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A BILL

To require the registrar of motor vehicles to 1
establish a six month driver's license 2
reinstatement fee debt reduction and amnesty 3
program and to name this act the Reinstatement 4
Fee Amnesty Initiative. 5

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. (A) As used in this section: 7

(1) "Eligible offense" means an offense under any of the 8
following Revised Code sections if the offense, an essential 9
element of the offense, the basis of the charge, or any 10
underlying offense did not involve alcohol, a drug of abuse, 11
combination thereof, or a deadly weapon: 2151.354, 2152.19, 12
2152.21, 2907.24, 2913.02, 4507.20, 4509.101, 4509.17, 4509.24, 13
4509.40, 4510.037, 4510.05, 4510.06, 4510.15, 4510.22, 4510.23, 14
4510.31, 4510.32, 4511.203, 4511.205, 4511.251, 4511.75, 15
4549.02, 4549.021, and 5743.99. 16

(2) "Deadly weapon" has the same meaning as in section 17
2923.11 of the Revised Code. 18

(3) "Drug of abuse" has the same meaning as in section 19

4511.181 of the Revised Code. 20

(4) "Complete amnesty" means a waiver of reinstatement 21
fees. 22

(5) "Driver's license or permit" does not include a 23
commercial driver's license or permit. 24

(B) Not later than ninety days after the effective date of 25
this section, the Registrar of Motor Vehicles shall establish a 26
driver's license reinstatement fee debt reduction and amnesty 27
program. The program shall immediately terminate six months 28
after that effective date. 29

(C) During the period the program is in operation, both of 30
the following apply: 31

(1) A person whose driver's license or permit has been 32
suspended as a result of an eligible offense may apply to the 33
Registrar for driver's license reinstatement fee debt reduction 34
if the person has completed all court-ordered sanctions related 35
to the eligible offense other than the payment of reinstatement 36
fees and at least eighteen months have expired since the court 37
imposed the suspension. 38

(2) A person whose driver's license or permit has been 39
suspended as a result of an eligible offense may apply to the 40
Registrar for complete amnesty if the person has completed all 41
court-ordered sanctions related to the eligible offense other 42
than the payment of reinstatement fees, and the person can 43
demonstrate proof of indigence by providing documentation in a 44
form approved by the Registrar. 45

(D) (1) The Registrar shall grant reinstatement fee debt 46
reduction to a person who is eligible under division (C) (1) of 47
this section as follows: 48

(a) If the person owes reinstatement fees for multiple 49
eligible offenses, the person shall be required to pay only the 50
lowest reinstatement fee owed for those offenses. 51

(b) If the person owes reinstatement fees for one eligible 52
offense, the person shall be required to pay one-half of the 53
reinstatement fee owed for that offense. 54

(2) The Registrar shall grant complete amnesty to a person 55
eligible under division (C) (2) of this section. 56

(E) The Registrar shall conduct a public service 57
announcement regarding the driver's license reinstatement fee 58
debt reduction and amnesty program that includes a description 59
of the program and its requirements. In addition, the Registrar 60
shall make such information available on the Bureau of Motor 61
Vehicle's web site. 62

(F) The Registrar may establish any requirements and 63
procedures necessary to administer and implement this section. 64

Section 2. This act shall be known as the Reinstatement 65
Fee Amnesty Initiative. 66