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Indebted Russian Drivers Could Lose Their Licenses

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Some 300,000 Russian drivers evading traffic fines or alimony payments could be deprived of their driving licenses as a new law comes into effect on Friday, the Interfax news agency reported.

The measure will affect individuals with unpaid debts exceeding 10,000 rubles ($130).

Under the new legislation, the debt-holders will be notified about their fines, which they must pay within five days. If the fine remains unpaid, the debtor will have their license suspended, the Rossiiskaya Gazeta government daily reported.

The license will be returned after the debt is paid.

The Federal Bailiffs Service hopes that the new law will decrease the amount of Russians evading alimony payments by 50,000 to 200,000 people, according to Rossiiskaya Gazeta.

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