

ACT No. 952

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HOUSE BILL NO. 762

BY REPRESENTATIVES BAYHAM AND CHASSION

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 32:8(B) and R.S. 47:1676(C)(2)(a)(i), relative to debt referral by the office of motor vehicles; to prohibit the office of motor vehicles from referring debts arising from unpaid reinstatement fees to the office of debt recovery; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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

§8. Final delinquent debt; office of motor vehicles

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B. The office of motor vehicles may refer a final delinquent debt for which a debtor has not entered into an installment agreement for payment to the office of debt recovery as provided in R.S. 47:1676, except for debts incurred pursuant to R.S. 32:863(A)(3)(a). Final delinquent debt referrals shall include data and information in the required format necessary to institute collection procedures. All delinquent debts shall be authenticated by the office of motor vehicles prior to being referred to the office of debt recovery. Once the delinquent debt becomes final and prior to referral to the office of debt recovery, the office of motor vehicles shall notify the debtor in writing that failure to pay the debt in full within sixty days shall subject the debt to the amount owed, as specified in R.S. 32:57.1(B), 863(A)(3)(a), and 863.1,

1 together with the additional fee collected by the office of debt recovery provided for
2 in R.S. 47:1676. Such notice shall also inform the debtor that the debtor may qualify
3 to pay sums due by installment agreement, if eligible, and shall include instructions
4 on how to inquire with the office of motor vehicles to determine eligibility and
5 terms.

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7 Section 2. R.S. 47:1676(C)(2)(a)(i) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as
8 follows:

9 §1676. Debt Recovery

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13 (2)(a)(i) Agencies that do not have collection contracts with the attorney
14 general's office for the collection of delinquent debts shall refer all delinquent debts
15 to the office as provided by rule. However, notwithstanding any provision of this
16 Section to the contrary, debts incurred pursuant to R.S. 32:863(A)(3)(a) may be
17 referred to the office at the discretion of the office of motor vehicles. Such referrals
18 shall include data and information in the required format necessary as provided for
19 in Item (ii) of this Subparagraph to institute collection procedures. All delinquent
20 debts shall be authenticated by the agency or officer prior to being referred to the
21 office. Once the debt becomes final, and prior to referral to the office, the agency
22 shall notify the debtor that failure to pay the debt in full within sixty days shall
23 subject the debt to an additional collection fee as provided for in this Section. All
24 agencies shall refer nonfinal delinquent debts to the attorney general's office for
25 collection when the debt has been delinquent for sixty days pursuant to the referral
26 guidelines established by the attorney general as incorporated into agreements
27 between the attorney general and other agencies or pursuant to the rules promulgated
28 by the attorney general pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act. Such nonfinal

1 delinquent debts shall be authenticated by the agency prior to their referral to the
2 attorney general.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____