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CSHB 214 (34-LS0602\I)

“An Act relating to proof of financial responsibility for suspension for nonpayment of judgments.”

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Sponsor Statement

If a person is involved in an auto accident and is found liable for damage to another person or property through a civil lawsuit, and they are not able to settle or satisfy the claim on time, there may be a judgment issued against them. If a person becomes subject to an unsatisfied judgment, because of non or late payment, current Alaska law requires their driver's license be suspended and that it cannot be issued or renewed until the judgment is satisfied and the person provides proof of insurance (an "SR-22 form").

Under current law, the SR-22 requirement remains in place for the person's entire lifetime through proof of insurance after the judgment has been satisfied.

The purpose of the SR-22 requirement is to ensure financial accountability and protect the public. The SR-22 requirement is a proper additional step to ensure those who have recently had an outstanding unsatisfied judgment do not receive a driver's license without demonstrating proper insurance coverage. However, that requirement becomes unreasonably punitive if it remains in place indefinitely.

CSHB 214 establishes a tiered approach to the SR-22 requirement based on the number of prior suspensions for missing timely payments of judgements.

This legislation provides a more balanced approach by maintaining accountability with higher consequences for repeat offenders.

This bill also requires insurers to notify affected customers of the changes made by this Act, ensuring that Alaskans are informed of their rights and obligations under the new law.

CSHB 214 provides an appropriate balance between the public's interest in judgements being paid on time and individual's opportunity to move on from a judgment once it has been satisfied.

I urge your support for this legislation to modernize Alaska law and create a fair, proportional system for drivers subject to financial responsibility requirements.