

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY STACK, RAFFERTY, FERLO, BREWSTER, WOZNIAK,
VULAKOVICH, SOLOBAY AND VANCE, MAY 6, 2013

REFERRED TO TRANSPORTATION, MAY 6, 2013

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, in licensing of drivers, further providing for
3 suspension of operating privilege for failure to respond to
4 citation; and, in fees, further providing for reinstatement
5 of operating privilege or vehicle registration.

6 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
7 hereby enacts as follows:

8 Section 1. Section 1533(a), (c) and (d) of Title 75 of the
9 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, amended October 8, 2012
10 (P.L.1193, No.146), are amended and the section is amended by
11 adding subsections to read:

12 § 1533. Suspension of operating privilege for failure to
13 respond to citation.

14 (a) Violations within Commonwealth.--The department shall
15 suspend the operating privilege of any person who has failed to:

16 (1) respond to a citation or summons to appear before an
17 issuing authority or a court of competent jurisdiction of
18 this Commonwealth for any violation of this title, other than
19 parking[, or who has failed to];

1 (2) pay any fine, costs [or], restitution, fees,
2 reparation or penalty imposed by an issuing authority or such
3 courts for violation of this title, other than parking[,]; or

4 (3) pay any fine, costs, restitution, fees, reparation
5 or penalty imposed by an issuing authority or such courts for
6 a violation of any other statute of this Commonwealth
7 upon being duly notified by an issuing authority or a court of
8 this Commonwealth. The issuing authority or court shall provide
9 such notification to the department when a person fails to
10 respond or pay as provided in this subsection.

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12 (c) Time for responding to notice.--At least 15 days before
13 an issuing authority or court notifies the department to impose
14 a suspension pursuant to subsection (a), the issuing authority
15 or court shall notify the person in writing of the requirement
16 to respond to the citation and pay all fines, costs,
17 restitution, reparation and penalties imposed by the issuing
18 authority or court.

19 (d) Period of suspension.--The suspension shall continue
20 until such person shall respond to the citation, summons or
21 writ, as the case may be, and pay all fines, costs, restitution,
22 reparation and penalties imposed or enter into an agreement to
23 make installment payments for the fines, costs, restitution,
24 reparation and penalties imposed provided that the suspension
25 may be reimposed by the department if the defendant fails to
26 make regular installment payments and, if applicable, pay the
27 fee prescribed in section 1960 (relating to reinstatement of
28 operating privilege or vehicle registration).

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30 (g) Applicability.--This section shall apply only to cases

1 adjudicated on or after January 1, 2010.

2 (h) Construction.--Nothing in this section shall be
3 construed to cancel license suspensions that occur prior to the
4 effective date of this subsection.

5 Section 2. Section 1960 of Title 75 is amended to read:

6 § 1960. Reinstatement of operating privilege or vehicle
7 registration.

8 The department shall charge a fee of \$25 or, if section 1379
9 (relating to suspension of registration upon sixth unpaid
10 parking violation in cities of the first class), 1533 (relating
11 to suspension of operating privilege for failure to respond to
12 citation) or 1786(d) (relating to required financial
13 responsibility) applies, a fee of \$50 to restore a person's
14 operating privilege or the registration of a vehicle following a
15 suspension or revocation.

16 Section 3. The General Fund shall reimburse the Department
17 of Transportation for the actual operating costs of
18 administering the amendments of 75 Pa.C.S. §§ 1533 and 1960 in
19 an amount not to exceed \$400,000 each fiscal year. The amount,
20 approved by the Governor as necessary, is appropriated from the
21 General Fund for this purpose.

22 Section 4. The Department of Transportation and court
23 officials shall process the back load of previously filed cases
24 in which the provisions of this act are applicable as soon as
25 practicable.

26 Section 5. This act shall take effect in one year.