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S.B. No. 2205

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the revocation of a driver's license for failure to pay  
a civil penalty imposed by the Texas Ethics Commission.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter F, Chapter 571, Government Code, is  
amended by adding Section 571.178 to read as follows:

Sec. 571.178. REVOCATION OF DRIVER'S LICENSE. If a person  
does not pay a civil penalty imposed by the commission within 60  
days of the date the commission imposed the civil penalty, and the  
civil penalty has not otherwise been waived under this subchapter,  
the commission shall notify the Texas Department of Public Safety  
and request that the department revoke the person's driver's  
license.

SECTION 2. Section 521.294, Transportation Code, is amended  
to read as follows:

Sec. 521.294. DEPARTMENT'S DETERMINATION FOR LICENSE  
REVOCATION. The department shall revoke the person's license if  
the department:

(1) determines that the person:

(A) ~~[(1)]~~ is incapable of safely operating a  
motor vehicle;

(B) ~~[(2)]~~ has not complied with the terms of a  
citation issued by a jurisdiction that is a party to the Nonresident  
Violator Compact of 1977 for a traffic violation to which that

compact applies;

(C) ~~[(3)]~~ has failed to provide medical records or has failed to undergo medical or other examinations as required by a panel of the medical advisory board;

(D) ~~[(4)]~~ has failed to pass an examination required by the director under this chapter; or

(E) ~~[(5)]~~ has committed an offense in another state or Canadian province that, if committed in this state, would be grounds for revocation; or

(2) is notified by the Texas Ethics Commission in accordance with Section 571.178, Government Code, that the person has not paid a civil penalty imposed by the commission within 60 days following the date the civil penalty was imposed.

SECTION 3. Section 521.312(c), Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c) The department may not reinstate a license revoked under Section 521.294(1)(E) ~~[521.294(5)]~~ until the court that filed the report for which the license was revoked files an additional report on final disposition of the case.

SECTION 4. Section 571.178, Government Code, as added by this Act, applies only to the payment of a civil penalty or fine imposed by the Texas Ethics Commission on or after the effective date of this Act. The payment of a civil penalty or fine imposed by the Texas Ethics Commission before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the penalty or fine was imposed, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.