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This act expands and modifies a pilot program for issuing a special driver's license, which the legislature established in 2009. The program allows for issuance of a special diversion driver's license to offenders who have been charged with driving on a suspended or revoked non-commercial license, and agree to pay their outstanding fees, fines, and surcharges back in installments as well as meet other requirements.

Among the changes, the act:

- Extends the program sunset to June 30, 2013 (from June 30, 2011);
- Makes counties eligible to participate in the program;
- Sets the order of payment of charges, so that reinstatement charges for certain DWI violations are paid before payment of a fee for participating in the pilot program;
- Requires that participants in the program must be required to pay those fees and fines related to driver licensing, as opposed to other non-license fees that the person might owe; and
- Delays the due date and removes required contents of a legislative report on the program.

The changes are effective May 28, 2011.