

**Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.**

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## **A Bill**

SENATE BILL 371

5 By: Senator Brown  
6 By: Representative Schall  
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### **For An Act To Be Entitled**

10 AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 27-16-901 TO PERMIT  
11 RENEWAL OF DRIVERS LICENSES BY MAIL, TELEPHONE,  
12 OR ELECTRONIC MEANS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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### **Subtitle**

14 TO PERMIT RENEWAL OF DRIVERS LICENSES BY  
15 MAIL, TELEPHONE, OR ELECTRONIC MEANS.  
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 27-16-901 is amended to read as follows:  
22 27-16-901. Expiration and renewal of licenses.

23 (a)(1) Every driver's license shall expire at the end of the month in  
24 which it was issued four (4) years from its date of initial issuance unless  
25 the commissioner shall provide, by regulation, for some other staggered basis  
26 of expiration.

27 (2)(A) The commissioner shall have the authority, by regulation,  
28 to shorten or lengthen the term of any driver's license period, as necessary,  
29 to ensure that approximately twenty-five percent (25%) of the total valid  
30 licenses are renewable each fiscal year.

31 (B)(i) All driver's licenses subject to change under this  
32 subsection shall also be subject to a pro rata adjustment of the license fee  
33 charged in § 27-16-801(a).

34 (ii) The adjustment of the fee shall be carried out  
35 in the manner determined by the commissioner by regulation.

36 (b) Every driver's license shall be renewable on or before its

1 expiration upon completion of an application, payment of the fees designated  
2 in § 27-16-801, and passage of the eyesight test required in § 27-16-704 and  
3 shall be renewed without other examination, unless the commissioner has  
4 reason to believe that the licensee is no longer qualified to receive a  
5 license.

6 (c) Any licensee who is at least twenty-one (21) years of age and not  
7 more than sixty-five (65) years of age shall be eligible to renew the  
8 driver's license by mail, telephone, or electronic means established by the  
9 Office of Driver Services, and shall be subject to the eyesight test *required*  
10 *in § 27-16-704 every four (4) years, and:*

11 (1) The driver's record does not contain any violations of  
12 traffic laws or accidents;

13 (2) The driver pays all applicable fees prior to the renewal;  
14 and

15 (3) The director has approved renewal by mail, telephone or  
16 electronic means for licenses of the class and endorsements held by the  
17 driver.

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