

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Arizona Administrative Office of the Courts

FROM: Arizona Department of Transportation Motor Vehicle Division

CC: Arizona Courts

DATE: November 15, 2021

RE: Legislative Implementation

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This message is an addendum to the memo dated August 23, 2021.

The Arizona Department of Transportation Motor Vehicle Division (ADOT MVD) has implemented both Laws 2021, Chapter 189 ([SB 1551](#)), and Laws 2021, Chapter 335 ([HB 2143](#)).

This legislation reinstated the driving privileges of Arizona drivers whose licenses had been suspended or restricted exclusively for failure to pay civil traffic violations (Disposition Code 55 and Disposition Code 50 relating to a Civil violation). These reinstatements occurred regardless of the date of the violation.

Reinstatement of these driver licenses occurred on Sept. 29, 2021, which was the effective date of this law. Reinstatement happened automatically and required no action on the part of the customer. The courts are not required to take additional action in these cases, either.

Separately, ADOT MVD has implemented Laws 2018, Chapter 113 ([HB 2169](#)). In accordance with this legislation, customers with a failure to appear on a civil violation (previously Disposition Code 58) that occurred on or after Jan. 1, 2019, are no longer suspended. For those customers with a failure to appear on a civil violation that was placed on the record prior to Jan. 1, 2019, the suspension remains until the courts send ADOT MVD an abstract evidencing the customer appeared and the court took action on the violation. That abstract may be sent by email to [courtabstracts@azdot.gov](mailto:courtabstracts@azdot.gov). ADOT MVD will also accept an overlay for 58 dispositions for a civil violation that was placed on the record prior to January 1, 2019.

In addition, if the courts send ADOT MVD a Disposition Code 58, it now registers as a Default of Judgment rather than *either* a default of judgment *or* a failure to appear.