

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS

House Bill No. 285 by Representative St. Germain

MTR VEHICLE/DRIVER LIC: Provides relative to documentation of school attendance as a condition of driving privileges

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Adds procedures for the issuance of hardship driver's licenses for suspensions or denial of renewal for unpaid individual income tax.

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

Present law provides no minor may be issued a driver's license or learner's permit for the operation of a motor vehicle unless, at the time of application, documentation is presented to the department that the minor is enrolled and is attending a school as defined herein.

Present law provides upon request of any minor who is enrolled and attending school and who is eligible to apply for a license, the appropriate authority shall provide to him a documentation form developed by the Dept. of Education and made available to all school boards, home school providers, and adult education supervisors, of his compliance.

Proposed law provides documentation of school attendance provided to the minor by the appropriate authority is valid for a period of 90 days from the date of issuance.

Present law provides that the secretary of the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections shall suspend and deny the renewal of a taxpayer's driver's license when notified by the Dept. of Revenue that an assessment or judgment against the individual that has become final and nonappealable if the final judgement or assessment is in excess of \$1,000 of individual income tax.

Present law requires the reinstatement and renewal of a taxpayer's driver's license shall be denied until such time as the individual has paid or made arrangements to pay the delinquent tax, interest, penalty, and all costs and the Dept. of Revenue notifies the office of motor vehicles of the payment or arrangement to pay.

Present law prohibits the office of motor vehicles from issuing an economic hardship license when an individual's driver's license is suspended and has not been renewed for unpaid individual income tax under present law. Proposed law requires the issuance of a hardship license if the licensee alleges that suspension of his driving privileges will deprive him or his family from earning a livelihood.

Proposed law requires the office of motor vehicles, in conjunction with the Dept. of Revenue, to investigate the hardship allegation and if the allegation is found to be true, requires issuance of an economic hardship license for the period of the suspension provided for in present law.

Proposed law provides that the economic hardship license shall authorize the licensee to operate a motor vehicle on streets or watercraft on waterways of the state which enable the licensee to earn his livelihood and such operation shall be restricted to times during which he is involved in earning a livelihood.

Proposed law requires the licensee to promptly notify the office of motor vehicles and the Dept. of Revenue if, during the period of suspension, any circumstance changes which necessitates a change in the original restrictions imposed by the office of motor vehicles.

Proposed law requires a notice of the restriction shall be attached to the license.

(Amends R.S. 32:431.1(E)(3) and 414(R) and R.S. 47:296.2(A))