

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1926

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT 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; TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING A DEFENDANT'S INABILITY TO IMMEDIATELY PAY A COURT-ORDERED FINE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 16-13-702(a)(5)(A), concerning the immediate payment of a court imposed fine by a defendant, is amended to read as follows:

(5)(A)(i) If the defendant claims an inability to pay the fine, the court shall inquire into the defendant's ability to pay and shall make a determination of the defendant's financial ability to pay the fine.

(ii) To assist the court in making a determination of the defendant's financial ability to pay a fine under subdivision (a)(5)(A)(i) of this section, the defendant shall provide to the court information regarding the defendant's:



- (a) Monthly income;
- (b) Monthly housing costs;
- (c) Monthly utility costs;
- (d) Monthly childcare costs;
- (e) Monthly transportation costs;
- (f) Monthly healthcare costs;
- (g) Monthly tax liability; and
- (h) Other necessary monthly costs.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 16-13-708(a), concerning the revocation, suspension, or nonrenewal of a driver's license requested by a court from the Department of Finance and Administration, is amended to add an additional subdivision read as follows:

(4) When making a determination to request a revocation, suspension, or nonrenewal of a person's driver's license under subdivision (a)(1) of this section, the court shall consider the information provided under § 16-13-702(a)(5)(A)(ii).

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 16-13-708(b), concerning the revocation, suspension, or nonrenewal of a driver's license requested by a court from the Department of Finance and Administration, is amended to read as follows:

(b)(1) For a driver's license revocation, suspension, or nonrenewal, the court must provide the department with the reason for the revocation, suspension, or nonrenewal, the amount the person owes the court, and the person's full name, date of birth, and last known address.

(2) If a person fails to provide the court with the information required under § 16-13-702(a)(5)(A)(ii), the court shall include a notification to the department of the person's failure to provide the required information with the court's request for a driver's license revocation, suspension, or nonrenewal.