Louisiana Department of Public Safety

Office of Motor Vehicles

2-11.00 Suspension and Disqualification

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Definitions

- **Disqualification** – A notation on the driving record that prohibits an individual from operating a commercial motor vehicle (CMV) during a specified period.
- **Pending Suspension** - A conviction added to the record and no suspensive action has been taken or no official notice has been mailed.
- **Pseudo Number** - A reference number created for the purpose of housing the driving history of an individual who does not hold a Louisiana operator's license, categorized as a Class "P".
- **Suspension –** A notation on the driving record that blocks all driving privileges, regardless of the type of vehicle being operated.

Suspensions and/or Disqualification

Authority: R.S. 32:414; R.S. 32:415; R.S. 32:430; Administrative

Most suspension and/or disqualification periods are to run consecutively, which means when one period of suspension and/or disqualification ends the other begins. The following suspensions and/or disqualifications are exceptions and will run concurrently, which means the period to be served will be the longer of the two.

- A DWI and a Refusal/Submit resulting from the violation (same date and same occurrence).
- More than one conviction for manslaughter, negligent homicide, and vehicular homicide resulting from the same occurrence will run concurrently. However, other multiple convictions on the same date and same occurrence will run consecutively.
  - For example,
    - An individual is convicted of driving under suspension, negligent injury, and vehicular homicide, from the same date and occurrence, the suspension and/or disqualification period would run consecutively.
    - An individual is convicted of two negligent homicides, from the same date and occurrence, the suspension and/or disqualification period would run concurrently.
- Accidents, affidavits (in lieu of, written promise or out-of-state) or any indefinite suspensions.

Notes:

- Effective March 23, 1987, all suspended operator's licenses held by the Office of Motor Vehicles will not be returned to the individual, regardless of whether the license is current or expired. When the individual is placed in compliance and their license is still valid, they will be required to obtain a duplicate license and pay the applicable fees. If their license is expired, they will be required to renew their license and pay the applicable fees.
- Credit for suspension time served can only be given upon receipt of the most current operator's license, upon expiration of an operator's license or on the date the statement of non-possession is received.

- Louisiana revised statutes do not provide for the acceptance of affidavits to allow for time served for violations requiring a mandatory suspension period.