

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to suspended driver licenses;
 3 establishing a Driver License Reinstatement Days pilot
 4 program in certain counties to facilitate
 5 reinstatement of suspended driver licenses; specifying
 6 participants; providing duties of the clerks of court
 7 and the Department of Highway Safety and Motor
 8 Vehicles; authorizing the clerk of court to compromise
 9 certain fees and costs; providing for program
 10 eligibility; directing the department to make a report
 11 to the Governor and Legislature; providing for future
 12 repeal; providing an effective date.

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 14 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 16 Section 1. Driver License Reinstatement Days.-

17 (1) There is established a Driver License Reinstatement
 18 Days pilot program in Broward, Duval, Hillsborough, Miami-Dade,
 19 Orange, and Pinellas Counties for the purpose of reinstating
 20 suspended driver licenses. Participants within each county shall
 21 include the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, the
 22 state attorney, the public defender's office, the circuit and
 23 county courts, the clerk of court, and interested community
 24 organizations.

25 (2) The clerk of court, in consultation with the other
 26 participants, shall select 1 or more days for an event at which

27 persons with suspended driver licenses may have their licenses
 28 reinstated pursuant to this section. A person must pay the full
 29 reinstatement fee; however, the clerk may compromise or waive
 30 other fees and costs to facilitate the reinstatement.

31 (3) (a) A person is eligible for reinstatement under the
 32 pilot program if the person's driver license was suspended
 33 because the person:

- 34 1. Was driving without a valid driver license;
- 35 2. Was driving with a suspended license;
- 36 3. Failed to make payments on penalties in collection;
- 37 4. Failed to appear in court for a traffic violation; or
- 38 5. Failed to comply with provisions of chapter 314 or
 39 chapter 318, Florida Statutes, relating to disposition of a
 40 traffic citation.

41 (b) Notwithstanding paragraphs (4) (a)-(c), a person is
 42 eligible for reinstatement under the pilot program if the period
 43 of suspension or revocation has elapsed, the person has
 44 completed any required course or program as described in
 45 paragraph (4) (c), and the person is otherwise eligible for
 46 reinstatement of his or her driver license.

47 (4) A person is not eligible for reinstatement under the
 48 pilot program if:

49 (a) The person's driver license is under suspension
 50 because the person failed to fulfill court-ordered child support
 51 obligations;

52 (b) The person's driver license is under suspension for a

53 violation under s. 316.193, Florida Statutes, involving driving
54 under the influence of alcohol or drugs;

55 (c) The person's driver license is under suspension
56 because the person has not completed a driver training program,
57 driver improvement course, or alcohol or substance abuse
58 education or evaluation program required under s. 316.192, s.
59 316.193, s. 322.2616, s. 322.271, or s. 322.291, Florida
60 Statutes;

61 (d) The person's driver license is under suspension for
62 commission of a traffic-related felony;

63 (e) The person's driver license was revoked because the
64 person is a habitual traffic offender under s. 322.264, Florida
65 Statutes; or

66 (f) The person's driver license is under suspension for an
67 offense committed outside a county in which the pilot program is
68 being implemented.

69 (5) The clerk of court and the Department of Highway
70 Safety and Motor Vehicles shall verify any information necessary
71 for reinstatement of a driver license under the pilot program.

72 (6) By October 1, 2017, the Department of Highway Safety
73 and Motor Vehicles shall report the results of the pilot program
74 to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of
75 the House of Representatives. The report shall include any
76 recommendation by the department to continue, discontinue, or
77 expand the pilot program and any necessary legislative action to
78 facilitate a continuation or expansion of the pilot program.

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79 | (7) This section is repealed October 1, 2017.

80 | Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016.