

1 SB318
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3 By Senator Sessions
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SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, when a driver's license is renewed, the license is valid for a period of four years from the expiration date of the immediately preceding license.

This bill would provide that on renewal of a driver's license, the license is valid for a period of eight years from the expiration date of the immediately preceding license.

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to driver's licenses; to amend Section 32-6-1, Code of Alabama 1975, to further provide for the renewal of driver's licenses; and to increase the expiration date of renewed driver's licenses.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Section 32-6-1, Code of Alabama 1975, is amended to read as follows:

1 "§32-6-1.

2 "(a) Every person, except those specifically
3 exempted by statutory enactment, shall procure a driver's
4 license before driving a motor vehicle upon the highways of
5 this state. Every new resident of the State of Alabama shall
6 procure an Alabama driver's license within 30 days after
7 establishing residence in this state.

8 "(b) (1) Each original driver's license issued to a
9 person born in a year ending in an odd number shall expire on
10 the second anniversary of the licensee's birth date occurring
11 in an odd-numbered calendar year after the date on which the
12 application for the license was filed, and each original
13 driver's license issued to a person born in a year ending with
14 an even number shall expire on the second anniversary of the
15 licensee's birth date occurring in an even-numbered calendar
16 year after the date on which the application for the license
17 was filed; provided, that if the license issued would expire
18 in less than 24 months from the date on which the application
19 for the license was filed, the expiration date of such license
20 is hereby extended for an additional period of two years.

21 "(2) After the expiration of an original driver's
22 license, all subsequent renewals shall be for a period of ~~four~~
23 eight years from the specified expiration date of the
24 immediately preceding license, regardless of when the renewal
25 shall be issued.

26 "(3) Every driver's license issued under this
27 article may be renewed at the end of the license period

1 without examination upon application and payment of the fee.
2 For the purpose of renewal of a driver's license, the Alabama
3 State Law Enforcement Agency shall mail renewal notices to
4 each licensee 30 days after expiration date if the driver's
5 license has not been renewed. A grace period of 60 days after
6 expiration date of a driver's license shall exist for the
7 purpose of driver's license renewal and the driver's license
8 shall be valid for this time period. The applicant shall apply
9 for a driver's license anytime during a period beginning 180
10 days before the expiration date of the then current license
11 until three years after the expiration date of the license.
12 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an active duty
13 member of the U.S. Armed Forces is not subject to the 180-day
14 limit if he or she can show proof to the licensing official
15 that he or she is unable to renew during the 180-day period
16 due to deployment. Failure to make application for renewal
17 within the specified time shall result in the applicant being
18 required to take, and successfully pass, a written examination
19 and driving test as administered by the Alabama State Law
20 Enforcement Agency. If any person's birthday is February 29,
21 the first day of March following shall be regarded as his or
22 her birthday for the purposes of this section.

23 "(c) The Alabama State Law Enforcement Agency shall
24 make available to any resident of this state who does not hold
25 a valid Alabama driver's license a nondriver identification
26 card to be used for identification purposes only. The
27 nondriver identification card shall be issued only upon

1 application of the nondriver and shall be similar to the
2 driver's license; except, that it shall bear the word
3 "nondriver" in prominent letters on the face of the
4 identification card. Each nondriver identification card shall
5 bear thereon a distinguishing number assigned to the nondriver
6 and a color photograph of the nondriver, as well as the name,
7 birth date, residence address, and a brief description of the
8 nondriver who, for the purpose of identification, shall
9 immediately upon receipt thereof, endorse his or her usual
10 signature in ink upon the card in the space provided thereon,
11 unless a facsimile of the nondriver signature appears thereon.
12 The same degree of proof of identification required of
13 applicants for driver's licenses in this state shall be
14 required of applicants for nondriver identification cards."

15 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the
16 first day of the third month following its passage and
17 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.