

State of Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration Fiscal Impact Statement

Bill: HB1284 Bill Subtitle: TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF A PERSON'S DRIVER'S LICENSE FOR FAILURE TO PAY A COURT-ORDERED FINE; AND TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING A RESTRICTED DRIVER'S PERMIT.

Sponsor:

Rep. Unger

Basic Change:

HB1284 removes a court's ability to suspend or revoke a person's motor vehicle registration or driving privileges for failing to make satisfactory payment arrangements for a court-ordered fine.

Under current law, a court may request that the Department of Finance and Administration (DFA) suspend, revoke, or refuse to renew a person's motor vehicle registration or driver's license if the person has failed to make satisfactory arrangements for the payment of a court-ordered fine. The court must first schedule a hearing to address the person's nonpayment of the fine and the person must fail to appear at the hearing.

HB1284 prohibits a court from requesting that DFA suspend, revoke, or refuse to renew a person's motor vehicle registration or driver's license due to failure to pay a court-ordered fine.

Fiscal Impact:

None.

Taxpayer Impact:

A taxpayer that has failed to make satisfactory payment arrangements with a court would no longer be subject to suspension, revocation, or nonrenewal of driving privileges or motor vehicle registration.

Resources Required:

None.

Time Required:

Adequate time is provided for implementation.

Procedural Changes:

Training and review sessions will be conducted for State Revenue Office, Office of Driver Services, and Office of Motor Vehicle (DSMV) staff.

Other Comments:

None.



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Legal Analysis:

None.
