

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Owen

Existing law (R.S. 32:8) allows the office of motor vehicles (OMV) to refer debts that are 180 days or more past due 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.

New law retains existing law but grants the commissioner of the OMV, or his designee, emergency authority to temporarily suspend or place on hold any fines, fees, penalties, or license suspensions for up to 30 days to allow access to life-sustaining medicine or medical treatment, with documentation from a healthcare provider.

New law defines "commissioner" as the commissioner of the OMV for purposes of new law.

New law suspends the hybrid vehicle road usage fee provided for in existing law (R.S. 32:461(A)(2)) until Aug. 1, 2027 for non-plugin hybrids. Provides that failure to pay such fee cannot be considered debt that may be collected pursuant to new law or any other applicable collection authority.

Effective June 25, 2026.

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