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An Act To Clarify the Law Regarding Reinstatement of a Driver's License

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §2434, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

1. Notification by court. The court shall inform the defendant of the suspension and that a reinstatement fee must be paid in order for the defendant's license to be reinstated.

Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §2434, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

2. Acknowledgement of receipt of notice. The defendant shall acknowledge this notice in writing on a form provided by the court. The form must include a statement that the license may be reinstated only upon payment of the reinstatement fee to the Secretary of State.

Sec. 3. 29-A MRSA §2482, sub-§2, ¶C, as amended by PL 2003, c. 434, §34 and affected by §37, is further amended to read:

C. If the suspension or revocation is imposed by an authority other than a court, the right of the person to request a hearing and the procedure for requesting a hearing; **and**

Sec. 4. 29-A MRSA §2482, sub-§2, ¶F, as amended by PL 1997, c. 776, §50, is further amended to read:

F. If the suspension or revocation is based on a report under section 2481, that a copy of the report of the law enforcement officer and any blood-alcohol test certificate will be provided to the person upon request to the Secretary of State; and

Sec. 5. 29-A MRSA §2482, sub-§2, ¶G is enacted to read:

G. The license may only be reinstated upon payment of the reinstatement fee.

SUMMARY

This bill requires that upon the suspension of a driver's license, the court or the Secretary of State inform the driver that the license will be reinstated only upon payment of the reinstatement fee.