§ 337. Suspension, duration. (a) The suspension required in sections three hundred thirty-two, three hundred thirty-four and three hundred thirty-five (e) shall remain in effect, the motor vehicle in any manner involved in such accident shall not be registered in the name of the person whose license and/or registration certificate was so suspended, or in any other name where the commissioner has reasonable grounds to believe that such registration will have the effect of defeating the purposes of this article, and no other motor vehicle shall be registered in the name of such person nor any new licenses issued to such person unless and until such judgment is satisfied or stayed or is discharged in bankruptcy and the judgment debtor gives proof of financial responsibility in the future as required pursuant to section three hundred thirty-five except under the conditions as stated in sections three hundred thirty-three and three hundred thirty-four.

(b) The suspension required in section three hundred thirty-five shall remain in effect, the motor vehicle in any manner involved in such accident shall not be registered in the name of the person whose license and/or registration certificate was so suspended, or in any other name where the commissioner has reasonable grounds to believe that such registration will have the effect of defeating the purposes of this article, and no other motor vehicle shall be registered in the name of such person nor any new licenses issued to such person, unless and until such person complies with the requirement with respect to furnishing security, or unless and until such person has obtained a release, or a favorable judgment in an action at law to recover damages resulting from such accident or unless such person shall have satisfied in the manner herein provided any judgment rendered against such person in such an action, or unless such judgment rendered against such person is discharged in bankruptcy, and at all events until such person gives and thereafter maintains proof of his financial responsibility.

Provided, however, that any person whose license or registration became subject to suspension or has been suspended pursuant to subdivision (a) of section three hundred thirty-five, whether or not such person has furnished security and proof of financial responsibility, shall be relieved from furnishing or maintaining proof of financial responsibility if (1) one year has elapsed since the date

of the accident, (2) nine months have elapsed since the date of compliance with any suspension order made against such person because of such accident, (3) such person has neither paid nor agreed in writing to pay anything for damages resulting from such accident, (4) no suit for damages because thereof has been brought against such person and (5) such person is not required to furnish or maintain proof of financial responsibility for some reason other than for having been involved in such accident. If a suit or suits for damages resulting from such accident shall have been brought and such suit or suits shall have resulted in a judgment or judgments, the successful person in such suit or suits shall be relieved from furnishing or maintaining proof of financial responsibility forthwith provided such person is not required to furnish or maintain such proof for reasons other than for having been involved in such accident and, in case such person has furnished security because of having been involved in such accident, it shall be returned to such person or the personal representative of such person forthwith notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (c) of section three hundred thirty-five. The fact of having been involved in such accident shall not bar the issuance of license and registration to a person who has been relieved from furnishing or maintaining proof of financial responsibility pursuant to the provisions of this paragraph.

(c) A discharge in bankruptcy following the rendering of any such judgment shall not relieve the judgment debtor from any of the requirements of this article unless otherwise provided in subdivisions (a) and (b) of this section.