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HOUSE BILL NO. 1113

BY REPRESENTATIVE MACK

MTR VEHICLE/DRIVER LIC: Provides for the suspension of a person's driver's license for failure to pay fine or failure to appear in court when charged with littering

## 1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 30:2531.5(C), relative to penalties for littering; to provide for the  
3 suspension of a person's driver's license for failing to pay fine or appear in court; and  
4 to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 30:2531.5(C) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §2531.5. Legal enforcement; penalties; payment by mail or credit card

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9 C. Each governing authority on whose behalf citations are issued for alleged  
10 violations of the provisions of R.S. 30:2531 through 2531.3 shall establish a  
11 procedure by which alleged offenders may plead guilty to the alleged offense and  
12 pay the fine by mail; however, if the offender fails to pay the fine by mail in advance  
13 of adjudication and fails to appear at the time and date indicated on the citation, the  
14 court may impose an additional fine or penalty in an amount not to exceed the  
15 amount of the fine or penalty for the original violation. Further, the court may  
16 suspend the driver's license of the offender until such fines are paid. In addition,  
17 each governing authority shall establish a procedure allowing for payment of the fine  
18 by ~~credit cards~~ credit card as it may designate. However, the procedure shall not  
19 limit such payments to payment by credit card.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Requires courts to suspend the driver's license of a person charged with littering who fails to pay the fine by mail in advance of adjudication and fails to appear at his scheduled court date.

Present law provides that each governing authority on whose behalf citations are issued for alleged littering violations shall establish a procedure by which alleged offenders may plead guilty to the offense and pay the fine by mail. Present law also provides that if the offender fails to pay the fine by mail in advance of adjudication and fails to appear in court, the court may impose an additional fine or penalty in an amount not to exceed the original fine or penalty for the original violation.

Proposed law adds to present law by authorizing courts to suspend the driver's license of the alleged offender who fails to pay by mail in advance and fails to appear in court. The driver's license shall remain suspended until the fines are paid.

(Amends R.S. 30:2531.5(C))