§ 331. Proof required upon certain convictions. (a) Whenever the commissioner, or other authorized person, under any law of this state suspends or revokes the operator's or chauffeur's license of any person because of the conviction of such person, the commissioner shall also suspend any and all of the registration certificates and registration plates issued for any motor vehicle registered in the name of the person so convicted as owner except that he shall not suspend such evidence of registration, unless otherwise required by law, in the event such owner has previously given, or shall immediately give and thereafter maintain proof of his financial responsibility in the future in the manner hereinafter specified in this article with respect to each and every motor vehicle owned and registered by such person.

(b) Such suspensions or revocation shall remain in effect and the commissioner shall not issue to any such person any new or renewal license or register in the name of such person any motor vehicle, until permitted under this chapter and not then unless and until such person gives proof of his financial responsibility in the future as hereinafter provided in this article. Reversal on appeal of any conviction because of which any license or registration has been suspended pursuant to this article shall entitle the holder to the restoration thereof forthwith without proof of financial responsibility.

(c) For the purpose of this article the term conviction shall include a forfeiture of bail or collateral deposited to secure a defendant's appearance in court, which forfeiture has not been vacated, upon a charge which upon conviction of the defendant requires or authorizes the commissioner to suspend or revoke the license of such person.