

HB 1988 -- DRIVER'S LICENSES

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This bill adds attending a place of worship and traveling to and from essential businesses, as specified 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 instructs the Department of Revenue to suspend the defendant's driver's license until charges are properly disposed of. Under this bill, the court has the option to 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 of. If the defendant fails to dispose of the charges, the court may notify the Director of Revenue of the failure to dispose of the charges. If the Director does receive such notice from the court, the Director must provide notice of the suspension to the defendant at the last address for the defendant. The Director will then, 33 days after mailing the notice of the suspension, suspend the defendant's driving privileges. The suspension will remain in effect until the court requests setting aside the suspension or satisfactory evidence of disposition of pending charges and payment of the fine and court costs is furnished to the Director.

This bill has an effective date of January 1, 2027.

This bill is similar to HB 1996 (2026); HB 206 (2025); and HB 1794 (2024).