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HOUSE BILL NO. 722

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MTR VEHICLE/DRIVER LIC: Provides with respect to the automatic reinstatement of a driver's license

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 32:414(F)(2) and 415(B)(1), relative to automatic reinstatement
3 of suspended driver's licenses for unpaid traffic fees; to provide for the automatic
4 reinstatement of suspended, cancelled, or revoked driver's licenses for unpaid fees;
5 to provide for proof of payment related to traffic fines; to provide for a limitation;
6 and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 32:414(F)(2) and 415(B)(1) are hereby amended and reenacted to
9 read as follows:

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

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14 (2)(a) For cause satisfactory to the department, it is hereby authorized to
15 suspend, cancel, or revoke the license of any person for a period of not more than
16 one year.

Proposed law retains present law and requires that any license suspended, cancelled, or revoked for nonpayment of fees for operating a vehicle while a license is suspended be automatically reinstated if both of the following occur:

- (1) The person makes full payment of all fees and fines assessed by the DPS&C, OMV, that resulted in the suspension, cancellation, and revocation of the license.
- (2) The person provides proof of payment of any fees or fines pursuant to the requirements of present law.

Further provides for an exception that proposed law not apply to a person whose driver's license suspended, cancelled, or revoked for operating a vehicle while impaired.

(Amends R.S. 32:414(F)(2) and 415(B)(1))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works to the original bill:

1. Make technical changes.
2. Add an exception that suspended, revoked, and cancelled licenses cannot be automatically reinstated for offenses pursuant to the crime of operating a vehicle while impaired. Further requires a second violation pursuant to present law (R.S. 14:98) include an additional one year suspension of the person's driver's license.
3. Add the requirement that a person's driver's license be automatically reinstated upon full payment of all fees assessed by the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of motor vehicles, and proof of payment of any fines associated with unpaid traffic and parking fines, or any other provision in present law (R.S. 32:393), that resulted in the suspension, cancellation, or revocation of a driver's license, except for except for offenses pursuant to the crime of operating a vehicle while impaired. Further requires a second violation pursuant to present law (R.S. 14:98) include an additional one year suspension of the person's driver's license.

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Remove proposed law that created a requirement that upon a second violation of operating a vehicle while impaired, an additional one year suspension will be added.
2. Clarify the requirements to automatically reinstate suspended, cancelled, or revoked driver's licenses for nonpayment of fees assessed by the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of motor vehicles, if the person makes full payment of all fees and fines and provides proof of payment.
3. Clarify the requirements to automatically reinstate suspended, cancelled, or revoked driver's licenses for nonpayment of fees for operating a vehicle while a license is suspended if the person makes full payment of all fees and fines and provides proof of payment.