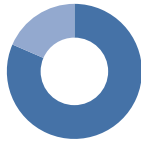


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Over **50 thousand Illinois licenses are suspended each year** because drivers can't pay tickets, fines, or fees; or for other reasons *unrelated to bad driving*.

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 a suspended license spend an average of **14 days** incarcerated.⁷ Few employers will keep a job waiting that long.

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 HB5340 helps:

- Eliminates driver's license suspension as a penalty for non-driving violations, including:
 - Falling behind on payment of tickets, fines, fees, or tollway violations
 - Failing, as an operator of a business for garaging, repairing, parking, or vehicle storage, to report a vehicle as unclaimed after 15 days
 - Being judged to be a "truant minor"
 - A handful of other non-driving violations
- 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?

ACLU Illinois	Illinois Asset Building Group
Breakthrough Urban Ministries	Illinois Hunger Coalition
Brighton Park Neighborhood Council	Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights
Cabrini Green Legal Aid	Illinois YouthBuild Coalition, Inc.
Cara Chicago	Jane Addams Resource Corporation
Chicago Appleseed Fund for Justice	John Howard Association of Illinois
Chicago Center for Arts and Technology	Juvenile Justice Initiative
Chicago Coalition for the Homeless	Law Office of the Cook County Public Defender
Chicago Council of Lawyers	Navicore Solutions
Chicago CRED	New Moms
Chicago Jobs Council	North Lawndale Employment Network
Chicago Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights	Peoria Citizens Committee for Economic Opportunity
Community Renewal Society	POWER-PAC, a project of COFI
Comprehensive Community Solutions	Safer Foundation
Cook County Sheriff's Office	Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law
Employment & Employer Services	SEIU Healthcare
Growing Home	Social Change
Heartland Alliance for Human Needs & Human Rights	St. Leonard's Ministries
Howard Area Community Center	Women Employed
	Woodstock Institute

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⁵ U.S. Census Bureau, 2015 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates.

⁶ American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators.

⁷ Cook County Jail Staff Calculation – only takes into account Misdemeanor Driving on a Suspended License arrests.

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