

# HB 139 TRAFFIC VIOLATION AMENDMENTS



**This bill allows those who have committed a traffic infraction the chance to have their traffic ticket dismissed without having to appear in court, as long as they haven't committed a traffic violation in the past 24 months and do not commit a violation in the next 12 months**

## What does the bill do?

The bill gives those who have not committed a traffic violation in the past 24 months the ability to apply for deferred prosecution. After pleading no contest and paying a fine, if the individual does not commit another traffic violation in the next 12 months, the existing charge is dismissed.

## Benefits to the bill

- Reduces number of cases contested in court, allowing courts to focus on most important cases
- Minimizes the need for individuals to needlessly appear in person
- Creates uniformity and predictability across all jurisdiction in the state

## To take advantage of the deferred prosecution, an individual

- Applies online (no need to appear in court).
- Pays the applicable fine as well as an administrative fee.
- Commits no offenses in the next 12 months.

## Restrictions:

- Only applies to traffic infractions in Title 41, chapter 6a. (excluding misdemeanors or felonies)
- Does not apply to individuals charged with multiple moving violations, drivers with a commercial driver licenses, drivers under 21 years old, out of state drivers, non-moving violations, violations for speeding over 100 mph, or driving >30 miles over the posted limit.