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This bill allows a person whose driver's license was revoked under certain circumstances to pay for reinstatement in two installments. The first installment payment must be paid before the commissioner will reinstate the driver's license. The first installment is 50% of the total fees and surcharges owed and provides the person with a valid license for two years. The second installment is essentially a renewal fee that earns the person a valid license for two additional years. The bill also allows a handling charge to be assessed for each payment. In order to participate in this payment plan a court must certify that the offender is financially eligible for a public defender.

If a person's license is canceled, revoked, or suspended before payment of the second installment, the person must pay the balance before being eligible for reinstatement. If the person does pay the balance, he is eligible to participate in the installment program again.

The provision applies to licenses that have been revoked due to: 1) failure or refusal to take a chemical test, 2) a DWI conviction, or 3) conviction for criminal vehicular homicide. Such revocations carry a driver's license reinstatement fee of \$250, plus a surcharge of \$430.