

# Department of Finance and Administration

## Legislative Impact Statement

Bill: HB1406

As Engrossed: 3/12/2019

Bill Subtitle: TO CLARIFY THE LAW CONCERNING THE EXPIRATION AND RENEWAL OF A DRIVER'S LICENSE.

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### Basic Change :

**Sponsors: Reps. Hawks and C. Fite**

HB1406 will amend § 27-16-901(a)(1)(C), concerning the expiration and renewal of an intermediate driver's license. Currently when driver is 16 years of age, they are placed in an intermediate driving status until reaching their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday. The Department of Finance and Administration (DFA) has a policy to add an extra 30 days after the driver's 18th birthday. This policy went into place in April, 2017 to prevent the driver from being caught with expiring licenses on weekends, during out of state school, or family functions.

HB1406, as engrossed with Amendment H1, would continue the current law, which does not allow a person to obtain a regular driver's license before reaching 18 years of age. However, it would clarify that such a person would have thirty days from the date on which the driver reaches the age of 18 to renew their license as a regular driver's license.

### Revenue Impact :

None.

### Taxpayer Impact :

This bill would permit an intermediate driver's license to be renewed as a regular license 30 days following the licensee's 18th birthday.

### Resources Required :

None.

### Time Required :

None.

### Procedural Changes :

This change would require training for Driver Services and state Revenue Office employees as well as updating all procedure manuals.

### Other Comments :

None.

### Legal Analysis :

Current law permits the Office of Driver Services to issue an intermediate driver's license for a

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maximum of two years to persons under 18 years of age which is more restricted than a regular driver's license. The intermediate driver's license expires when the person turns 18 years old. If the person with an intermediate license has been free of a serious accident or conviction of a serious traffic violation for the preceding 12 months before turning 18 years old, they may renew their license as a regular driver's license. However, the law does not allow the person to obtain a regular driver's license before the person reaches 18 years of age.

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