

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 683

BY REPRESENTATIVE OWEN

MTR VEHICLE/OFFICE: Requires the office of motor vehicles to process reinstatements in person at all field locations

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 32:8(B) and to enact R.S. 32:414(X), relative to motor vehicle
3 reinstatements; to remove the mandate for the office of motor vehicles to refer final
4 delinquent debt to the office of debt recovery; to require the office of motor vehicles
5 to provide reinstatements at all of its field locations; and to provide for related
6 matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 32:8(B) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 32:414(X) is
9 hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 §8. Final delinquent debt; office of motor vehicles

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12 B. The office of motor vehicles ~~shall~~ may refer a final delinquent debt for
13 which a debtor has not entered into an installment agreement for payment to the
14 office of debt recovery as provided in R.S. 47:1676. Final delinquent debt referrals
15 shall include data and information in the required format necessary to institute
16 collection procedures. All delinquent debts shall be authenticated by the office of
17 motor vehicles prior to being referred to the office of debt recovery. Once the
18 delinquent debt becomes final, and prior to referral to the office of debt recovery, the
19 office of motor vehicles shall notify the debtor in writing that failure to pay the debt
20 in full within sixty days shall subject the debt to the maximum amount owed together

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

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6 §414. Suspension, revocation, renewal, and cancellation of licenses; judicial review

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8 X. Reinstatements shall be offered in person at all office of motor vehicles
9 field locations.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Mandates that reinstatements be processed in person at all office of motor vehicles field locations and makes the referral of a final delinquent debt to the office of debt recovery optional.

Present law requires the office of motor vehicles (OMV) to 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 present law. Specifies final delinquent debt referrals must include data and information in the required format necessary to institute collection procedures. All delinquent debts must be authenticated by the OMV prior to being referred to the office of debt recovery. Specifies that once the delinquent debt becomes final, and prior to referral to the office of debt recovery, the OMV must notify the debtor in writing that failure to pay the debt in full within 60 days will subject the debt to the maximum amount owed together with the additional fee collected by the office of debt recovery provided for in present law. Requires notice to inform the debtor that he may qualify to pay sums due by installment agreement, if eligible, and include instructions on how to inquire with the OMV to determine eligibility and terms.

Proposed law retains present law but gives the office of motor vehicles the option to refer a final delinquent debt for which a debtor has not entered into an installment agreement for debt recovery to the office of debt recovery, within the Dept. of Revenue.

Proposed law requires the OMV to process reinstatements in person at all field locations.

(Amends R.S. 32:8(B); Adds R.S. 32:414(X))