

SENATE No. 2014

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
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SENATE, Thursday, September 17, 2015

The committee on Ways and Means, to whom was referred the Senate Bill relative to motor vehicle license suspension (Senate, No. 1812),-- reports, recommending that the same ought to pass with an amendment substituting a new draft with the same title (Senate, No. 2014).

For the committee,
Karen E. Spilka

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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. The registrar of motor vehicles shall reinstate, issue or renew the license or
10 right to operate a motor vehicle, without fee, of any person whose license or right to operate a
11 motor vehicle has been suspended under subsection (f) of section 22 of chapter 90 of the General
12 Laws, if the person is otherwise entitled to such reinstatement, issuance or renewal.

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

18 SECTION 4. The registrar of motor vehicles shall issue a report on the implementation of
19 sections 2 and 3. The report shall include, but not be limited to, the fiscal impact to the registry
20 of motor vehicles and shall identify any impediments to the implementation of those sections.
21 The registrar shall file the report with the clerks of the house of representatives and senate, the
22 chairs of the house and senate committees on ways and means and the chairs of the joint
23 committee on transportation not later than 30 days after the effective date of this act.

24 SECTION 5. Sections 2 and 3 shall take effect 60 days after the effective date of this act.