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Committee to review effects of administrative driver's license suspensions

The significant impact administrative driver's license suspensions have on police and court system time and resources -- as well as the very likely negative impact on the employability of suspended drivers -- will be discussed tomorrow (**Thursday, January 30**) during the meeting of the Common Council's **Public Safety Committee**.

Alderman Terry L. Witkowski, chair of the Public Safety Committee, said it is estimated that a quarter of all traffic citations issued by Milwaukee police officers are for driver's license violations. "Driver's license suspensions were originally intended to address unsafe and poor driving, and statistics show that those suspended for poor driving are three times more likely to get into an accident than those suspended for administrative reasons," Alderman Witkowski said.

"This is a multifaceted and far-reaching issue that I believe is worthy of deeper discussion," he said.

The topic will be before the committee as a communication file when the committee meets at **9 a.m. tomorrow in room 301-B at City Hall, 200 E. Wells St.**

Tomorrow's meeting will be televised live on the City Channel (Channel 25 on Time Warner Cable in the City of Milwaukee), and on U-Verse Channel 99. Online viewing is available by going to www.city.milwaukee.gov/Channel25.

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In addition to impacts on police and court system time and resources, lack of a valid driver's license is a significant employment and social barrier for many people, Alderman Witkowski said.

Officials from the Municipal Court and Wisconsin Community Services will provide testimony at Thursday's meeting about some of the issues surrounding administrative driver's license suspensions.

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