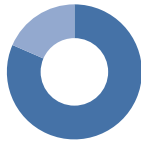


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Over **50 thousand Illinois licenses are suspended each year** because drivers can't pay tickets, fines, or fees; or for other reasons *unrelated to bad driving*.

Over **80%** of Illinoisans drive to work, and a license is required just to apply for many jobs.⁵



It takes about **9 hours** to arrest and prosecute someone caught driving without a license.⁶



In Cook County, people arrested for driving on an invalid license spend an average of **14 days** incarcerated. Few employers will keep a job waiting that long.⁷

In a year, these jail costs total **\$5.5 million** just in Cook County.

The Problem:

- **People are losing their driver's license even when the suspension has nothing to do with unsafe driving.**
- **Stripping people of their licenses causes job loss.** A New Jersey study found that 42% of individuals lost their jobs following the suspension of their licenses.¹ Research also shows car access increases the probability of being employed and leaving welfare.²
- **Unnecessary suspensions of safe drivers are a burden on the criminal justice system.** Seventy-five percent of suspended drivers continue to drive.³ Arresting and incarcerating good drivers strains already lean public safety budgets.
- **The impact is disproportionate.** Black and Latino drivers are more likely than white drivers to be stopped by the police, **to be fined or arrested for traffic offenses**, and to suffer undue fines or incarceration.⁴

Here's how HB3177/SB1614 helps:

- Eliminates driver's license suspension as a penalty for non-moving violations, including:
 - Falling behind on payment of tickets, fines, fees, or tollway violations
 - Motor vehicle fuel theft
 - Being judged to be a "truant minor"
 - Criminal trespass to a vehicle
- Allows an individual whose license was suspended under any of these provisions to petition for reinstatement.

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Who Supports The License to Work Act?

Chicago Center for Arts and Technology	North Lawndale Employment Network
Chicago Jobs Council	POWER-PAC, a project of COFI
Community Renewal Society	Safer Foundation
Cook County Sheriff's Office	Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law
Employment & Employer Services	Social Change
Heartland Alliance for Human Needs & Human Rights	Women Employed
Illinois Asset Building Group	Woodstock Institute
Illinois YouthBuild Coalition, Inc.	

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⁶ American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators.

⁷ Cook County Jail Staff Calculation.

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