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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1284

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE SUSPENSION OR  
10 REVOCATION OF A PERSON'S DRIVER'S LICENSE FOR FAILURE  
11 TO PAY A COURT-ORDERED FINE; TO AMEND THE LAW  
12 CONCERNING A RESTRICTED DRIVER'S PERMIT; AND FOR  
13 OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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17 SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF A PERSON'S  
18 DRIVER'S LICENSE FOR FAILURE TO PAY A  
19 COURT-ORDERED FINE; AND TO AMEND THE LAW  
20 CONCERNING A RESTRICTED DRIVER'S PERMIT.  
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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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25 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 16-13-708 is amended to read as follows:  
26 16-13-708. Revocation of registration or license prohibited.

27 ~~(a)(1)~~ A court may shall not request ~~in writing and under~~  
28 ~~certification~~ that the Department of Finance and Administration revoke,  
29 suspend, or refuse to renew the motor vehicle registration or driver's  
30 license of a person who has failed to make satisfactory arrangements for the  
31 payment of a court-ordered fine.

32 ~~(2) However, the court shall not make a request to the~~  
33 ~~department as described under subdivision (a)(1) of this section before the~~  
34 ~~court has scheduled a hearing to address the person's nonpayment of the~~  
35 ~~court ordered fine and the person has failed to appear at the hearing.~~

36 ~~(3) The court may issue an order for a restricted driving permit~~



1 ~~in accordance with § 27-16-916.~~

2 ~~(b) For driver's license revocation, suspension, or nonrenewal, the~~  
 3 ~~court must provide the department with the reason for the revocation,~~  
 4 ~~suspension, or nonrenewal, the amount the person owes the court, and the~~  
 5 ~~person's full name, date of birth, and last known address.~~

6 ~~(c) For motor vehicle registration revocation, suspension, or~~  
 7 ~~nonrenewal, the court must provide the department with the reason for the~~  
 8 ~~revocation, suspension, or nonrenewal, the amount the person owes the court,~~  
 9 ~~and the person's full name and the license plate number or vehicle~~  
 10 ~~identification number of the person's vehicle.~~

11 ~~(d)(1) An acquittal or a dismissal of a charge of failure to pay a~~  
 12 ~~fine or failure to appear at a hearing to address nonpayment of a fine that~~  
 13 ~~is used as the basis to revoke, suspend, or refuse to renew the person's~~  
 14 ~~driver's license or motor vehicle registration shall reverse the revocation~~  
 15 ~~of, suspension of, or refusal to renew the person's driver's license or motor~~  
 16 ~~vehicle registration under this section.~~

17 ~~(2) Upon an acquittal or dismissal of a charge as described in~~  
 18 ~~subdivision (d)(1) of this section, the Office of Driver Services shall~~  
 19 ~~reinstate the person's driver's license or motor vehicle registration without~~  
 20 ~~charging a reinstatement fee, and the charge shall not be used to determine~~  
 21 ~~the number of previous offenses when administratively revoking, suspending,~~  
 22 ~~or refusing to renew the person's driver's license in the future.~~

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 24 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 27-16-916(a), concerning driver's license  
 25 suspensions and the issuance of a restricted driver's license in certain  
 26 circumstances, is amended to read as follows:

27 (a) Unless a person is eligible for a restricted driver's license as  
 28 provided under this title, a district court may authorize a restricted  
 29 driving permit upon the suspension of a person's driver's license under ~~§ 16-~~  
 30 ~~13-708 or~~ § 16-17-131 and may permit a person whose driving privileges are  
 31 suspended to drive to and from the following:

- 32 (1) A mandatory court appearance;
- 33 (2) A program or place where a court has ordered the person's  
 34 presence or attendance;
- 35 (3) A place of employment or as required in the scope of  
 36 employment;

1           (4) A scheduled session or meeting of a support or counseling  
2 organization;

3           (5) An educational institution for the purpose of attending a  
4 class if the person is enrolled in a course of study or program of training  
5 at the educational institution;

6           (6) The educational institution or childcare facility of the  
7 person's child or children;

8           (7) A treatment program for persons who have addiction or abuse  
9 problems related to a substance or controlled substances;

10          (8) A doctor, hospital, or clinic appointment or admission for  
11 medical treatment or care for an illness, disease, or other medical condition  
12 of the person or a family member;

13          (9) A location for the enrollment, compliance, and participation  
14 in a specialty court program if the person is accepted into a specialty court  
15 program; and

16          (10) Any other location the court finds reasonable and  
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