

CHAPTER 334

H.B. No. 2481

An Act relating to notice of the possibility of suspension of a driver's license for a conviction for failure to maintain financial responsibility.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Article I, Texas Motor Vehicle Safety-Responsibility Act (Article 6701h, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended by adding Section 1H to read as follows:

Sec. 1H. NOTICE OF LICENSE SUSPENSION. (a) If a peace officer issues a citation to a person for failure to maintain financial responsibility, the citation must contain a statement that, on conviction for the offense, the person's driver's license is subject to suspension if the person fails to provide to the Department proof of financial responsibility as required by Section 1F of this Act.

(b) A judge presiding at a hearing at which a person is convicted of the offense of failure to maintain financial responsibility shall notify the person that the person's driver's license is subject to suspension if the person fails to provide to the Department proof of financial responsibility as required by Section 1F of this Act.

SECTION 2. (a) Except as provided by Subsection (b) of this section, this Act takes effect September 1, 1985.

(b) Subsection (a), Section 1H, Texas Motor Vehicle Safety-Responsibility Act (Article 6701h, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), as added by this Act, takes effect September 1, 1986.

SECTION 3. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended, and that this Act take effect and be in force according to its terms, and it is so enacted.

Passed by the House on May 17, 1985, by a non-record vote; passed by the Senate on May 26, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved: June 8, 1985

Effective: September 1, 1985, except for Section 2(b) which is effective September 1, 1986.