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The Honorable Robert E. Craven, Sr.
Chair, House Committee on Judiciary
State House
Providence, RI 02903

**RE: 2025 H-5931 - AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES
– SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF LICENSES - VIOLATIONS**

Dear Chair Craven:

The Division of Motor Vehicles ("DMV") writes to provide information on the potential fiscal impact of House Bill 5931 – An Act Relating to Motor and Other Vehicles – Suspension or Revocation of Licenses - Violations.

The proposed bill would repeal R.I. Gen. Laws § 31-11-25, which requires that the DMV suspend a person's operator's license upon certification of the clerk of any court that the person has failed to pay fines or costs imposed for a violation of any provision of Title 31, or has failed to make satisfactory arrangements with the court for the payment of those fines or costs.

Individuals facing suspension under § 31-11-25 must pay the statutorily mandated fee of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) found in R.I. Gen. Laws § 31-11-10, as well as the technology fee of two dollars and fifty cents (\$2.50) required by § 31-2-27 in order to reinstate their license upon bringing their account with the court into compliance. The following represents the total numbers of licenses that were reinstated by the DMV for individuals who have failed to pay court fines or costs over the last five calendar years:

2020	12,504
2021	15,464
2022	14,539
2023	14,533
2024	15,690

Therefore, for 2024 alone, assuming each customer paid the total reinstatement fee of \$152.50, that represents potentially \$2,392,725 of revenue which may be lost under the proposed bill. This does not include the amount of revenue which

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may also be lost due to fines going unpaid, as the proposed bill may have the unintended consequence of motorists being less inclined to pay their traffic fines due to the removal of the consequence of a license suspension.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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Administrator

Cc: The Honorable Members of the House Committee on Judiciary
The Honorable Brandon C. Potter
Nicole McCarty, Esquire, Chief Legal Counsel to the Speaker
Thomas A. Verdi, Director, Department of Revenue