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### Overview

This bill prohibits the suspension of a person's driver's license under several specific situations.

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- 1**      **Suspension of driver's license.** Prohibits the commissioner from re-suspending a person's driver's license based on the failure to appear in court after receiving a citation for driving after suspension. Under current law, failure to appear in court in compliance with the terms of a citation is grounds for a license suspension.
- 2**      **Commissioner shall suspend.** Prohibits the suspension of a person's driver's license following a conviction for driving after suspension or driving after revocation.
- 3**      **Failure to pay fine.** Forbids suspension of a person's driver's license based solely on the fact that the person failed to pay a traffic ticket, parking fine, or surcharge.
- 4**      **Offenses.** Removes the provision allowing for license suspension based on permitting an unlawful or fraudulent use of the license and repeats the prohibition on suspending a person's license following a conviction for driving after suspension or revocation.
- 5**      **Retroactive license reinstatement.** Requires the commissioner of public safety to make an individual's driver's license eligible for reinstatement if that license is suspended based on (1) a conviction for driving after suspension or revocation, (2) the failure to pay a fee or fine, or (3) both (1) and (2). Directs the commissioner to send notice by December 1, 2018, to individuals whose licenses are eligible for reinstatement. Requires individuals eligible for

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reinstatement to pay the reinstatement fee. Clarifies that suspensions, revocations, or cancellations for any other reason remain in effect.