

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Existing law mandates that operators of motor vehicles provide evidence of mandatory motor vehicle liability security upon the request of a law enforcement officer. Should the operator fail to present the requisite documentation, existing law permits impoundment of the vehicle, issuance of a notice of noncompliance, and confiscation of the license plate for vehicles registered in La.

Existing law delineates procedures for forwarding the notice of noncompliance to the Office of Motor Vehicles (OMV) and for transferring confiscated license plates to the employing agency. These enforcement provisions are applicable to all motor vehicles operated within the state, including those registered in other states.

New law retains these requirements while clarifying the uniform enforcement procedures applicable to vehicles registered outside the state. It specifies that the notice of noncompliance may be dispatched via first-class mail, notwithstanding existing law (R.S. 32:852(E)). New law mandates that a copy of the notice be provided to the towing or storage company and forwarded to OMV within three calendar days post-service. The notice of noncompliance also serves as notice of administrative hearing rights. When a vehicle is not impounded, the notice of noncompliance must be affixed to the vehicle's license plate and delivered to the nearest OMV within three calendar days after service.

Existing law requires that owners or lessees of self-propelled motor vehicles registered in another state, involved in a traffic accident or collision in the state, furnish documentation equivalent to that mandated under existing law (R.S. 32:863.1(A)), demonstrating valid automobile insurance coverage.

New law retains this stipulation and clarifies that all provisions of new and existing law, including proof-of-insurance requirements, enforcement procedures, impoundment authority, and due process protections, apply uniformly to any motor vehicle registered in another state when operated upon the public highways of this state.

Effective upon signature of governor (June 9, 2026).

(Amends R.S. 32:863.1(C)(1)(a) and (I)(1))