

# STARTING JULY 1, 2021, ILLINOIS WILL NO LONGER SUSPEND LICENSES FOR ANY TICKET DEBT, FINES, OR FEES.

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ILLINOIS ENDS DRIVER'S LICENSE SUSPENSIONS FOR SEVERAL NON-MOVING VIOLATIONS (SUCH AS UNPAID PARKING TICKETS OR VEHICLE COMPLIANCE TICKETS).

## JULY 1, 2021:

WITH THE **SAFE-T ACT** ILLINOIS ENDS DRIVER'S LICENSE SUSPENSIONS FOR UNPAID FINES AND FEES FROM TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS AND AUTOMATED CAMERA TICKETS.

### Your driver's license can **NO LONGER** be suspended for:

- Failure to pay parking tickets
- Failure to pay traffic tickets
- Failure to pay red-light camera tickets
- Failure to pay vehicle compliance tickets
- Failure to pay automatic speed camera tickets
- Failure to pay abandoned vehicle fees

The Act also **reinstates driving privileges** for those who have already had their driver's license suspended/revoked for failing to pay these tickets. **Reinstatement is free, automatic and will occur by July 1, 2021.**

The law **does not** eliminate any outstanding ticket debt. You must still pay off your tickets, but your license will no longer be suspended due to the debt.

**IF YOU CAN'T WORK, YOU CAN'T PAY. IF YOU CAN'T PAY, YOU CAN'T WORK.  
ENDING ECONOMIC LICENSE SUSPENSION SUPPORTS ECONOMIC RECOVERY.**

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# POVERTY SHOULD NEVER DETERMINE WHO IS FREE TO DRIVE. PROGRESS IS COMING.

Over **80%** of Illinoisans drive to work and data shows that up to **42%** of individuals lose their jobs following the suspension of their licenses. Over **10,000** Illinois drivers currently face license suspensions due to unpaid automated traffic violation fines, alone.

As of **July 1, 2021** Illinois will no longer suspend licenses for any ticket fines or fees. On February 22, 2021, Governor Pritzker signed HB 3653 SFA2: the **SAFE-T** (Safety, Accountability, Fairness and Equity - Today) Act. It goes into effect **July 1**. The Secretary of State estimated as many as **500,000** license holds could be lifted as a result.

## MOST DRIVER'S LICENSE SUSPENSIONS FOR AUTOMATED CAMERA TICKET DEBT

Zip Codes	% Black	% Below Poverty
60628	92.6%	23.5%
60620	95.4%	24.8%
60619	95.4%	25.3%
60649	93.0%	31.9%
60827	89.8%	30.4%
60617	56.2%	23.7%
60644	88.3%	33.8%
60651	50.8%	24.9%
60636	87.8%	31.9%
60409	74.4%	18.0%

## UTILIZING DRIVER'S LICENSE SUSPENSION AS A DEBT COLLECTION TOOL IS INEFFECTIVE, COUNTERPRODUCTIVE, AND HARMFUL TO PEOPLE OF COLOR.

- If you live in a **majority Black** zip code, you are about **5 times more likely** to have a license suspension or hold for failure to pay a debt, fine, or fee.
- If you live in a **majority Latino** zip code, you are about **3 times more likely** to have a license suspension or hold for failure to pay a debt, fine, or fee.

## DRIVER'S LICENSES ARE VITAL FOR EMPLOYMENT NORMALLY AND DURING A TIME OF UNPRECEDENTED ECONOMIC CRISIS.

- Illinoisans are struggling to cover even their most basic living expenses, let alone ticket fines.
- A driver's license suspension creates a significant barrier to employment.

## HOW WILL YOU KNOW IF YOU CAN DRIVE YET?

Call the Secretary of State's automated phone number to determine if your license is valid: **217-782-6212**, select option 2, then option 1. Have your **Social Security Number** and **Driver's License Number** handy.