

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 1173

BY REPRESENTATIVES MURRAY AND CHASSION

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 32:429.4(E) and (F)(1) and 863.1.2(B), relative to the terms of
3 installment agreements for outstanding fines, penalties, and fees owed to the office
4 of motor vehicles; to extend the issuance of certain late fees for failure to make
5 timely payments; to provide for requirements before a person is removed from the
6 Reinstatement Relief Program; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 32:429.4(E) and (F)(1) and 863.1.2(B) are hereby amended and
9 reenacted to read as follows:

10 §429.4. Installment agreement; outstanding penalties, fines, and fees owed to the
11 office of motor vehicles

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13 E. The failure to make a scheduled payment in accordance with the terms of
14 the installment agreement shall result in the missed scheduled payment being added
15 to the end of the payment schedule of the installment agreement and shall apply to
16 the first three missed payments. Upon a fourth, or any subsequent, missed payment
17 an assessment of a late fee in the amount of twenty-five dollars, ~~which~~ shall be added
18 to the total amount due. Upon the failure to receive a payment, the office of motor
19 vehicles shall send an electronic mail notification to the debtor to update the debtor's
20 payment information and pay the missed payment. ~~If, after receiving the electronic~~
21 ~~mail notice, the debtor updates the payment information, pays the late fee, and~~
22 ~~submits the missed payment, the~~ The installment agreement shall remain in place and
23 no further action ~~will~~ shall be taken until the fourth, and any subsequent, missed

1 payment. In such case, the missed payment and late fee shall be received by the
2 office of motor vehicles prior to the next scheduled payment date.

3 F. Termination of installment agreement upon failure to make payment.

4 (1) If any installment payment is not paid on or before the date fixed for its
5 payment or rescheduled, and the debtor fails to make up the missed payment as
6 provided in Subsection E of this Section, the entire amount unpaid pursuant to the
7 installment agreement shall be paid by the debtor within a sixty-day period from the
8 date of notice and demand from the commissioner of the office of motor vehicles.
9 The notice shall further advise the debtor that his driver's license shall be suspended
10 upon the expiration of the sixty-day period if the payments due pursuant to the
11 installment agreement are not made current within that sixty-day period or the
12 agreement is not reinstated by the commissioner of the office of motor vehicles
13 within that sixty-day period. This notice shall be known as "Notice of Installment
14 Agreement Termination and Demand".

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16 §863.1.2. Reinstatement Relief Program

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18 B. The commissioner shall determine the amount of reinstatement fees that
19 the person owes. The person shall promptly pay the amount determined to be owed
20 no later than ten calendar days from the date that the commissioner sets the amount
21 that is owed. If the person needs to make payment arrangements, the person shall
22 execute an installment agreement with the office of motor vehicles. Such an
23 installment agreement shall only be for the amount determined to be owed by the
24 commissioner together with all fees associated with the installment agreement as
25 provided in R.S. 32:429.4. If a person executes an installment contract, that person
26 shall maintain eligibility to remain in the Reinstatement Relief Program only if they
27 make ~~all~~ payments required in the installment agreement. If a person fails to ~~make~~
28 a timely payment and fails to pay the missed payment with the associated late fee
29 ~~before the next scheduled payment~~ meet the requirements of the installment
30 agreement pursuant to R.S. 32:429.4, the person shall be removed from the

1 Reinstatement Relief Program and shall not be eligible to reenter the Reinstatement
2 Relief Program.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____