

HB 1794 -- TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS

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This bill adds attending a place of worship and traveling to and from essential businesses, as described in the bill, to the list of places for which limited driving privileges may be granted.

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 informs the resident that it will instruct the Department of Revenue to suspend the defendant's driver's license until charges are properly disposed. Under this bill, the court will inform the defendant that it may instruct the Department of Revenue to suspend the defendant's license.

If a Missouri resident is charged with only 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 a temporary driving permit for 30 days unless the Director of the Department of Revenue finds the defendant is ineligible under these provisions.

This bill has an effective date of January 1, 2025.

This bill is similar to HB 252 (2023); and HB 2007 (2022).