

**321A.13 Suspension for nonpayment of judgments — exceptions.**

1. The department upon receipt of a certified copy of a judgment, shall forthwith suspend the license and registration and any nonresident's operating privilege of any person against whom such judgment was rendered, except as hereinafter otherwise provided in [this section](#) and in [section 321A.16](#).

2. If the judgment creditor consents in writing, in such form as the department may prescribe, that the judgment debtor be allowed license and registration or nonresident's operating privilege, the same may be allowed by the department, in the department's discretion, for six months from the date of such consent and thereafter until such consent is revoked in writing, notwithstanding default in the payment of such judgment, or of any installments thereof prescribed in [section 321A.16](#), provided the judgment debtor furnishes proof of financial responsibility.

3. Any person whose license, registration, or nonresident's operating privilege has been suspended or is about to be suspended or shall become subject to suspension under the provisions of [section 321A.12](#), [this section](#), and [sections 321A.14 through 321A.29](#) may be relieved from the effect of the judgment as prescribed in those sections by filing with the department an affidavit stating that at the time of the accident upon which the judgment has been rendered the affiant was insured, that the insurer is liable to pay the judgment, and the reason, if known, why the insurance company has not paid such judgment. Such a person shall also file the original policy of insurance or a certified copy thereof, if available, and such other documents as the department may require to show that the loss, injury, or damage for which the judgment was rendered, was covered by the policy of insurance. If the department is satisfied that the insurer was authorized to issue the policy of insurance at the time and place of issuing the policy and that the insurer is liable to pay the judgment, at least to the extent and for the amounts required in [this chapter](#), the department shall not suspend the person's license or registration or nonresident's operating privilege or, if already suspended, shall reinstate them.

[C50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §321A.13]

[92 Acts, ch 1175, §43](#); [2014 Acts, ch 1092, §84](#); [2020 Acts, ch 1063, §159](#)

Referred to in [§321A.14](#)