



An Overview of Driver's License Suspensions for Sex Buyers in the United States

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Of the tactics identified to combat demand, driver's license suspension is the least frequently used. Only 19 communities have been known to suspend licenses of arrested sex buyers. The first identified use of license suspensions was in Tampa, Florida in 1985. Few cities have followed this example.

The concept and execution of license suspensions are simple. There must be an ordinance or a statute in place to support driver's license suspensions for misdemeanor offenses such as soliciting sex, and if so, judges or magistrates can choose to mete out this punishment for arrested johns. Suspensions are not long, among the small number of cases we could identify. For example, in Casselberry, Florida, the suspension can last up to one year, although it is reportedly rare for the maximum suspension to be imposed.

Year	City or County	State
1985	Tampa	FL
1989	West Palm Beach	FL
1991	Tallahassee	FL
1995	Delray Beach	FL
1997	Clearwater	FL
2000	Kissimmee	FL
2000	Daytona Beach	FL
2006	Richmond	CA

The objections to license suspensions are similar to those of shaming and auto seizure. Given that many johns are married, in relationships, and employed, some punishments can have a negative impact on significant others and families. For example, a license suspension can pose hardships for children who rely on a father for transportation, and the father may be the only family member with a driver's license.

References

References for the materials cited in this summary can be found in the bibliography of the National Assessment final report, and in each site's webpage at DemandForum.net.