

CHAPTER 1129

H.B. No. 1410

AN ACT

relating to a notice that a driver's license and motor vehicle registration have been suspended for failure to maintain financial responsibility.

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

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

Sec. 1F. (a) A conviction of failure to maintain financial responsibility shall also carry a suspension of driver's license and motor vehicle registration unless the defendant establishes and maintains proof of financial responsibility for five years from the date of conviction. The requirement for filing proof of financial responsibility may be waived if satisfactory evidence is filed with the Department that the party convicted was at the time of arrest covered by a policy of liability insurance or was otherwise exempt as provided in Sec. 1A(b) of this Act.

(b) *The Department shall mail after the date of conviction and in a timely manner, not later than the 30th day after the date of conviction, a notice to each person whose driver's license and motor vehicle registration is suspended under Subsection (a) of this section. The notice must state that the person's driver's license and motor vehicle registration are suspended, and that the person may apply for reinstatement of the license and registration or issuance of a new license and registration as provided by Sections 7 and 7A of this Act.*

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 1987, and applies only to notice required for an offense of failure to maintain financial responsibility committed on or after that date. An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect when the offense was committed and the former law is continued in

effect for that purpose. For purposes of this section, an offense is committed before the effective date of this Act if any element of the offense occurs before that date.

**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.

Passed by the House on May 6, 1987, by a non-record vote. Passed by the Senate on May 23, 1987, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Approved June 19, 1987.

Effective Sept. 1, 1987.