicles may refer a final delinquent debt for which  
10 a debtor has not entered into an installment agreement for payment to the office of  
11 debt recovery as provided in R.S. 47:1676, except for debts incurred pursuant to R.S.  
12 32:863(A)(3)(a). Final delinquent debt referrals shall include data and information  
13 in the required format necessary to institute collection procedures. All delinquent  
14 debts shall be authenticated by the office of motor vehicles prior to being referred  
15 to the office of debt recovery. Once the delinquent debt becomes final and prior to  
16 referral to the office of debt recovery, the office of motor vehicles shall notify the  
17 debtor in writing that failure to pay the debt in full within sixty days shall subject the  
18 debt to the amount owed, as specified in R.S. 32:57.1(B), 863(A)(3)(a), and 863.1,  
19 together with the additional fee collected by the office of debt recovery provided for  
20 in R.S. 47:1676. Such notice shall also inform the debtor that the debtor may qualify

1 to pay sums due by installment agreement, if eligible, and shall include instructions  
2 on how to inquire with the office of motor vehicles to determine eligibility and  
3 terms.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Prohibits the Office of Motor Vehicles (OMV) from referring debt arising from unpaid reinstatement fees to the Office of Debt Recovery.

Present law authorizes the OMV to refer certain authenticated final delinquent debts to the Office of Debt Recovery for collection of the debt, including data and information needed to institute collection, 60 days after notice to the debtor.

Proposed law retains present law, but prohibits the OMV from referring any debt that arises from unpaid reinstatement fees due to a lack of insurance coverage or a lapse in coverage.

(Amends R.S. 32:8(B))