

SENATE BILL 2038

By Ford

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-50-502, relative to driver license recovery for certain persons with suspended driver licenses.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-50-502, is amended by deleting subdivision (l)(2) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following language:

(2) A person whose license has been suspended, pursuant to subdivision (a)(1)(H) or (a)(1)(I), may apply to the circuit court clerk or criminal court clerk of each county, as appropriate, to allow for payment of any outstanding judgment resulting from failure to pay state or county fines or costs, older than five (5) years after the date of disposition, at a reduced rate of fifty percent (50%). The circuit court clerk or criminal court clerk, as appropriate, shall allow such person to pay such outstanding judgment at a reduced rate of fifty percent (50%) either in a single payment or by enrolling in a payment plan during the first six (6) fiscal months of the year. Under such payment plan, the person shall enter into a written agreement, including monthly payment amounts, to pay at least ten percent (10%) of the outstanding fines or costs owed on the first month of the payment plan and make no more than nine (9) payments totaling the resulting amount due for the subsequent nine (9) months. Upon a person enrolling in such payment plan and making such initial monthly payment, the circuit court clerk or criminal court clerk, as appropriate, shall provide either written documentation to the person or notice to the department of safety of such person's enrolling in the payment plan. Any person who fails to make three (3) monthly payments shall be disenrolled from the driver license recovery plan authorized by this subsection (l), and the court clerk shall notify the

department of safety. No person who is disenrolled as a result of failure to make three (3) monthly payments shall be eligible for reenrollment.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.