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## GOVERNOR NORTHAM TO ADDRESS VIRGINIA MOTORISTS AS REINSTATEMENT OF SUSPENDED DRIVER'S LICENSES BEGINS Drive-To-Work and DMV Connect Team up to help drivers

*Richmond, VA, July 2, 2019* Drive-To-Work is sponsoring a visit by a team from DMV at its office, 1735 Summit Avenue, Richmond, VA 23230 (in Scotts' Addition), on July 2, 2019, from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Governor Ralph Northam plans to attend at 11 a.m. to bring attention to a change in the law which provides that failure to pay court fines and costs will no longer result in suspension of a person's driver's license.

O. Randolph Rollins, president, said, "We are happy to host the DMV Connect team, which can perform all transactions of a customer service center except testing and vital records. The team will update the records of DMV customers changed for the better by the removal of suspensions for fines and costs under a new law. We are also delighted that Governor Ralph Northam will be here to meet customers and make a few remarks. Governor Northam deserves credit for including the removal of these suspensions in a budget amendment adopted by the General Assembly on April 3, 2019."

The licenses of over 600,000 DMV customers, including approximately 239,000 Virginians, are suspended solely for unpaid fines. Their licenses will be reinstated and their reinstatement fees will be waived. Other drivers, whose licenses were suspended for fines and other reasons, will not have their licenses reinstated, but are getting closer to license restoration. Drive-To-Work continues to assist these persons with license restoration.

Rollins added, "Once you know how many thousands of people are benefited, you immediately understand the significance of this change."

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Drive-To-Work is a Virginia 501 (c) (3), tax-exempt corporation located at 1735 Summit Avenue in Richmond, VA. The mission of Drive-To-Work is to assist low income or previously incarcerated persons to restore their drivers' licenses so they can drive to work and keep a job. We are the only firm, program or organization in Virginia providing assistance of this type and on this basis.