

**ACT No. 966**

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 732

BY REPRESENTATIVE OWEN

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 32:8(E) and (F), relative to delinquent debt owed to the office of motor  
3 vehicles; to require the commissioner to temporarily waive or suspend fines, fees,  
4 penalties, or license suspensions for emergency reasons; to provide for the  
5 verification of a life-threatening condition; to provide for the suspension of certain  
6 fees; to provide for the authority of the commissioner; to provide for an effective  
7 date; and to provide for related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 32:8(E) and (F) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 §8. Final delinquent debt; office of motor vehicles; temporary waivers and holds

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12 E.(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the  
13 commissioner, or his designee, shall have emergency authority to temporarily  
14 suspend or place on hold, for a period not to exceed thirty days, any fine, fee,  
15 penalty, or license suspension appearing on a person’s driving record when the  
16 commissioner determines that such action is necessary to allow the person immediate  
17 access to life-sustaining medicine or medical treatment.

18 (2) The person or their representative shall provide documentation from a  
19 licensed physician, hospital, hospice, or other home health provider verifying the  
20 life-threatening nature of the condition.

21 (3) For the purposes of this Subsection, "commissioner" means the  
22 commissioner of the office of motor vehicles.

1                    F. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the hybrid  
 2                    vehicle road usage fee provided for in R.S. 32:461(A)(2) is hereby suspended for  
 3                    non-plugin hybrids until August 1, 2027. Failure by any person to pay such fee shall  
 4                    not be considered debt that may be collected pursuant to this Section or any other  
 5                    applicable collection authority.

6                    Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not  
 7                    signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature  
 8                    by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If  
 9                    vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become  
 10                    effective on the day following such approval.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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