

Amendment to HB 321-FN

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

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3 1 Payment Deadline Extended. Amend RSA 262:44, I to read as follows:

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

26 ***I-a. A person eligible for a 90-day payment submission period under paragraph I***
27 ***may request one additional 90-day payment extension within the last 30 days of the 90-day***
28 ***payment submission period either in-person, by mail, or online at the division of motor***
29 ***vehicles website. The division shall grant a request made under this paragraph. The***
30 ***division shall adopt rules pursuant to RSA 541-A concerning requesting and granting such***
31 ***extension.***