

GREEN SHEET REDIGEST

HB 732

2026 Regular Session

Owen

MTR VEHICLE/OFFICE: Provides for a temporary waiver of fees for final delinquent debt based on special circumstances.

DIGEST

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. Additionally, grants the commissioner full authority to reduce or eliminate any obligation.

Proposed law defines "commissioner" as the commissioner of the OMV for purposes of proposed law.

Proposed law adds provision to temporarily suspend debt collection related to hybrid vehicles.

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

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

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Remove a provision that specified that any waiver or hold did not forgive the underlying obligation and required a written decision.
2. Define "commissioner" as the commissioner of the office of motor vehicles for purposes of proposed law.
3. Clarify that the commissioner has the full authority to reduce or eliminate an obligation.
4. Make technical changes.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Transportation, Highways, and Public Works to the reengrossed bill

1. Adds provision to temporarily suspend debt collection related to hybrid vehicles.