



RESTORING DRIVING PRIVILEGES

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## **VIRGINIA DRIVER'S LICENSES NOT SUSPENDED FOR UNPAID FINES AND COSTS AFTER JULY 1**

**RICHMOND, VA, April 4, 2019** The Virginia General Assembly passed a law on April 3, 2019 that says driver's licenses will no longer be suspended solely because of unpaid court fines and costs. Drive-To-Work has worked for this for years.

Randy Rollins, president of Drive-To-Work, a non-profit corporation which assists individuals to restore their driving privileges, applauded this change. "It makes no sense to suspend a license for non-payment of fines, and take away a person's ability to drive to work, earn money, and pay the fines. We have worked 10 years for this change. Thanks to Governor Northam and Senator Bill Stanley, for helping over 600,000 suspended Virginia drivers."

**After July 1, 2019, Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles will reinstate a person's driving privilege that was suspended prior to July 1, 2019 solely due to unpaid court fines. DMV will waive all reinstatement fees. DMV will not reinstate the license if suspended for any other reason.**

Until July 1, 2019, failure to pay court fines, or installments on payment plans, can still result in a license suspension.

Persons owing fines are still required to pay them. They can be sued, garnished or held in contempt for not paying. A person's credit score can be affected.

Licenses are suspended or revoked for many other reasons, including non-payment of child support, driving on suspended, DUI, drug convictions, etc. This law does not change those suspensions.

Drive-To-Work continues to assist low income and previously incarcerated individuals to restore their driving privileges so they can drive to work and keep a job.

For further information, contact us at 804-358-6727 or [www.drivetowork.org](http://www.drivetowork.org).

*Drive-To-Work is a Virginia 501 (c) (3), tax-exempt corporation located at 1735 Summit Avenue in Richmond, VA. **The mission of Drive-To-Work is to assist low income or previously incarcerated persons to restore their drivers' licenses so they can drive to work and keep a job.** We are the only firm, program or organization in Virginia providing assistance of this type and on this basis. For further information, please visit our website at [www.drivetowork.org](http://www.drivetowork.org).*

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