

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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# A Bill

Act 1243 of 2001  
HOUSE BILL 2233

5 By: Representative Dangeau  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE SUSPENSION OF THE  
10 DRIVER'S LICENSE OF ANY PERSON WHO, AFTER NOTICE,  
11 FAILS TO APPEAR IN ANY TRAFFIC OR CRIMINAL CASE  
12 BEFORE A MUNICIPAL COURT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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### Subtitle

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15 THE DRIVER'S LICENSE OF ANY PERSON WHO  
16 FAILS TO APPEAR BEFORE A MUNICIPAL  
17 COURT.  
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 16, Chapter 17, Subchapter 1, regarding  
24 setting out general provisions for municipal courts, is amended to add an  
25 additional section to read as follows:

26 16-17-131. (a) A person required to appear before a municipal court in  
27 this state, having been served with any form of notice to appear for any  
28 criminal offense, traffic violation, or misdemeanor charge, shall appear at  
29 the time and place designated in the notice.

30 (b)(1) If a person fails to appear as required in subsection (a) of  
31 this section, the presiding judge may suspend the person's driver's license.

32 (2) The license shall be suspended until the person appears and  
33 completes the sentence ordered by the court.

34 (3) After the person satisfies all the requirements of the  
35 sentence, the Department of Finance and Administration shall assess the  
36 current fees for reinstatement of a driver's license.

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SECTION 2. EMERGENCY. It is found and determined by the General Assembly that there is a substantial risk of continued failures to appear by persons served with notice to appear in municipal courts, thus weakening enforcement of the traffic and criminal laws of Arkansas and endangering travelers on Arkansas' highways. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist and this act being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall become effective on the date of its approval by the Governor. If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor, it shall become effective on the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the bill. If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is overridden, it shall become effective on the date the last house overrides the veto.

*/s/ Dangeau*

APPROVED: 4/2/2001