

## **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 \$300 for a first offense to not less than \$300 to not more than \$500, and of not less than \$600 and not more than \$800 for a second offense.
- 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 days to 30 days.
- [Eliminate reinstatement fee??]
- 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.