

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to driver licenses; amending s. 318.15, F.S.; prohibiting the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles from accepting the resubmission of a driver license suspension; amending s. 322.27, F.S.; providing for a clerk of court to remove a habitual traffic offender designation if the offender meets certain conditions; creating s. 322.276, F.S.; authorizing the department to issue a driver license to a person whose license is suspended or revoked in another state under certain circumstances; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 318.15, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

318.15 Failure to comply with civil penalty or to appear; penalty.—

(1)(a) If a person fails to comply with the civil penalties provided in s. 318.18 within the time period specified in s. 318.14(4), fails to enter into or comply with the terms of a penalty payment plan with the clerk of the court in accordance with ss. 318.14 and 28.246, fails to attend driver improvement school, or fails to appear at a scheduled hearing, the clerk of the court shall notify the Department of Highway Safety and

27 Motor Vehicles of such failure within 10 days after such
28 failure. Upon receipt of such notice, the department shall
29 immediately issue an order suspending the driver's license and
30 privilege to drive of such person effective 20 days after the
31 date the order of suspension is mailed in accordance with s.
32 322.251(1), (2), and (6). Any such suspension of the driving
33 privilege which has not been reinstated, including a similar
34 suspension imposed outside Florida, shall remain on the records
35 of the department for a period of 7 years from the date imposed
36 and shall be removed from the records after the expiration of 7
37 years from the date it is imposed. The department may not accept
38 the resubmission of a suspension authorized under this
39 paragraph.

40 Section 2. Subsection (5) of section 322.27, Florida
41 Statutes, is amended to read:

42 322.27 Authority of department to suspend or revoke driver
43 license or identification card.—

44 (5) (a) The department shall revoke the license of any
45 person designated a habitual offender, as set forth in s.
46 322.264, and such person is not eligible to be relicensed for a
47 minimum of 5 years from the date of revocation, except as
48 provided for in s. 322.271. Any person whose license is revoked
49 may, by petition to the department, show cause why his or her
50 license should not be revoked.

51 (b) If a person whose driver license has been revoked
52 under paragraph (a) as a result of a third violation of driving

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53 a motor vehicle while his or her license is suspended or revoked
54 provides proof of compliance as provided by s. 318.14(10) (a),
55 the clerk of court shall submit an amended disposition to remove
56 the habitual traffic offender designation.

57 Section 3. Section 322.276, Florida Statutes, is created
58 to read:

59 322.276 Out-of-state sanctions; issuance of license.—The
60 department may, in its discretion, issue a driver license, with
61 any required restrictions, if the applicant's driving privilege
62 or driver license is suspended or revoked in another state for
63 an offense committed in that state which would not have been
64 grounds for suspension or revocation of the person's driving
65 privilege or driver license in this state.

66 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014.