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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2026

A N A C T

RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF
LICENSES -- VIOLATIONS

Introduced By: Representatives Potter, Ajello, Dawson, Batista, Felix, Stewart, and J.
Lombardi

Date Introduced: February 06, 2026

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 31-11-25 of the General Laws in Chapter 31-11 entitled "Suspension
2 or Revocation of Licenses — Violations" is hereby repealed.

3 ~~31-11-25. Suspension for failure to pay fine.~~

4 ~~(a) The division of motor vehicles shall suspend the license of a person to operate a motor~~
5 ~~vehicle upon certification of the clerk of any county of the superior court or any supervising deputy~~
6 ~~clerk of the district court or a clerk of the traffic tribunal that the person has failed to pay fines or~~
7 ~~costs imposed for a violation of any provision of this title within the time period provided for~~
8 ~~payment by the court, or has failed to make satisfactory arrangements with the court for payment~~
9 ~~of the fines or costs; provided, however, the person shall first be entitled to request an ability to pay~~
10 ~~hearing by filing a request with the court that imposed the fines or costs.~~

11 ~~(b) The suspension shall remain in force until all fines or costs are paid to the respective~~
12 ~~court or satisfactory arrangements have been made with the court for payment of the fines or costs.~~

13 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would repeal the section of law relating to suspension of operator licenses for
2 failure to pay fines.
3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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