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HB 214 (34-LS0602\N)

“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, and they are not able to settle or satisfy the claim, there may be a judgment issued against them. If a person becomes subject to an unsatisfied judgment, 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"). The SR-22 requirement remains during the person's entire lifetime, even years after the judgment has been satisfied.

House Bill 214 removes the SR-22 insurance requirement one-year after the judgement 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 long after the judgment has been satisfied.

In addition, insurance companies have added greatly to the punitive nature of the current law. To submit a completed SR-22, the insured must request a special certificate from their insurance company, and insurance companies have been charging exorbitant fees to provide such certificates. HB214 provides an appropriate balance between the public's interest in minimizing the risk of drivers carrying insufficient auto insurance, with an individual's opportunity to move on from a judgment, once satisfied.

I urge your support in eliminating this lifetime requirement for Alaska drivers who have not timely satisfied a judgment.