



Louisiana Department of Public Safety
Office of Motor Vehicles
Policy 12.00 Accident Petitions

Section: 3. Safety Responsibility Laws

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[R.S. 32:871](#)

To view Louisiana Statutes: <http://www.legis.state.la.us/>

General:

- An accident petition is a suit filed in court which halts prescription of the accident. This type of petition is processed as the result of a vehicular accident.

Requirements:

- The petition must contain the following in order to be accepted by the Department:
 - Name of court
 - Date of court filing
 - Docket number

Methods of Compliance:

- Proof of insurance covering the date of the accident; or
- An acceptable installment agreement/promissory note; or
- Full accident release; or
- Evidence from the court that the petition has been dismissed; or
- Evidence from the court that 3 years has elapsed from the date of the last filing and that the suit has been dismissed on grounds of abandonment

Related Policies:

Section 3, Policy 8.00 [Accident Releases \(Safety Responsibility Law\)](#)

Section 3, Policy 9.00 [Installment Agreement/Promissory Note/Garnishment](#)