



**State of Arkansas
Department of Finance and Administration
Fiscal Impact Statement**

Bill: HB1926

Bill Subtitle: TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE SUSPENSION, REVOCATION, OR NONRENEWAL OF A PERSON'S DRIVER'S LICENSE FOR FAILURE TO PAY A COURT-ORDERED FINE; AND TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING A DEFENDANT'S INABILITY TO PAY A COURT-ORDERED FINE.

Sponsors:

Rep. Unger and Sen. Bryant

Basic Change:

HB1926 amends the law concerning the payment of a fine imposed by a court and the failure to make payment of the fine imposed.

HB1926 provides that when a defendant claims an inability to pay a fine, the defendant must provide to the court information regarding the defendant's:

- Monthly income;
- Monthly housing costs;
- Monthly utility costs;
- Monthly childcare costs;
- Monthly transportation costs;
- Monthly healthcare costs;
- Monthly tax liability; and
- Other necessary monthly costs.

HB1926 requires that a court must also consider this information in making a determination to request a driver's license revocation, suspension, or nonrenewal for failure to pay fines.

If a defendant has failed to provide the required information and the court determines the person's driver's license should be revoked, suspended, or not renewed, the court must notify the Department of Finance and Administration (DFA) of the defendant's failure to provide the required information along with the request for a driver's license revocation, suspension, or nonrenewal.

Fiscal Impact:

None.

Taxpayer Impact:

HB1926 requires a defendant that is unable to pay a fine to provide the defendant's monthly income and expenses to the court. The court shall consider the defendant's income and expenses when determining whether to order a revocation or suspension of the defendant's driving privileges.

Resources Required:

None.



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Time Required:

Adequate time is provided for implementation.

Procedural Changes:

Training and review sessions will be conducted for State Revenue Office, Office of Driver Services, and Office of Motor Vehicle (DSMV) staff.

Other Comments:

None.

Legal Analysis:

None.