

## H.571 (DLS): Going Forward

- Eliminate suspensions for underage tobacco and bomb threat offenses.
- Eliminate suspensions for underage alcohol and marijuana offenses, but increase possible fines from:
  - (1) \$300 for a first offense, to \$400 for a first offense; and
  - (2) not more than \$600, to not less than \$400 and not more than \$600 for a second or subsequent offense.
- Repeal criminal underage marijuana and alcohol offenses for 3d and subsequent offenses.
- Eliminate suspensions as a Judicial Bureau contempt tool.
- Eliminate suspension for nonpayment of purchase and use tax.
- [Reduce suspensions for nonpayment of traffic violation judgments from 120 to 30 days].
- Eliminate reinstatement fees associated with suspensions arising from nonpayment of a traffic violation judgment.
- Repeal the law requiring nonrenewal of registrations for nonpayment of traffic violation judgments.
- Direct the Judicial Bureau to modify the existing 30x30 and 30x300 programs so that a participant does not need to pay more than \$100 per month under a payment plan.
- Increase awareness of payment plan options:
  - i. Train enforcement officers about the existence of the programs.
  - ii. Require enforcement officers to notify persons issued traffic tickets of the existence of the programs at the time tickets are issued.
  - iii. Require that existence of the programs be prominently advertised on the homepage of the Judicial Bureau [and other?] website.
  - iv. General statewide advertising campaign?
- Direct that Uniform Traffic Complaint be amended to add choice for a defendant to request a hearing solely on ability to pay.
- Explore new mechanisms, or strengthen existing mechanisms, for collecting traffic violation judgments.
- Increase DUI Penalties.