



RECENT CHANGES TO DRIVER'S LICENSE SUSPENSIONS

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- Current suspensions for failure to appear, pay, or comply (FTA) are removed for non-criminal moving violations (e.g. speeding tickets)
- No new suspensions for these reasons during the order
- The main reinstatement fee is waived for these individuals while other required fees still apply
- Ends January 1, 2023

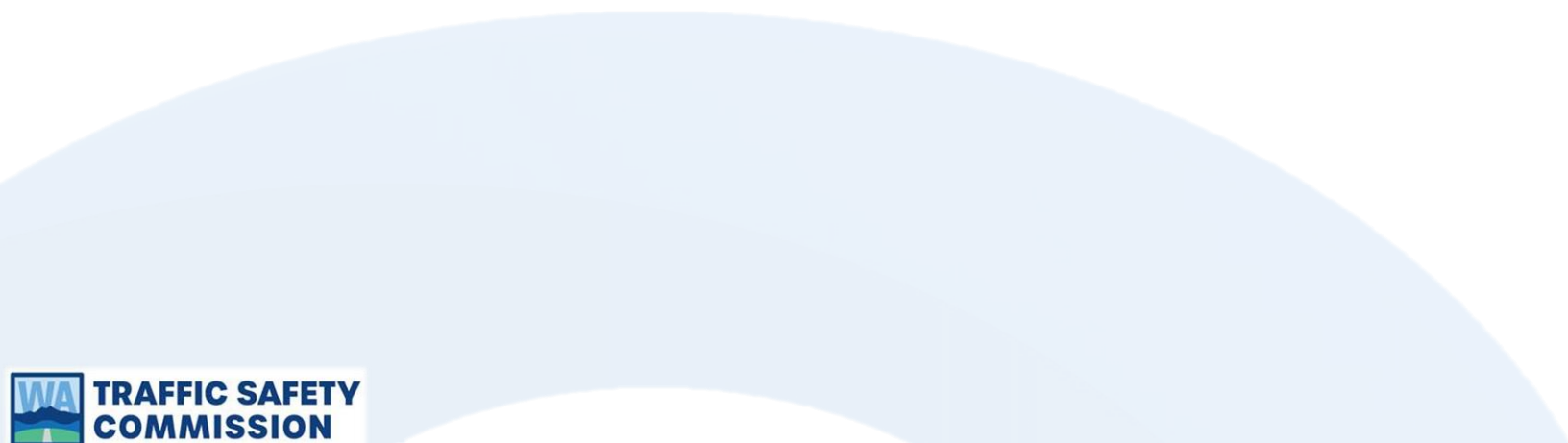
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- Failure to appear or respond will result in suspension again while failure to pay will not
- A court may require a hearing to demonstrate inability to pay under certain circumstances
 - Missing that hearing can result in suspension
- Originally established application process to lift existing FTA suspensions
 - Pierce v. DOL caused this to be addressed early
- There is an additional \$1 fee on driver's licenses and ID cards
- Starts January 1, 2023

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- There is stricter suspension criteria for multiple moving violations
- Current law
 - 6 moving violations in one year or 7 in two years result in a 60-day suspension with a one-year probation period after the suspension ends
 - Additional moving violations result in a 30-day suspension
 - A warning letter is sent after 4 violations in one year or 5 in two years
- New law
 - 3 moving violations in one year or 4 in two years result in suspension
 - A safe driving course recommended by DOL is required to reinstate
 - Still a one-year probation with 30-day suspension for an additional violation
 - A warning letter is sent after 2 violations in one year or 3 in two years

Questions



Thank You

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