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A Bill

SENATE BILL 623

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT CONCERNING CRIMINAL OFFENSES AND VIOLATIONS OF
9 THE LAW FOR WHICH AN AVAILABLE PENALTY IS A DRIVER'S
10 LICENSE SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION; TO REMOVE A
11 DRIVER'S LICENSE SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION AS AN
12 AVAILABLE PENALTY FOR AN OFFENSE NOT RELATED TO
13 DRIVING A MOTOR VEHICLE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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17 TO REMOVE A DRIVER'S LICENSE SUSPENSION
18 OR REVOCATION AS AN AVAILABLE PENALTY FOR
19 AN OFFENSE NOT RELATED TO DRIVING A MOTOR
20 VEHICLE.
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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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25 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 16-13-708 is repealed.

26 ~~16-13-708. Revocation of registration or license.~~

27 ~~(a) The court may certify in writing to the Department of Finance and~~
28 ~~Administration that a debtor has failed to make satisfactory arrangements for~~
29 ~~the payment of fines and request the department to revoke, suspend, or refuse~~
30 ~~to renew the debtor's motor vehicle registration or driver's license.~~

31 ~~(b) For driver's license revocation, the court must provide the~~
32 ~~department with the debtor's full name, social security number, and last~~
33 ~~known address.~~

34 ~~(c) For motor vehicle registration revocation, the court must provide~~
35 ~~the department with the debtor's full name and the license plate number or~~
36 ~~vehicle identification number of the debtor's vehicle.~~



SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 16-17-131 is amended to read as follows:

16-17-131. ~~Suspension of license for failure~~ Failure to appear =
Required appearance.

(a) A person required to appear before a district court in this state, having been served with any form of notice to appear for any criminal offense, traffic violation, or misdemeanor charge, shall appear at the time and place designated in the notice.

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

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

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

SECTION 3. DO NOT CODIFY. Effective date.

(a) This act is effective ninety (90) days after funding is secured through an appropriation from the General Assembly that specifically states that the appropriation is intended to replace in full the estimated annual loss under this act in driver's license reinstatement fee revenue as calculated by the Department of Finance and Administration.

(b) The department shall notify the Legislative Council, the Arkansas Code Revision Commission, and the Director of the Bureau of Legislative Research within thirty (30) days of the required funding being secured.