

DISMISSALS & FINES

(01/01/2020)

OFFENSE	OFFENSE STATUTE	REQUIREMENTS of Defendant	FINE <i>includes \$2 trans. fee</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Failing to Display License Plate on Front and Rear of Vehicle No Plate(s) 	Transportation Code, §504.943 Operation of Vehicle or Commercial Vehicle w/o License Plate(s)	(d) A court may dismiss...if the defendant: (1) remedies the defect before the defendant's first court appearance; (2) pays a fine not to exceed \$10.	\$12
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fail to Display Registration Insignia on Vehicle 	Transportation Code, §502.473 Operation of Vehicle w/o Registration Insignia	(d) A court may dismiss...if the defendant pays a fine not to exceed \$10 and: (1) remedies the defect before the defendant's first court appearance; or (2) shows that motor vehicle was issued a registration insignia by the department that was attached to the motor vehicle, establishing that the vehicle was registered for the period during which the offense was committed.	\$12
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Driving With an Expired Motor Vehicle Registration Expired Registration No Registration 	Transportation Code, §502.407(b) Operation of Vehicle with Expired License Plate	(b)(1) may : dismiss...if the defendant: (A) remedies the defect not later than the 20 th working day after the date of the offense or before the defendant's first court appearance date, whichever is later; and (B) establishes that the delinquent registration fee prescribed by Section 502.176 has been paid: and (2) assess a fine not to exceed \$20 when the charge is dismissed.	\$22
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Has an illuminated device or sticker, decal, emblem, or other insignia that is not authorized by law and that interferes with the readability of the letters or numbers of the license plate number of the name of the state in which the vehicle is registered. Has a coating, covering, protective substance, or other material that distorts angular visibility or detectability. 	Transportation Code, §504.945 Wrong, Fictitious, Altered, or Obscured License Plate	(d) A court may dismiss a charge brought under Sub(a)(3), (5), (6), or (7) if the defendant: (1) remedies the defect before the defendant's first court appearance; and (2) pays a fine not to exceed \$10	\$12
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fail to Display DL No DL Wrong DL for Vehicle 	Transportation Code, §521.025 License to be Carried and Exhibited on Demand;	(d) It is a defense to prosecution under this section if the person charged produces in court a driver's license: (1) issued to that person; (2) appropriate for the type of vehicle operated; and (3) valid at the time of the offense (f) The court may assess a defendant an administrative fee not to exceed \$20 if a charge under this section is dismissed because of the defense listed under subsection (d).	\$22 <i>Fee</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expired Driver's License (DL) 	Transportation Code, §521.026 Dismissal of Expired License Charge	(a) Judge may dismiss a charge of driving with an expired license if the defendant remedies this defect within 20 working days or before the defendant's first court appearance date, whichever is later. (b) The judge may assess the defendant a fine not to exceed \$20 when the charge of driving with an expired driver's license is dismissed under Subsection (a).	\$22
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fail to Change Name or Address on (DL) 	Transportation Code, §521.054 Giving Notice of Change of Address or Name	(c) A court may dismiss a charge for a violation of this section if the defendant remedies the defect not later than the 20 th working day after the date of the offense and pays a fine not to exceed \$20. The court may waive the fine if the waiver is in the interest of justice.	\$22
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Violation of DL Restriction Operates a motor vehicle in violation of a restriction imposed or without the endorsement required on the license issued to that person. 	Transportation Code, §521.221 Imposition of Special Restrictions or Endorsements	(d) A court may dismiss a charge for a violation of this section if: (1) The restriction or endorsement was imposed: (A) Because of a physical condition that was surgically or otherwise medically corrected before the date of the offense; or (B) In error and that fact is established by the defendant; (2) The department removes the restriction or endorsement before the defendant's first court appearance; and (3) The defendant pays a fine not to exceed \$10	\$12
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commercial Driver License Commercial Learner's Permit 	Transportation Code, §522.011 Commercial Driver License or Permit	(d) It is a defense to prosecution under Subsection (a)(1)(A) if the person charged produces in court a commercial driver's license that: (1) was issued to the person; (2) is appropriate for the class of vehicle being driven; and (3) was valid when the offense was committed. (e) It is a defense to prosecution for a violation of Subsection (a)(2)(A) if the person charged produces in court a commercial learner's permit or driver's license, as appropriate, that: (1) was issued to the person; and (2) was valid when the offense was committed. (f) The court may assess a defendant a fine not to exceed \$10 if a charge under this section is dismissed because of the defense listed under Subsection (e).	\$12
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Equipment Violation Operates a vehicle equipped with an item of vehicle equipment that the person knows has been determined in a compliance proceeding under § 547.206 to not comply with a department standard 	Transportation Code, §547.004 Operating a Vehicle that is not Properly Equipped <u>DOES NOT APPLY TO COMMERCIAL VEHICLES</u>	(c) A court may dismiss charge brought under this section if the defendant: (1) Remedies the defect before the defendant's first court appearance; and (2) Pays a fine not to exceed \$10 (d) Subsection (c) does not apply to an offense involving a commercial motor vehicle.	\$12

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vehicle Inspection Driving Vehicle not in compliance with applicable inspection requirements 	<p>Transportation Code, §548.605(e) Operating a Vehicle Without Complying with Inspection Requirements As Certified</p>	<p>(e) A court shall:</p> <p>(1) dismiss a charge under this section if the defendant remedies the defect:</p> <p>(A) not later than the 20th working day after the date of the citation or before the defendant's first court appearance date, whichever is later; and</p> <p>(B) not later than the 40th working day after the applicable deadline provided by this chapter, Chapter 382, Health and Safety Code, or the department's administrative rules regarding inspection requirements; and</p> <p>(2) assess a fine not to exceed \$20 when the charge has been remedied under Subdivision (1).</p>	<p>\$22</p>
<p>"NO INSURANCE"</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Defense: Financial Responsibility in effect at time of alleged offense.</u> 	<p>Transportation Code, §601.193 Financial Responsibility</p>	<p>(a) It is a defense to prosecution under Section 601.191 or 601.195 that the person charged produces to the court on of the documents listed in Section 601.053(a) that was valid at the time that the offense is alleged to have occurred.</p> <p>(b) After the court verifies a document produced under Subsection (a), the court shall dismiss the charge.</p>	<p>NO FINE</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Display Disabled Parking Placard that was not valid or expired 	<p>Transportation Code § 681.013(b) Display Disabled Parking Placard that was not valid or expired</p>	<p>(b) The court shall:</p> <p>(1) dismiss a charge for an offense under Section 681.011(b)(1) if:</p> <p>(A) the vehicle displayed a disabled parking placard that was not valid as expired;</p> <p>(B) the defendant remedies the defect by renewing the expired disabled parking placard within 20 working days from the date of the offense or before the defendant's first court appearance date, whichever is later; and</p> <p>(C) the disabled placard has not been expired for more than 60 days; and</p> <p>(2) assess a fine not to exceed \$20 when the charge has been remedied.</p> <p>(c) Notwithstanding Subsection (b)(1)(C), the court may dismiss a charge of unlawfully parking a vehicle in a space designated specifically for persons with disabilities, if at the time of the offense the defendant's vehicle displays a disabled parking placard that has been expired for more than 60 days.</p>	<p>\$22</p>
<p>Must have in their possession a photographic identification card and either:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A boater id card issued by the department; or Proof of completion of the requirements to obtain a vessel operator's license issued by the US Coast Guard 	<p>Parks & Wildlife Code, §21.109 Boater ID, Boater Education Course</p>	<p>(e) If, on or before the trial of a person charged with an offense for failing to possess a document required under Subsection (b), the person produces for the court or the prosecuting attorney a document required by Subsection (b) that was issued to the person and was valid at the time of the offense, the court shall dismiss the charge.</p> <p>(f) A person charged with a Class C Parks and Wildlife Code misdemeanor for failing to possess a document required under Subsection (b) may take to the court not later than the 10th day after the date of the alleged offense an oral or written motion requesting permission to take a boater education course approved by the department or a vessel operator's licensing course provided by the United States Coast Guard. The court shall defer the proceedings brought against a person who makes a motion described by this subsection and allow the person 90 days to present written evidence that the person has successfully completed the course approved by the department or provided by the United States Coast Guard. If the person successfully completes the course and the court accepts the presented evidence, the court shall dismiss the charge.</p>	<p>NO FINE</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Hunting License No Person required by the provisions of this chapter to have a hunting license may fail or refuse to show the license to an officer on demand. 	<p>Parks & Wildlife Code § 42.024 Exhibiting License (Hunting), Hunter Education Course</p>	<p>(c) If on or before the trial of any person charged with a violation of this section, the person produces for the court or the prosecuting attorney the proper hunting license issued to the person and valid at the time of the offense, the court having jurisdiction of the suit shall dismiss the charge.</p> <p>Hunter Education Program § 62.014 If a person requests a hunter safety training course as provided by Subsection (d) of this section, the court shall defer proceedings and allow the person 90 days to present written evidence that, after being charged with failure to possess the certificate, the person has successfully completes the course and the evidence presented is accepted by the court, the court shall dismiss the charge.</p>	<p>NO FINE</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Fishing License Fails or Refuses to show License or Tag (Fishing) 	<p>Parks & Wildlife Code § 46.015</p>	<p>(b) If on or before the trial of any person charged with the failure or refusal to show an officer a license or tag issued under this subchapter, the person produces for the court or the prosecuting attorney the proper fishing license or tag issued to the person and valid at the time of the offense, the court having jurisdiction of the suit shall dismiss the charge.</p>	<p>NO FINE</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expired Certificate No. BOAT Except as provided by Subsection (f), a person who operates a vessel in violation of Section 31.021(b) or 31.095 commits an offense punishable by a fine of not less than \$100 or more than \$500 	<p>Parks and Wildlife Code § 31.127(f) Operating a Vessel With an Expired Certificate Number</p>	<p>(f) A court may dismiss a charge of operating a vessel with an expired certificate of number under Section 31.021 if:</p> <p>(1) The defendant remedies the defect not later than the 10th working day after the date of the offense and pays a fine not to exceed \$10; and</p> <p>(2) The certificate of number has not been expired for more than 60 days.</p>	<p>\$12</p>