

HB 1996 -- DRIVER'S LICENSES

SPONSOR: Irwin

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.

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 must, within 10 days of the failure to comply, inform the defendant that it will issue an arrest warrant for the arrest of the defendant or it will instruct the Department of Revenue to suspend the defendant's driver's license if the charges are not disposed of within 30 days from the date of mailing. If the defendant fails to dispose of the charges, the court will issue an arrest warrant or 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 his or her last known address. 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 206 (2025) and HB 1794 (2024).