Public Act 203 Amends the Driver Responsibility Law

Overview

Public Act 165 of 2003, known as the Driver Responsibility Law, took effect October 1, 2003. There have been several amendments to this law. The most recent amendment is <u>Public Act 203</u> of 2012 which will be in effect as of April 1st 2013. This amendment states that the secretary of state shall only reinstate a license 3 times under subsection 5.

How does Public Act 203 affect me?

Based on Public Act 203, drivers who are suspended for drivers responsibility fees may be eligible to have their driving privileges reinstated up to 3 times per assessment. An additional \$125 reinstatement fee either needs to be paid in full or included in your installment agreement prior to the reinstatement of your license.

How do I reinstate my driving privileges once they are suspended for a Driver Responsibility Fee?

There are two ways to have your driving privileges reinstated when they are suspended for driver responsibility fees. You can pay in full any unpaid drivers responsibility fee assessments along with the driver's license reinstatement fee of \$125, or driving privileges may be reinstated if a driver enters into an approved Installment Agreement with the Michigan Department of Treasury. The reinstatement fee of \$125 may be included in the approved Installment Agreement. Drivers who have no other suspension, denial or revocation may have their driving privileges returned not more than 3 times.

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What happens if I default on the payment arrangement after I get my driving privileges back?

If your driving privileges are reinstated after entering into an approved Installment Agreement and you default on the payments, your driving privileges will again be suspended. You may be eligible to reinstate your driving privileges up to 2 additional times by entering into an approved Installment Agreement. The driver's license reinstatement fee of \$125 needs to be paid in full or included in your Installment Agreement each time.

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