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A Bill

SENATE BILL 147

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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE VALIDITY PERIOD OF A DRIVER'S
10 LICENSE; TO OFFER AN APPLICANT A CHOICE OF VALIDITY
11 PERIODS OF A DRIVER'S LICENSE; AND FOR OTHER
12 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 TO AMEND THE VALIDITY PERIOD OF A
16 DRIVER'S LICENSE; AND TO OFFER AN
17 APPLICANT A CHOICE OF VALIDITY PERIODS OF
18 A DRIVER'S LICENSE.
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 27-16-801(a)(1)(A), concerning the validity
25 period of a Class D or Class M driver's license, is amended to read as
26 follows:

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

29 (A) A Class D license or a Class M license to each
30 qualified applicant eighteen (18) or more years of age, ~~for a period of eight~~
31 ~~(8) years, upon payment of twenty four dollars (\$24.00);~~ validity period to
32 be elected by the applicant of either:
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34 (i) Four (4) years upon payment of twelve dollars
35 (\$12.00); or

36 (ii) Eight (8) years upon payment of twenty-four



1 dollars (\$24.00);

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3 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code 27-16-801(e), concerning renewal and
4 additional issuance fees charged for a Class D or Class M driver's license,
5 is amended to read as follows:

6 (e)(1) The office shall not charge an additional fee for the color
7 photograph provided for in subsection (b) of this section for those
8 applicants making a renewal application for the first time.

9 (2) In addition to the regular license fee, ~~a fee of two dollars~~
10 ~~(\$2.00) shall be charged for all subsequent renewals.~~ a fee shall be charged
11 for all subsequent renewals of a Class D, Class M, or Class MD license for a
12 validity period to be elected by the renewing license holder of either:

13 (A) Four (4) years, in the amount of one dollar (\$1.00);
14 or

15 (B) Eight (8) years, in the amount of two dollars (\$2.00).

16 (3) All persons applying for an Arkansas license for the first
17 time and all persons who are required to take the driver's written
18 examination as provided for in this chapter shall be charged ~~the~~ an
19 additional fee of one dollar (\$1.00).

20 (4) ~~All persons who are required to have their eyesight tested~~
21 ~~prior to initial licensing or upon subsequent license renewal as provided for~~
22 ~~in this chapter shall be charged an~~ An ~~additional fee of two dollars (\$2.00)~~
23 ~~upon issuance of the license.~~ shall be charged to a person who is required to
24 have his or her eyesight tested prior to initial licensing or upon subsequent
25 license renewal of a Class D, Class M, or Class MD license for a validity
26 period to be elected by the renewing license holder of either:

27 (A) Four (4) years, in the amount of one dollar (\$1.00);
28 or

29 (B) Eight (8) years, in the amount of two dollars (\$2.00).

30 (5) Each learner's license and intermediate driver's license
31 issued shall be distinctive from the regular driver's license issued to a
32 person eighteen (18) years of age or older.

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34 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code 27-16-801(g)(1), concerning renewal and
35 additional issuance fees charged for the issuance or renewal of a Class D,
36 Class M, or Class MD driver's license, is amended to read as follows:

1 (g)(1) In addition to the license fees imposed in subsections (a) and
 2 (e) of this section, a fee ~~of twelve dollars (\$12.00)~~ shall be charged for
 3 the issuance or renewal of ~~any~~ a Class D, Class M, or Class MD license for a
 4 validity period to be elected by the applicant or the renewing license holder
 5 of either:

6 (A) Four (4) years, in the amount of six dollars (\$6.00);

7 or

8 (B) Eight (8) years, in the amount of twelve dollars
 9 (\$12.00).

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 11 SECTION 4. Arkansas Code 27-16-901(a)(1), concerning the expiration
 12 and renewal of driver's licenses, is amended to read as follows:

13 (a)(1)(A) Except for the intermediate driver's license and the
 14 learner's license, every driver's license shall expire at the end of the
 15 month in which it was issued four (4) or eight (8) years from its date of
 16 initial issuance unless the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles ~~shall provide, by~~
 17 ~~regulation,~~ provides by rule for some other staggered basis of expiration.

18 (B)(i) A learner's license shall be issued for no more
 19 than a two-year period and shall expire upon the driver's reaching sixteen
 20 (16) years of age.

21 (ii) Any person sixteen (16) years of age or
 22 seventeen (17) years of age may apply for an intermediate driver's license,
 23 ~~provided that~~ if his or her driving record is free of a serious accident and
 24 conviction of a serious traffic violation for the most recent six-month
 25 period.

26 (C)(i) An intermediate driver's license shall be issued
 27 for no more than a two-year period and shall expire upon the intermediate
 28 driver's reaching eighteen (18) years of age ~~and may be renewed at that time~~
 29 ~~as a regular driver's license for eight (8) years, so long as the~~
 30 intermediate driver.

31 (ii) If the holder of the expired intermediate
 32 driver's license has been free of a serious accident and conviction of a
 33 serious traffic violation for ~~at least twelve (12) months before arriving at~~
 34 ~~his or her eighteenth birthday~~ the twelve-month period prior to his or her
 35 eighteenth birthday, the intermediate driver's license may be renewed upon
 36 expiration as a regular driver's license for four (4) years.