

HB 740 -- FAILURE TO APPEAR

SPONSOR: Jones

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 is no longer required to order the suspension of the driving privileges, but instead may exercise discretion in determining whether the suspension of driving privileges is appropriate.