

CHAPTER 139**(HB 105)**

AN ACT relating to crimes and punishments.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

Section 1. KRS 186.570 is amended to read as follows:

- (1) The cabinet or its agent designated in writing for that purpose may deny any person an operator's license or may suspend the operator's license of any person, or, in the case of a nonresident, withdraw the privilege of operating a motor vehicle in this state, subject to a hearing and with or without receiving a record of conviction of that person of a crime, if the cabinet has reason to believe that:
 - (a) That person has committed any offenses for the conviction of which mandatory revocation of a license is provided by KRS 186.560.
 - (b) That person has, by reckless or unlawful operation of a motor vehicle, caused, or contributed to an accident resulting in death or injury or serious property damage.
 - (c) That person has a mental or physical disability that makes it unsafe for him to drive upon the highways. The Transportation Cabinet shall, by administrative regulations promulgated pursuant to KRS Chapter 13A, establish a medical review board to provide technical assistance in the review of the driving ability of these persons. The board shall consist of licensed medical and rehabilitation specialists.
 - (d) That person is an habitually reckless or negligent driver of a motor vehicle or has committed a serious violation of the motor vehicle laws.
 - (e) That person has been issued a license without making proper application for it, as provided in KRS 186.412 and administrative regulations promulgated pursuant to KRS Chapter 13A.
 - (f) A person required by KRS 186.480 to take an examination has been issued a license without first having passed the examination.
 - (g) That person has been convicted of assault and battery resulting from the operation of a motor vehicle.
 - (h) That person has failed to appear pursuant to a citation or summons issued by a law enforcement officer of this Commonwealth or any other jurisdiction.
 - (i) That person has failed to appear pursuant to an order by the court to produce proof of security required by KRS 304.39-010 and a receipt showing that a premium for a minimum policy period of six (6) months has been paid.
- (2) The cabinet shall deny any person a license or shall suspend the license of an operator of a motor vehicle upon receiving written notification from the Cabinet for Families and Children that the person has a child support arrearage which equals or exceeds the cumulative amount which would be owed after one (1) year of nonpayment or failure, after receiving appropriate notice, to comply with a subpoena or warrant relating to paternity or child support proceedings, as provided by 42 U.S.C. secs. 651 et seq.; except that any child support arrearage which exists prior to January 1, 1994, shall not be included in the calculation to determine whether the license of an operator of a motor vehicle shall be denied or suspended. The denial or suspension shall continue until the arrearage has been

eliminated, payments on the child support arrearage are being made in accordance with a court or administrative order, or the person complies with the subpoena or warrant relating to paternity or child support. Before the license may be reinstated, proof of elimination of the child support arrearage or proof of compliance with the subpoena or warrant relating to paternity or child support proceedings as provided by 42 U.S.C. sec. 666(a)(16) from the court where the action is pending or the Cabinet for Families and Children shall be received by the Transportation Cabinet as prescribed by administrative regulations promulgated by the Cabinet for Families and Children and the Transportation Cabinet.

- (3) ***The cabinet or its agent designated in writing for that purpose shall deny any person an operator's license or shall suspend the operator's license of any person, or, in the case of a nonresident, withdraw the privilege of operating a motor vehicle in this state, where the person has been declared ineligible to operate a motor vehicle under Section 2 of this Act for the duration of the ineligibility upon notification of the court's judgment.***
- (4) The cabinet or its agent designated in writing for that purpose shall provide any person subject to the suspension, revocation, or withdrawal of their driving privileges, under provisions of this section, an informal hearing. Upon determining that the action is warranted, the cabinet shall notify the person in writing by mailing the notice to the person by first-class mail to the last known address of the person. The hearing shall be automatically waived if not requested within twenty (20) days after the cabinet mails the notice. The hearing shall be scheduled as early as practical within twenty (20) days after receipt of the request at a time and place designated by the cabinet. An aggrieved party may appeal a decision rendered as a result of an informal hearing, and upon appeal an administrative hearing shall be conducted in accordance with KRS Chapter 13B.
- (5)~~(4)~~ The cabinet may suspend the operator's license of any resident upon receiving notice of the conviction of that person in another state of an offense there which if committed in this state would be grounds for the suspension or revocation of an operator's license. If a person so convicted is not the holder of a Kentucky operator's license, the cabinet shall deny him a license for the same period as if he had possessed a license and the license had been suspended. The cabinet may, upon receiving a record of the conviction in this state of a nonresident driver of a motor vehicle of any offense under the motor vehicle laws, forward a notice of that person's conviction to the proper officer in the state of which the convicted person is a resident.
- (6)~~(5)~~ The Transportation Cabinet is forbidden from suspending or revoking an operator's license or assessing points or any other form of penalty against the license holder for speeding violations or speeding convictions from other states. This subsection shall apply only to speeding violations. This section shall not apply to a commercial driver's license.
- (7)~~(6)~~ Each operator's license which has been canceled, suspended, or revoked shall be surrendered to and retained by the cabinet. At the end of the period of cancellation, suspension, or revocation, the license may be returned to the licensee after he has complied with all requirements for the issuance or reinstatement of his driving privilege.
- (8)~~(7)~~ Insurance companies issuing motor vehicle policies in the Commonwealth shall be prohibited from raising a policyholder's rates solely because the policyholder's driving privilege has been suspended or denied pursuant to subsection (2) of this section.

Section 2. KRS 532.356 is amended to read as follows:

- (1) Upon a person's conviction and sentencing for any nonstatus juvenile offense, moving traffic violation, criminal violation, misdemeanor, or Class D felony offense, the court shall impose the following sanctions in addition to any imprisonment, fine, court cost, or community service:
 - (a) Reimbursement to the state or local government for the person's incarceration, determined by the per person, per diem, expenses of each prisoner incarcerated by the respective local government, times the number of days he has spent or shall spend in confinement, plus any medical services received by the prisoner, less copayments paid by the prisoner. The convicted person's ability to pay all or part of the reimbursement shall be considered by the sentencing court in imposing the sanction; and
 - (b) Restitution to the crime victim as set out in KRS 439.563, 532.032, and 532.033.
- (2) *In addition to any other penalty allowed by law, a court may declare the defendant ineligible to operate a motor vehicle for a period of up to sixty (60) days where the defendant is being sentenced for a conviction of KRS 514.030 involving the theft of gasoline or special fuels from a retail establishment and the defendant has been previously convicted of KRS 514.030 for a theft of gasoline or special fuels from a retail establishment. A retail establishment may post a sign at the location where the fuel is dispensed apprising the public of the sanctions available under this subsection.*
- (3) Sanctions imposed by the sentencing court shall become a judgment of the court.

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