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Summary

- Authorizes a court to allow an offender to complete a community service program in lieu of paying driver's license reinstatement fees when the court determines the offender cannot reasonably pay those fees.

Detailed Analysis

Community service in lieu of driver's license reinstatement fees

The bill authorizes a municipal or county court to allow an offender to perform community service in lieu of paying driver's license reinstatement fees when the court determines that the offender cannot reasonably pay those fees.¹ When an offender completes the community service, the bill requires the court to provide documentation of that completion. The bill also requires an offender who is seeking license reinstatement to present that documentation to the Registrar of Motor Vehicles.²

Under current law, payment of reinstatement fees is required before the Registrar will reinstate a suspended driver's license. The Registrar is prohibited from reinstating a driver's license until the person has paid all reinstatement fees and has complied with all other conditions (typically court-mandated) for each license suspension.³ Currently, when a municipal or county court determines that an offender cannot reasonably pay reinstatement fees, the court may establish an installment payment plan or a payment extension plan for the offender.⁴

¹ The bill also applies to reinstatement fees for a commercial driver's license or permit or nonresident operating privilege.

² R.C. 4510.10(C)(2).

³ R.C. 4510.10(A) and (B).

⁴ R.C. 4510.10(C)(1) and (D) through (F).

History

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