



**STATE OF MISSISSIPPI**  
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**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY**  
**MISSISSIPPI HIGHWAY SAFETY PATROL**  
ALBERT SANTA CRUZ, COMMISSIONER

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**Re: Open Records – Requests – License Suspension for Unpaid Fines**

Dear Ms. Grossman:

Please find enclosed the documents you requested in your supplement to your original Open Records request.

- (1) The number of driver's licenses that have been suspended for non-driving related drug offenses under § 63-1-71 for the past 3 fiscal or calendar years for which you have data available:

**RESPONSE:** MDPS only maintains records of suspensions and reinstatements in general and does not differentiate as to the circumstances (driving or non-driving). For example, the suspension would be coded "Drug-Related" but no information on the circumstances is included in DPS data. The information you requested as to whether the offense was committed while driving, is not separately coded in our database. Therefore, unfortunately, MDPS is unable to separate out the statistics you requested from our database records.

- (2) The number of these driver's licenses that have been reinstated following the expiration of the suspension period and receipt of the reinstatement fee under § 63-1-71 for the past 3 fiscal or calendar years for which you have data available.

**RESPONSE:** See response to question 1. MDPS is unable to provide this information due to the data set not existing.

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- (3) The number of people who have been arrested for driving without a license after having their license suspended for a drug conviction under § 63-1-71 for the past 3 fiscal or calendar years for which you have data.

**RESPONSE:** The data you requested is not collected. Each conviction of driving without a license is a separate record. The previous drug conviction, if any, is not a part of that record or data set and cannot be compiled.

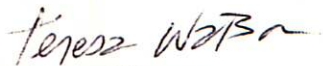
- (4) The current fee to reinstate a driver's license suspended under § 63-1-71 for a non-driving related drug offense.

**RESPONSE:** All fees may be found in MS Code § 63-1-46. Fees are set by the Mississippi Legislature and may vary after each Legislative session. It is best to check the Code at an time you are verifying the reinstatement fee to ensure you have the most up-to-date fee schedule. However, as of today's date, the following fee is current:

*(2)(a) A fee of One Hundred Seventy-five dollars (\$175.00) shall be charged for the reinstatement of a license issued under this article to every person whose license has been validly suspended or revoked under the provisions of the Mississippi Implied Consent or as a result of a conviction of a violation of the Uniform Controlled Substances Law under the provisions of Section 63-1-71.*

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure

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