

HB 1107 -- MOTOR VEHICLE FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

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This bill requires the Director of the Department of Revenue to determine the amount of security that must be sufficient to satisfy any judgment for damages resulting from an accident as may be recovered against each operator or owner if within 72 hours after the receipt of a motor vehicle accident report that has resulted in bodily injury or death or property damage to any person of more than \$500, the department director does not have on file satisfactory evidence that the person has been released from liability, has been finally adjudicated not to be liable, or has executed a duly acknowledged written agreement providing for the payment of an agreed amount with respect to all claims for injuries or damages resulting from the accident resulting in where proof of insurance or self-insurance is not provided to the department. Currently, the department director must determine the amount of security if he or she does not have the satisfactory evidence with 20 days after receipt of this type of report.

The department director must immediately suspend a person's driver's license and vehicle registration or a nonresident's privilege of operating a motor vehicle within this state when he or she is involved in an accident where the required proof of insurance or self-insurance is not on file with the department and where a security deposit is not made. Currently, the department director must suspend the license within 90 days.

Currently, when erroneous information is given to the department director regarding a person's liability insurance coverage or qualification as a self-insurer, the department director must take appropriate action within 45 days after receipt of the correct information. The bill requires the appropriate action to be taken within 15 days after receipt of the correct information.

The bill changes, from one year to two years, the period of a driver's license suspension if the person's record shows two or more prior violations for failure to maintain financial responsibility.