The Senate Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 1080 (4R) concerns driver’s license suspensions for certain crimes and offenses.

These Senate amendments reinstate the elimination of driver’s license suspensions for certain motor vehicle surcharges. Current law requires a person’s driver’s license to be suspended for failure to pay a motor vehicle surcharge imposed for the accumulation of six or more motor vehicle points during the preceding 36-month period; a conviction for unsafe driving; or a conviction for driving while intoxicated. Licenses suspended pursuant to this provision may not be restored until at least five percent of each outstanding surcharge or the required installment is paid. These amendments eliminate the driver’s license suspension as a penalty for failing to make surcharge payments.

The Senate amendments also repeal current law requiring the suspension of a person’s driver’s license for six months for a drug offense conviction in federal court or another state, provided the State successfully opts out of the federally mandated driver’s license suspension for drug offenses.