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OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA: Alameda County Superior Court recalls over 83,000 DMV Failure to Pay driver license holds.

The Alameda County Superior Court has recalled over 83,000 Failure to Pay (FTP) driver license holds to comply with newly enacted legislation Assembly Bill 103 (AB 103). This change is effective immediately.

Individuals who have suspended driver licenses for failure to pay traffic fines in Alameda County may visit a field office of the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to check on the status of their driver license. All individuals are encouraged to take the appropriate actions to reinstate their driver license.

Passed in June 2017, AB 103 ends the suspension of driver licenses for failure to pay a traffic fine. Under the former statutory scheme, the Court was required to notify the DMV to suspend an individual's driver license for a willful failure to pay a traffic fine. AB 103 revised those sections of law to eliminate the FTP notifications that a court can make to the DMV.

"After the passage of AB 103, the Court took immediate action to comply by recalling the FTP notifications from the DMV system," says Chad Finke, Court Executive Officer of the Alameda County Superior Court. "In addition, the Court allows low-income individuals to petition to get their traffic fines reduced and enroll in a payment plan for any outstanding traffic tickets."

This change in law does not affect people who have suspended licenses for failures to appear, DUIs, reckless driving or parking tickets. If an individual has a failure to pay and the ticket is in collections, low-income individuals may qualify for a reduction by submitting an [Ability to Pay Form](#) and [Ability to Pay Document Checklist](#). If an individual has a failure to appear and is required to make an appearance, they may be eligible to make a same-day appearance at Walk-In Court in the Oakland, Fremont, or Dublin Courthouses. For information about walk-in court and the 2017 calendar, please visit the [Court's web page](#).

The Court partners with the East Bay Community Law Center (EBCLC) to provide self-help services for low-income individuals facing driver's license suspensions and problems with court fines and fees. EBCLC provides legal consultations in Department 103 of the Wiley Manuel Courthouse on the last Friday of every month from 8:00 AM – 11:00 AM. To set up an appointment, call (510) 548-4064 (ext 602).