

H.574

Introduced by Representatives Lippert of Hinesburg, Jewett of Ripton and
Pellett of Chester

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Motor vehicles; traffic violation; judgment; failure to pay;
registration; suspension

Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to require suspension of the motor
vehicle registration of a person who has not paid a judgment for a traffic
violation, effective July 1, 2011.

An act relating to suspending motor vehicle registration for failure to pay a
traffic violation judgment

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Sec. 1. REPEAL

23 V.S.A. § 305a (registration not issued) is repealed.

Sec. 2. 23 V.S.A. § 305b is added to read:

§ 305b. WHEN SUSPENDED

The commissioner shall suspend the registration of a person who is the sole
registrant after receiving notice from the judicial bureau that the person has not
paid a judgment for a traffic violation.

1 Sec. 3. 23 V.S.A. § 2307(b) is amended to read:

2 (b) Notice of risk of suspension. A judgment for a traffic violation shall
3 contain a notice that failure to pay or otherwise satisfy the amount due within
4 30 days of the notice will result in suspension of the person's operator's license
5 or privilege to operate, and ~~the denial~~, effective July 1, 2011, shall contain a
6 notice that failure to pay or otherwise satisfy the amount due within 30 days of
7 the notice will result, if the person is the sole registrant, in suspension of the
8 person's ~~application for renewal of a~~ motor vehicle registration, until the
9 amount due is paid or otherwise satisfied. If the defendant fails to pay the
10 amount due within 30 days of the notice and the case is not pending on appeal,
11 the judicial bureau shall provide electronic notice thereof to the commissioner
12 of motor vehicles who, after 20 days from the date of receiving the electronic
13 notice, shall suspend the person's operator's license or privilege to operate and
14 ~~deny~~, effective July 1, 2011, shall suspend, if the person is the sole registrant,
15 the person's ~~application for renewal of a~~ motor vehicle registration, until the
16 amount due is paid or otherwise satisfied.

17 Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATES

18 (a) This section and Secs. 1 (repeal) and 3 (notice of risk of suspension) of
19 this act shall take effect on passage.

20 (b) Sec. 2 (when suspended) of this act shall take effect on July 1, 2011.