

HB 740 -- FAILURE TO APPEAR

SPONSOR: Jones

COMMITTEE ACTIONS: Voted "Do Pass by Consent" by the Standing Committee on Civil and Criminal Proceedings by a vote of 11 to 0. Voted "Do Pass by Consent" by the Select Committee on Rules by a vote of 9 to 0.

Currently, if an individual charged with a moving traffic violation fails to appear in court as directed or without good cause fails to pay any fine or court costs assessed against him or her for the violation within the period specified or as otherwise approved by the court, the court is required to order the Director of the Department of Revenue to suspend the individual's driving privileges if the charges are not disposed of and fully paid within 30 days from the date of the mailing. This bill specifies that the court may order the department director to suspend the driving privileges at the request of the prosecutor having original jurisdiction.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the bill gives the courts more flexibility in litigating cases.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Jones.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.