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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2026

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

Introduced By: Senator Jacob Bissailon

Date Introduced: February 13, 2026

Referred To: Senate 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2 or Revocation of Licenses — Violations" is hereby repealed.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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