

License Suspended Due to an Out of State Infraction?

The National Drivers Registry is a database of information on United States drivers who have committed serious traffic violations. When a driver attempts to renew his driver's license, the National Driver Registry's Problem Driver Pointer System is referred to in order to make sure the driver's operating privileges are not suspended in other participating states participating in the NDR. A suspension or revocation by a participating state may result in the driver's home state denying application for renewal.

Recently, we have learned that Ohio drivers are being denied a renewal of their driver's license due to the NDR system. The rejections often stem from driving infractions occurring in Pennsylvania many years ago, even when renewals have repeatedly occurred in the past. In fact, one client's conviction was more than twenty years old. Generally, suspensions or revocations not properly processed or served are the cause of the rejection of a license renewal. The problem is compounded by the fact that clients not only have to deal with an old suspension by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, but also have to deal with the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles to get a new license issued. These suspensions comes at a great surprise and inconvenience to drivers.

However, remedies exist to resolve the problem. A newly enacted Ohio law allows the driver to file a petition with the court to lift a suspension from Pennsylvania. We have found that holding a license to practice law in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the State of Ohio is beneficial as Grant M. Yochim of Steadman Law Office is able to represent drivers in whichever jurisdiction is appropriate. Likewise, he is knowledgeable about the laws in both jurisdictions and can provide full advice for each. As Steadman Law Office is located just over the Ohio border into Pennsylvania, our clients find that our office is more convenient to travel to than other firms in the area, especially since a license suspension requires them to be driven while the suspension is being resolved.

We have had success in getting these the problems caused by these old suspensions resolved. If your license has been suspended due to an out of state infraction, please call or email our office to schedule a consultation with Grant M. Yochim, Esquire.