

HB 414-FN - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL ***414-FN***

AN ACT prohibiting the division of motor vehicles from suspending a license on the basis of debt owed to a private entity related to the towing or storing of a motor vehicle.

SPONSORS: Rep. Read, Rock. 10; Rep. Tom Mannion, Hills. 1

COMMITTEE: Transportation

ANALYSIS

This bill prohibits the division of motor vehicles from suspending a person's license or driving privileges based on their failure to pay a debt related to a commercial entity's towing or storage of a vehicle.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough.]~~
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Five

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Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 1 New Section; License Suspension; Failure to Pay Fines and Fees. Amend RSA 263 by
2 inserting after section 56-g the following new section:

3 263:56-h License Suspension Prohibited for Unpaid Towing or Storage Fees.

4 I. Under no circumstances shall the director suspend, revoke, or fail to renew a driver's
5 license for failure to pay removal and storage fees for a vehicle towed or stored for any reason.

6 II. A person whose driver's license has been suspended for outstanding vehicle removal or
7 storage fees and who is otherwise eligible to drive shall have their driver's license reinstated and
8 shall not be required to pay a reinstatement fee. No later than 30 days after the effective date of this
9 section, the division shall, without requiring a reinstatement fee, reinstate the driver's license or
10 nonresident operating privilege. In cases where a driver's license was not renewed due to
11 outstanding removal and storage fees, the person shall be immediately eligible for license renewal
12 and shall pay the same renewal fee as a driver not under suspension, but not a separate
13 reinstatement fee.

14 2 License Suspension Restricted. Amend RSA 263:57, I to read as follows:

15 I. Any justice of [~~a district or municipal court~~] **the circuit court** or of the superior court
16 may suspend any license issued to any person, for a period not to exceed 30 days, after a conviction
17 of an offense under the provisions of this title, after [~~due hearing~~] **a hearing where the driver had**
18 **reasonable notice of the possibility of license suspension prior to the hearing**, for any cause
19 **not prohibited in RSA 263**, which he *or she* may deem sufficient.

20 3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

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**HB 414-FN- FISCAL NOTE
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FISCAL IMPACT:

The Legislative Budget Assistant has determined that this legislation has a total fiscal impact of less than \$10,000 in each of the fiscal years 2025 through 2028.

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

Department of Safety