

1-1 By: Guillen (Senate Sponsor - LaMantia) H.B. No. 3224
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 3, 2023;
 1-3 May 5, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on
 1-4 Transportation; May 17, 2023, reported favorably by the following
 1-5 vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; May 17, 2023, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-8	X			
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1-10	X			
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1-12	X			
1-13	X			
1-14	X			
1-15	X			
1-16	X			

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the status of the registration of a vehicle after a
 1-20 failure to establish financial responsibility.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. The heading to Subchapter H, Chapter 601,
 1-23 Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

1-24 SUBCHAPTER H. FAILURE TO MAINTAIN EVIDENCE OF FINANCIAL
 1-25 RESPONSIBILITY; SUSPENSION OF DRIVER'S LICENSE [~~AND MOTOR VEHICLE~~
 1-26 ~~REGISTRATION~~]

1-27 SECTION 2. The heading to Section 601.231, Transportation
 1-28 Code, is amended to read as follows:

1-29 Sec. 601.231. SUSPENSION OF DRIVER'S LICENSE [~~AND VEHICLE~~
 1-30 ~~REGISTRATION~~].

1-31 SECTION 3. Section 601.231(a), Transportation Code, is
 1-32 amended to read as follows:

1-33 (a) If a person is convicted of an offense under Section
 1-34 601.191 and a prior conviction of that person under that section has
 1-35 been reported to the department by a magistrate or the judge or
 1-36 clerk of a court, the department shall suspend the driver's license
 1-37 [~~and vehicle registrations~~] of the person unless the person files
 1-38 and maintains evidence of financial responsibility with the
 1-39 department until the second anniversary of the date of the
 1-40 subsequent conviction.

1-41 SECTION 4. Section 601.232, Transportation Code, is amended
 1-42 to read as follows:

1-43 Sec. 601.232. NOTICE OF SUSPENSION. (a) The department
 1-44 shall send in a timely manner a notice to each person whose driver's
 1-45 license is [~~and vehicle registrations are~~] suspended under Section
 1-46 601.231.

1-47 (b) The notice must state that the person's driver's license
 1-48 is [~~and registration are~~] suspended and that the person may apply
 1-49 for reinstatement of the license [~~and vehicle registration~~] or
 1-50 issuance of a new license [~~and registration~~] as provided by
 1-51 Sections 601.162 and 601.376.

1-52 SECTION 5. Section 601.233(a), Transportation Code, is
 1-53 amended to read as follows:

1-54 (a) A citation for an offense under Section 601.191 issued
 1-55 as a result of Section 601.053 must include, in type larger than
 1-56 other type on the citation, the following statement:

1-57 "A second or subsequent conviction of an offense under the Texas
 1-58 Motor Vehicle Safety Responsibility Act will result in the
 1-59 suspension of your driver's license [~~and motor vehicle~~
 1-60 ~~registration~~] unless you file and maintain evidence of financial
 1-61 responsibility with the Department of Public Safety for two years

2-1 from the date of conviction. The department may waive the
2-2 requirement to file evidence of financial responsibility if you
2-3 file satisfactory evidence with the department showing that at the
2-4 time this citation was issued, the vehicle was covered by a motor
2-5 vehicle liability insurance policy or that you were otherwise
2-6 exempt from the requirements to provide evidence of financial
2-7 responsibility."

2-8 SECTION 6. The change in law made by this Act applies only
2-9 to a vehicle registration suspended for an offense committed on or
2-10 after the effective date of this Act. A vehicle registration
2-11 suspended for an offense committed before the effective date of
2-12 this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the offense was
2-13 committed, and the former law is continued in effect for that
2-14 purpose. For purposes of this section, an offense was committed
2-15 before the effective date of this Act if any element of the offense
2-16 occurred before that date.

2-17 SECTION 7. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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