

SENATE BILL 553

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 36;  
Title 55; Title 56 and Title 63, relative to actions  
against licenses for overdue child support.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 36, Chapter 5, Part 7, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

Notwithstanding this part, a person's driver license or professional license shall not be restricted, suspended, or revoked under this part for nonpayment of the person's child support obligation, if the person has paid any portion of the overdue support, is making one (1) or more installment payments toward a court-authorized payment plan, or is making one (1) or more payments toward a plan for payment of overdue support entered into with the department of human services. As used in this section, "professional license" means a professional license, certification, registration, permit, approval, or other similar document issued to a person evidencing admission to or granting authority to engage in a profession, trade, occupation, business, or industry.

SECTION 2. A person whose driver license or professional license was restricted, suspended, or revoked under title 36, chapter 5, part 7, prior to July 1, 2021, for nonpayment of the person's child support obligation that under this act is not the basis for restriction, suspension, or revocation of a license, may apply to the court having original jurisdiction over the child support proceeding. If the court finds that the person is no longer subject to license restriction, suspension, or revocation, the court shall order that the person's license be reinstated. The person may present a certified copy of the court's order to the department of safety or other applicable licensing authority, which shall reissue or reinstate a license if the

person is otherwise eligible for a license. The department or licensing authority may charge a reasonable fee to cover the administrative costs of reinstatement.

SECTION 3. This act takes effect July 1, 2021, the public welfare requiring it.