

SENATE No. 2021

Senate, September 24, 2015 – Text of the Senate Bill relative to motor vehicle license suspension (Senate, No. 2021) (being the text of Senate, No. 2014, printed as amended)

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)

An Act relative to motor vehicle license suspension.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 22 of chapter 90 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out subsection (f).

3 SECTION 2. Section 30 of said chapter 90, as so appearing, is hereby amended by adding
4 the following paragraph:- Upon expiration of the term of suspension of driving privileges
5 suspended under subsections (g), (h), or (i) of section 22, the registrar shall shield from public
6 access all records of the suspension and the underlying offense, including records of the
7 expiration of the suspension, any hearings or appeals related to the suspension and the
8 reinstatement following the suspension.

9 SECTION 3. Clause (36) of section 33 of said chapter 90, as so appearing, is hereby
10 amended by striking out, in line 231, the words “, (e) and (f)” and inserting in place thereof the
11 following words:- and (e).

12 SECTION 4. The registrar of motor vehicles shall reinstate, issue or renew the license or
13 right to operate a motor vehicle, without fee, of any person whose license or right to operate a

14 motor vehicle has been suspended under subsection (f) of section 22 of chapter 90 of the General
15 Laws, if the person is otherwise entitled to such reinstatement, issuance or renewal.

16 The registrar of motor vehicles shall shield from public access all records of the
17 suspension of driving privileges issued under said subsection (f) of said section 22 of said
18 chapter 90 and all records of the underlying offense, including records of the expiration of the
19 suspension, any hearings or appeals related to the suspension and the reinstatement, issuance or
20 renewal.

21 SECTION 5. The registrar of motor vehicles shall issue a report on the implementation of
22 sections 2 and 3. The report shall include, but not be limited to, the fiscal impact to the registry
23 of motor vehicles and shall identify any impediments to the implementation of those sections.
24 The registrar shall file the report with the clerks of the house of representatives and senate, the
25 chairs of the house and senate committees on ways and means and the chairs of the joint
26 committee on transportation not later than 30 days after the effective date of this act.

27 SECTION 6. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the division of
28 insurance shall conduct a study on the feasibility of reducing the amount of time unsafe drivers
29 points remain on a drivers record. Said report along with recommendations shall be submitted to
30 the clerks of the house and senate, the joint committee on transportation and the house and senate
31 committee on ways and means by December 31, 2015.

32 SECTION 7. Sections 2 and 4 shall take effect 60 days after the effective date of this act.