

# WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §17b-3-12

## §17B-3-12. Mandatory suspension for fraudulent use of driver's license.

(a) The commissioner shall suspend for a period of ninety days the driver's license of any person upon receipt of a sworn affidavit from any law-enforcement officer, employee of the Alcohol Beverage Control Commission or employee of the Division of Motor Vehicles stating that the person committed any one of the following acts:

(1) Displayed or caused or permitted to be displayed to any law-enforcement officer or employee of the Division of Motor Vehicles or have in his or her possession any fictitious or fraudulently altered driver's license;

(2) Loaned or gave his or her driver's license to any other person or knowingly permitted the use thereof by another for an unlawful or fraudulent purpose;

(3) Displayed or represented as one's own any driver's license not issued to him or her; or

(4) Used a false or fictitious name or birth date on any application for a driver's license or knowingly made a false statement, knowingly concealed a material fact or otherwise committed a fraud in making application for a driver's license.

(b) For the purposes of this section, "driver's license" means any permit, camera card, identification card or driver's license issued by this state or any other state to a person which authorizes the person to drive a motor vehicle of a specific class or classes subject to any restriction or endorsement contained thereon.

(c) No person shall have his or her driver's license suspended under any provision of this section unless he or she shall first be given written notice of such suspension sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, at least twenty days prior to the effective date of the suspension. Within ten days of the receipt of the notice of suspension, the person may submit a written request by certified mail for a hearing and request a stay of the suspension pending the results of the hearing. Upon receipt of the request for a hearing and request for a stay of the suspension, the commissioner shall grant a stay of the suspension pending the results of the hearing. If the commissioner shall after hearing make and enter an order affirming the earlier order of suspension, the person affected shall be entitled to judicial review as set forth in chapter twenty-nine-a of this code and, pending the appeal, the court may grant a stay or supersedeas of such order. If the person does not appeal the suspension or if the suspension is affirmed by the court, the order of suspension shall be effective and the period of suspension shall commence to run.

(d) The suspended driver's license shall be reinstated following the period of suspension and upon compliance with the conditions set forth in this chapter.