For An Act To Be Entitled
AN ACT TO AMEND THE VALIDITY PERIOD OF A DRIVER’S LICENSE; TO OFFER AN APPLICANT A CHOICE OF VALIDITY PERIODS OF A DRIVER’S LICENSE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle
TO AMEND THE VALIDITY PERIOD OF A DRIVER’S LICENSE; AND TO OFFER AN APPLICANT A CHOICE OF VALIDITY PERIODS OF A DRIVER’S LICENSE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 27-16-801(a)(1), concerning the validity period of a Class D or Class M driver’s license, is amended to read as follows:

(a)(1)(A) In a manner prescribed by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, the Office of Driver Services shall issue:

(A) Except as provided in subdivision (a)(1)(B) of this section, a Class D license or a Class M license to each qualified applicant eighteen (18) or more years of age, for a period of eight (8) years, upon payment of twenty-four dollars ($24.00);

(B) An intermediate Class D license or an intermediate Class M license to each applicant between sixteen (16) and eighteen (18) years of age, for a period of up to two (2) years, upon payment of twelve dollars ($12.00);
(iii) A learner’s Class D license to each applicant
between fourteen (14) and sixteen (16) years of age, for a period of up to
two (2) years, upon payment of twelve dollars ($12.00); and
(iv) A Class MD license to each qualified applicant,
for a period of not more than two (2) years, upon payment of two dollars
($2.00).

(B) A Class D license or a Class M license shall be issued
for a period to be elected by the applicant of either four (4) years upon
payment of twelve dollars ($12.00) or eight (8) years upon payment of twenty-
four dollars ($24.00) to a qualified applicant who:
(i) Is seventy (70) or more years of age; and
(ii) Has an expired Class D license or Class M license.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 27-16-801(e)(4), concerning renewal and
additional issuance fees charged for a Class D or Class M driver’s license,
is amended to read as follows:
(4) All persons who are required to have their eyesight tested prior
to initial licensing or upon subsequent license renewal as provided for in
this chapter shall be charged an additional fee of two dollars ($2.00) upon
issuance of the license, for a license validity period of either:
(A) Four (4) years, in the amount of one dollar ($1.00); or
(B) Eight (8) years, in the amount of two dollars ($2.00).

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code 27-16-801(g)(1), concerning renewal and
additional issuance fees charged for the issuance or renewal of a Class D,
Class M, or Class MD driver’s license, is amended to read as follows:
(g)(1) In addition to the license fees imposed in subsections (a) and
(e) of this section, a fee of twelve dollars ($12.00) shall be charged for
the issuance or renewal of any a Class D, Class M, or Class MD license for a
period of either:
(A) Four (4) years, in the amount of six dollars ($6.00); or
(B) Eight (8) years, in the amount of twelve dollars ($12.00).
SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This act is effective on and after November 13, 2017.

/s/B. Johnson

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