



Driving with a Suspended License: Is It Worth It?

After being charged with a DUI the most common repercussion is the suspension of your driver's license. Having a suspended, or revoked, license presents a set of obstacles that many people face each year. Some believe it is worth the risk to drive on a suspended license and decide to forgo their driver's license reapplication process. By doing so, these people believe they are avoiding the fees associated with regaining their license (paying an administrative fee, installing an ignition interlock device, etc.).

As the chart on the following page shows, driving with a suspended license is a serious offense that can end up costing more than these reapplication fees and is met with strict penalties ranging from; increased length of license suspension, large monetary fines, impoundment of your vehicle, hard jail time, and even being charged with a felony. If your driver's license has been recently revoked, and you're thinking of driving without it, ask yourself this question: ***Is it worth it?***

If your license has recently been suspended after being charged with a DUI, give us a call today at **(877) 369-2295** to find out what you need to install an ignition interlock device in order to regain your driving privileges.

State penalties for driving without a license

STATES CITATION PENALTIES

Alabama	§32-6-19	Misdemeanor: \$100-\$500 fine; additional fine of \$50; imprisonment for no more than 180 days; immediate vehicle impoundment; possible license suspension increase by 6 months.
Alaska	§28.15.291	First Offense / Class A Misdemeanor: 10 day suspended imprisonment provided at least 80 hours of community service are completed; possible forfeiture of vehicle; license suspension increased by at least 90 days.
Arizona	§28-3473 §28-3511 §13-707	Subsequent Offense / Class A Misdemeanor: Imprisonment for at least 10 days; possible forfeiture of vehicle; license suspension increased by at least 90 days. Class 1 Misdemeanor: Imprisonment for up to 6 months; possible vehicle impoundment.
Arkansas	§27-16-303	Misdemeanor: Imprisonment for between 2 days and 6 months; possible fine of not more than \$500.
California	§14601 §14602.6	First Offense: Imprisonment for between 5 days and 6 months; \$300-\$1000 fine. Subsequent Offense: Imprisonment for between 10 days and 1 year; \$500-\$2000 fine.
Colorado	§42-2-138	First Offense /Misdemeanor: Imprisonment for no more than 6 months; fine of no more than \$500; license suspension increased by 1 year. Subsequent Offense: Driver ineligible to be issued a driver's license for a period of three years.
Connecticut	§§14-215, 14-227h	First Offense: Imprisonment for no more than 3 months, \$150-\$200 fine, or both. Subsequent Offense: Imprisonment for no more than 1 year, \$200-\$600 fine, or both.
Delaware	21 Del. C. §2756	First Offense: Imprisonment for between 30 days and 6 months; \$500-\$1,000 fine; possible vehicle impoundment of at least 90 days. Subsequent Offense: Imprisonment for between 60 days and 1 year; \$1,000-\$4,000 fine; possible vehicle impoundment of at least 1 year.

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District of Columbia	ND.C. Code Ann. § 50-1403.01	Imprisonment for no more than 1 year, fine of no more than \$2,500, or both.
Florida	§ 322.34	First Offense / 2nd Degree Misdemeanor: Imprisonment for no more than 60 days or \$500 fine.
	§ 775.082	Second Offense / 1st Degree Misdemeanor: Imprisonment for no more than 1 year or \$1,000 fine.
	§ 775.083	Subsequent Offense / 3rd Degree Felony: Imprisonment for no more than 5 years or \$5,000 fine. Immediate vehicle impoundment.
Georgia	§40-5-121	First Offense / Misdemeanor: Imprisonment for between 2 days and 1 year; possible additional fine of no more than \$500. Second or Third Offenses / High and Aggravated Misdemeanor: Imprisonment for between 10 days and 1 year; possible additional fine of \$1,000-\$2,500. Fourth or Subsequent Offenses / Felony: Imprisonment for 1-5 years; possible addition fine of \$2,500-\$5,000. License suspension increase of 6 months. Reinstatement fees of: First Offense— \$210, or \$200 if paid by mail. Second Offense— \$310, or \$300 if paid by mail. Subsequent Offenses— \$410, or \$400 if paid by mail.
Guam	No Information	
Hawaii	§291E-62*	*This statute applies to drivers who have had their license revoked, suspended, or cancelled due to a charge of Driving Under the Influence, (DUI) First Offense: Imprisonment for 3-30 days; \$250-\$1,000 fine; license suspension increased by 1 year; additional, inapplicable penalties. Second Offense: Imprisonment for 30 days; \$1,000 fine; license suspension increased by 2 years; additional, inapplicable penalties. Subsequent Offense: Imprisonment for 1 year; \$2,000 fine; permanent license revocation; Additional, inapplicable penalties.
Idaho	§18-8001	First Offense / Misdemeanor: Imprisonment for between 2 days and 6 months; fine of no more than \$1,000; license suspension increased by 180 days. Second Offense: Imprisonment for between 20 days and 1 year; fine of no more than \$1,000; license suspension increased by 1 year. Subsequent Offense: Imprisonment for between 30 days and 1 year; fine of no more than \$3,000; license suspension increased by 2 years.

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Illinois	625 ILCS	First Offense / Class A Misdemeanor: Imprisonment for no more than 1 year; fine of no more than \$2,500.
	5/6-303	Subsequent Offense / Class 4 Felony: Imprisonment for 1-3 years; fine of up to \$25,000.
	730 ILCS 5/5-4.5-55	Possible vehicle impoundment.
	730 ILCS 5/5-4.5-45	Fourth or Subsequent Offenses: Possible seizure of license plate; possible vehicle immobilization.
Indiana	Ind. Code Ann. § 9-30-10-16 § 35-50-2-7	Class 6 Felony: Imprisonment for between 6 months and 2 years, 6 months; fine of no more than \$10,000.
Iowa	§321.218	Simple Misdemeanor: \$250-\$1,500 fine; license suspension increased for an additional like period or for one year, whichever is shorter.
Kansas	§8-262	First Offense / Class B Nonperson Misdemeanor: Imprisonment for at least 5 days; fine of at least \$100.
		Subsequent Offense / Class A Nonperson Misdemeanor: Imprisonment without eligibility for parole until completion of 5 days; fine of at least \$100.
		License suspension increased by 90 days.
Kentucky	§186.620	First Offense / Class B Misdemeanor: Imprisonment for at least 90 days; license suspension increased by 6 months.
	§189A.090	Second Offense / Class A Misdemeanor: Imprisonment for between 90 days and 1 year; license suspension increased by 1 year.
	§532.020	Third or Subsequent Offense / Class D Felony: Imprisonment for 1-5 years; license suspension revoked for additional 2 years.
Louisiana	§32:415	Person with a Class D or E driver's license: Imprisonment for no more than 6 months, fine of no more than \$500, or both.
		Person with a Class A, B, or C driver's license: Imprisonment for no more than 6 months, fine of no more than \$5,000, or both
		Subsequent Offense: Imprisonment for between 7 days and 6 months; fine of \$300-\$500; potential civil fine of no more than \$1,150.
		Subsequent Offense / Class A, B, or C driver's license: Imprisonment for between 7 days and 6 months; fine of \$300-\$500; potential civil fine of no more than \$2,500.
		License suspension increased by 1 year.

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Maine	Title 29-A §2412-A	Class E Crime First Offense: \$250. Second Offense: \$500. Possible license suspension of 1 year.
Maryland	§16-303 §16-402 §27-101 § 27-111	First Offense / Misdemeanor: Imprisonment for no more than 1 year, fine of no more than \$1,000, or both; possible license suspension increased by no more than 1 year. Subsequent Offense / Misdemeanor: Imprisonment for no more than 2 years, fine of no more than \$1,000, or both; possible license suspension increased by no more than 18 months if second offense, no more than 2 years for subsequent offenses. Possible vehicle impoundment.
Massachusetts	Ch. 90; §23	First Offense: Imprisonment for no more than 10 days, \$500-\$1,000 fine, or both Subsequent Offense: Imprisonment for between 60 days and 1 year. License suspension increased by 60 days.
Michigan	§257.904	(First Offense) Misdemeanor: Imprisonment for no more than 93 days, a fine of no more than \$500, or both. (Second Offense) Misdemeanor: Imprisonment for no more than 1 year, a fine of no more than \$1,000, or both. Cancellation of vehicle's registration plates. License suspension increased by like period.
Minnesota	§171.24 §609.02	Misdemeanor: Imprisonment for no more than 90 days, fine of no more than \$1,000, or both.
Mississippi	§63-11-40	Misdemeanor: Imprisonment for between 48 hours and 6 months; \$200-\$500 fine; license suspension increased by 6 months.
Missouri	§302.321	First Offense / Class D Misdemeanor: No set term of imprisonment; not to exceed one year. Second Offense / Class A Misdemeanor: Imprisonment for between 6 months and 1 year. Subsequent Offense / Class E Felony: Imprisonment for no more than 4 years.

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Montana	§61-5-212	Misdemeanor: Imprisonment for between 2 days and 6 months; fine of no more than \$500; license suspension increased by 1 year; vehicle used is seized and rendered inoperable for 30 days.
Nebraska	§60-4,108	First Offense / Class II Misdemeanor: Unable to operate any motor vehicle for 1 year; license revocation for like period. Second or Third Offense / Class II Misdemeanor: Unable to operate any motor vehicle for 2 year; license revocation for like period. Fourth or Subsequent Offense / Class I Misdemeanor: Unable to operate any motor vehicle for 2 year; license revocation for like period.
Nevada	§483.560 §193.150	Misdemeanor: Imprisonment for no more than 6 months, a fine of no more than \$1,000, or both. If license (suspended), extension of suspension by like period. If license (revoked), extension of period of ineligibility for license by 1 year. If license (restricted), revocation of restricted license and extension of period of ineligibility for a license, permit or privilege to drive for 1 year. These terms are to run consecutively.
New Hampshire	§263:64	Misdemeanor: Imprisonment for at least 1 week; fine of no more than \$1,000; license suspension increased by 1 year.
New Jersey	N.J.S.A. 39:3-40	First Offense: \$500 fine. Second Offense: Imprisonment for 1-5 days; \$750 fine. Subsequent Offense: Imprisonment for 10 days; \$1,000 fine. License suspension increased by no more than 6 months.
New Mexico	§66-5-39	Misdemeanor: Imprisonment for 4-364 days; possible fine of no more than \$1,000. Possible vehicle immobilization.
New York	V&T 511	First Offense / Misdemeanor: Imprisonment for no more than 30 days, \$200-\$500 fine, or both. Subsequent Offense / Misdemeanor: Imprisonment for no more than 180 days; fine of no less than \$500.
North Carolina	§20-28 N.C.G.S.A. §15A-1340.23	First Offense / Class 3 Misdemeanor: Imprisonment for 1-10 days; fine of no more than \$200; license suspension increased by 1 year. Second Offense: License suspension increased by 2 years. Third Offense: Permanent license suspension.

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North Dakota	§39-06-42	First, Second or Third Offense / Class B Misdemeanor: Imprisonment for no more than 30 days, \$1,500 fine, or both.
	§12.1-32-01	Fourth or Subsequent Offense / Class A Misdemeanor: Imprisonment for no more than 1 year, \$3,000 fine, or both. Possible destruction of license plate.
Ohio	§4507.02	First Offense / Unclassified Misdemeanor: Fine of no more than \$1,000; 500 hours community service. Subsequent Offense / 1st Degree Misdemeanor: Imprisonment for no Possible license plate impoundment.
Oklahoma	Title 47:	Misdemeanor: Imprisonment for no more than 30 days, \$50-\$300 fine, or both.
	§6-303	First Offense: \$100-\$500 fine. Second Offense: \$200-\$750 fine. Subsequent Offense: Imprisonment for no more than 1 year, \$300-\$1,000 fine, or both.
Oregon	Or. Rev. Stat. Ann.	Class A Traffic Infraction: \$220-\$2,000 fine.
	§ 811.175	Possible vehicle impoundment.
Pennsylvania	75 Pa. CSA	Summary Offense: \$200 fine; license suspension increased by 1 year if originally suspended, 2 years if it was originally revoked.
Puerto Rico	No Information	
Rhode Island	§31-11-18	(First Offense) Violation: \$250-\$500 fine.
	HB 7679 (2016)	(Second Offense): \$350-\$500 fine (Subsequent Offense) Misdemeanor: Imprisonment for up to 90 days, \$500-\$1,000 fine, or both and license suspension up to 90 days.
South Carolina	§56-1-460	(First Offense): Imprisonment for no more than 30 days, \$300 fine, or both. (Second Offense): Imprisonment for no more than 60 days, \$600 fine, or both. (Subsequent Offense): Imprisonment for no more than 90 days; \$1,000 fine.
South Dakota	§32-12-65	(Revoked) Class 1 Misdemeanor: Imprisonment for no more than 1 year; fine of no more than \$2,000. (Suspended or Cancelled) Class 2 Misdemeanor: Imprisonment for no more than 30 days; fine of no more than \$500.

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Tennessee	§55-12-131 §55-50-504	Non-Resident / Class B Misdemeanor: Imprisonment for not more than 6 months, fine of no more than \$500, or both. Resident / First Offense / Class B Misdemeanor: Imprisonment for not more than 6 months, fine of no more than \$500, or both; license suspension increased by like period of time. Resident / Subsequent Offense / Class A Misdemeanor: Imprisonment for not more than 11 months, 29 days, fine of no more than \$2,500, or both; license suspension increased by like period of time.
Texas	Tex. Transp. Code Ann. §521.457; Tex. Penal Code Ann. § 12.23; §12.22	First Offense / Class C Misdemeanor: Fine of no more than \$500. Subsequent Offense / Class B Misdemeanor: Imprisonment for no more than 180 days, fine of no more than \$2,000, or both.
Utah	§53-3-227 §76-3-301	Class B Misdemeanor: Imprisonment of no more than 6 months; \$1,000 fine.
Vermont	§674	First Offense: Imprisonment for no more than 2 years, fine of no more than \$5,000, or both. Sixth or Subsequent Offense: Imprisonment for no more 2 years, fine of \$5,000, or both. Possible seizure of license plates.
Virginia	§46.2-301.1 §18.2-11	Class 1 Misdemeanor: Imprisonment for no more than 12 months, fine of no more than \$2,500, or both.
Washington	§46.20.345	Gross Misdemeanor: Imprisonment for no more than 364 days, fine of no more than \$5,000, or both.
West Virginia	W. Va. Code Ann. § 17B-4-3	First Offense / Misdemeanor: \$100-\$500 fine. Second Offense / Misdemeanor: \$100-\$500 fine. Third or Subsequent Offense / Misdemeanor: Imprisonment for 30-90 days; \$150-\$500 fine.
Wisconsin	§343.44	(Suspended): \$50-\$200 fine. (Revoked): Fine of no more than \$2,500. Vehicle may be impounded.
Wyoming	§31-7-134	Misdemeanor: Imprisonment for no more than 6 months, fine of no more than \$750, or both.