

Floor Amendment to HB 1616-FN

1 Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:

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3 AN ACT requiring the division of motor vehicles to extend a fine payment period for certain
4 motor vehicle violations from 30 days to 90 days if the driver requests the extension.

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6 Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

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8 1 Payment Deadline Extended. Amend RSA 262:44, I to read as follows:

9 I. Such defendant shall receive, in addition to the summons, a uniform fine schedule entitled
10 "Notice of Fine, Division of Motor Vehicles" which shall contain the normal fines for violations of the
11 provisions of title XXI on vehicles for which a plea may be entered by mail **or online**. The defendant
12 shall be given a notice of fine indicating the amount of the fine plus penalty assessment at the time
13 the summons is issued; except if, for cause, the summoning authority wishes the defendant to appear
14 personally. Defendants summoned to appear personally shall do so on the arraignment date
15 specified in the summons, unless otherwise ordered by the court. Defendants who are issued a
16 summons and notice of fine and who wish to plead guilty or nolo contendere shall **either physically**
17 enter their plea on the summons and return **it in-person or by mail** with payment of the fine plus
18 penalty assessment to the director of the division of motor vehicles **or enter their plea and submit**
19 **their payment online at the division of motor vehicles website** within **90 days of the date of**
20 **the summons if the driver has no outstanding motor vehicle violations and no outstanding**
21 **unpaid fines, or** within 30 days of the date of the summons **if the driver has any outstanding**
22 **motor vehicle violations or outstanding unpaid fines**. The director of the division of motor
23 vehicles may accept payment of the fine by credit card in lieu of cash payment. Any transaction
24 costs assessed by the issuer of the credit card shall be paid out of the portion of the fine amount
25 which is credited to the highway fund and not out of the penalty assessment charged by the district
26 court. The director of the division of motor vehicles shall remit the penalty assessments collected to
27 the state treasurer to be credited and continually appropriated to the state general fund and to the
28 victims' assistance fund and the judicial branch information technology fund in the percentages and
29 manner prescribed in RSA 106-L:10. Fines shall be paid over to the state treasurer, and shall be
30 credited to the highway fund within 14 days of their receipt.

31 ***I-a. A person eligible for a 90-day payment submission period under paragraph I***
32 ***may request one additional 90-day payment extension within the last 30 days of the 90-day***

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1 *payment submission period either in-person, by mail, or online at the division of motor*
2 *vehicles website. The division shall grant a request made under this paragraph. The*
3 *division shall adopt rules pursuant to RSA 541-A concerning requesting and granting such*
4 *extension.*

5 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2027.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill allows drivers who plead guilty or nolo contendere to a driving violation on a summons, in lieu of appearing in court, to request an extension of the payment period from 30 days to 90 days from the division of motor vehicles, and request a second extension for 90 days if they cannot make the payment in the first 90 days.