

HB 526 -- TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS

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Currently, if a Missouri resident is charged with a moving violation and fails to dispose of the charges as ordered without good cause, the court instructs the resident that it will instruct the Department of Revenue to suspend the defendant's driver's license until charges are properly disposed. The court will, as specified in the bill, inform the defendant that it may instruct the Department of Revenue to suspend the defendant's license.

If a Missouri resident is charged only with a minor traffic violation and fails to dispose of the charges as ordered and fails to appear on two return dates without good cause, the court will, within 10 days of the failure to comply, inform the defendant that it may instruct the Department of Revenue to suspend the defendant's driver's license until charges are properly disposed. A person whose license is suspended under these provisions will receive limited driving privileges unless the Director of the Department of Revenue finds that the defendant is ineligible for such privileges.

This bill is similar to HCS HB 2312 (2020).