



TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 139/ HOUSE BILL 813

Driver's Licenses - Suspension for Child Support Arrearages - Exception

TO: Members of the Senate Judicial Proceedings and House Judiciary Committees

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My name is Rasheith Rembert, and I reside in District 40. I support Senate Bill 139/ House Bill 813 to ensure that driver's license suspensions for inability to pay child support are used in appropriate cases.

I am an Army Veteran, and for the last three years, I have been working at the Social Security Agency and as armed security, both for which I need my license.

I have three children and am currently on child support for all of them. My wages were garnished at a maximum of 65% of my check every two weeks. As difficult as this was, my children needed to be supported, so I ate the cost despite severe disagreements with the children's mothers.

The issue is that I had a heart attack on the job months ago and have not been cleared to return to my position. Despite explaining this to the child support administration, they suspended my license anyway. Only through working with the Center for Urban Families was I able to recover my license, but this is something that no one should have to go through.

I support this bill because it is a common-sense way to ensure I can still work and take care of my kids. Please pass this bill.