

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE BILL NO. 789

## 92ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES BURNETT (Sponsor) AND SAGER (Co-sponsor).

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### AN ACT

To repeal section 302.341, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to reinstatement of drivers' licenses.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Section 302.341, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 302.341, to read as follows:

302.341. If a Missouri resident charged with a moving traffic violation of this state or any county or municipality of this state fails to dispose of the charges of which he is accused through authorized prepayment of fine and court costs and fails to appear on the return date or at any subsequent date to which the case has been continued, or without good cause fails to pay any fine or court costs assessed against him for any such violation within the period of time specified or in such installments as approved by the court or as otherwise provided by law, any court having jurisdiction over the charges shall within ten days of the failure to comply inform the defendant by ordinary mail at the last address shown on the court records that the court will order the director of revenue to suspend the defendant's driving privileges if the charges are not disposed of and fully paid within thirty days from the date of mailing. Thereafter, if the defendant fails to timely act to dispose of the charges and fully pay any applicable fines and court costs, the court shall notify the director of revenue of such failure and of the pending charges against the defendant. Upon receipt of this notification, the director shall suspend the license of the driver, effective immediately, and provide notice of the suspension to the driver at the last address for the driver shown on the records of the department of revenue. Such suspension shall remain in effect until the court with the subject pending charge requests setting aside the noncompliance

**EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law. Matter in boldface type in the above law is proposed language.**

17 suspension pending final disposition, or satisfactory evidence of disposition of pending charges  
18 and payment of fine and court costs, if applicable, is furnished to the director by the individual.  
19 Upon proof of disposition of charges and payment of fine and court costs, if applicable, and  
20 payment of the reinstatement fee as set forth in section 302.304, **in the case of an individual**  
21 **who possesses a noncommercial driver's license** the director shall [reinstate] **return** the license  
22 **and remove the suspension from the individual's driving record. In the case of an**  
23 **individual who possesses a commercial driver's license or is required to possess a**  
24 **commercial driver's license, the director shall reinstate the license.** The filing of financial  
25 responsibility with the bureau of safety responsibility, department of revenue, shall not be  
26 required as a condition of reinstatement of a driver's license suspended solely under the  
27 provisions of this section. If any city, town or village receives more than forty-five percent of  
28 its total annual revenue from fines for traffic violations occurring on state highways, all revenues  
29 from such violations in excess of forty-five percent of the total annual revenue of the city, town  
30 or village shall be sent to the director of the department of revenue and shall be distributed  
31 annually to the schools of the county in the same manner that proceeds of all penalties,  
32 forfeitures and fines collected for any breach of the penal laws of the state are distributed. For  
33 the purpose of this section the words "state highways" shall mean any state or federal highway,  
34 including any such highway continuing through the boundaries of a city, town or village with a  
35 designated street name other than the state highway number.