



HOUSE BILL 735: Reinstatement of Driving Privileges

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SUMMARY: *The Proposed Committee Substitute for House Bill 735 would direct the Division of Adult Corrections to develop a process to allow an inmate whose driving privilege has been suspended for conviction of an impaired driving offense to complete requirements necessary for reinstatement of the inmate's driving privilege prior to release. The Division would be required to report on development of the process by October 1, 2015, and would be required to implement the process by January 1, 2016.*

CURRENT LAW: When a person's driving privilege is suspended or revoked for an impaired driving offense, the person may not have the driving privilege reinstated until he or she has completed certain requirements, including receiving a substance abuse assessment by an authorized provider and completing an education or treatment program. Once the assessment and program are completed, the provider sends a form to the Division of Motor Vehicles documenting that the program has been completed. The revocation period is extended until the Division receives the certificate of completion.

BILL ANALYSIS: The PCS for House Bill 735 would direct the Division of Adult Corrections, in collaboration with the Sheriffs' Association, Statewide Misdemeanant Confinement Program, the Administrative Office of the Courts, the Division of Motor Vehicles, and the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services, to develop a process for an inmate with a suspended driving privilege due to an impaired driving conviction to complete requirements necessary to have his or her driving privilege reinstated before the inmate's release. The inmate would be able to complete the required substance abuse assessment and recommended education or treatment and have program completion documents sent to the Division of Motor Vehicles prior to his or her release.

The Division of Adult Corrections would be required to report on the development of the process to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice and Public Safety by October 1, 2015. The process would have to be implemented by January 1, 2016.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The act would be effective when it becomes law.

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