



Louisiana Department of Public Safety
Office of Motor Vehicles
Policy 22.01 Vehicular Homicide Departmental Suspension

Section: 2. Driver's License Laws

Effective Date: 08/15/2011

Revised Date: 10/29/2012

Authority:

[R.S. 14:32.1](#)

[R.S. 32:667.1](#)

To view Louisiana Statutes: <http://www.legis.state.la.us/>

Definitions:

- **Vehicular homicide** is the killing of a human being caused proximately or caused directly by an offender engaged in the operation of, or in actual physical control of, any motor vehicle, aircraft, watercraft, or other means of conveyance, whether or not the offender had the intent to cause death or great bodily harm. Violator must have been under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs as stated in R.S. 14.32.1.

Requirements:

- When a law enforcement officer places a person under arrest for a violation of R.S. 14:32.1 (vehicular homicide), the law enforcement officer shall seize the driver's license of the person and issue a temporary driving permit not to exceed thirty days from the date of arrest.
 - The violator has 15 days from the date of arrest to make written request to the Court for a contradictory hearing.
 - If a hearing is not requested or requested timely, the violator's license will be suspended for a period of one year without the benefit of hardship license.
 - If the request for hearing is timely received by the Court, the Court shall issue a document extending the temporary license.
 - **Note:** Hearings for vehicular homicide will not be processed by the Office of Motor Vehicles or the Division of Administrative Law. Individuals must submit all hearing requests relative to vehicular homicide to the courts.

Compliance:

- The violator must serve the mandatory one (1) year suspension period.
- There is no reinstatement fee, however, the violator must contact the Office of Motor Vehicles to remove the suspension from the license.