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LAW CHANGE WOULD KEEP BAD DRIVERS OFF ROADS

Disqualified drivers who appeal against their sentences would not be given their licences back until their cases were finalised, said Attorney General John Hatzistergos.

Mr Hatzistergos said an amendment before NSW Parliament would change the law which currently allows motorists convicted of serious driving offences to drive while their appeals are pending.

“We don’t want drivers, who have had their licences taken away for serious offences, being able to get back in their cars,” said Mr Hatzistergos.

“It is important that the safety of the community is not compromised while these appeals work their way through the courts.”

Mr Hatzistergos said the amendment would be made to the *Crimes (Appeal and Review) Act* and applies to drivers who have had their licences disqualified or suspended for crimes including street racing, excessive speeding and mid and high range drink driving.

He said the amendment would mean drivers would no longer be given back their licence at the time they lodged an appeal.

“If and when an appeal is successful, the driver would then be able to get their licence back,” he said.