

SENATE BILL No. 554

AN ACT relating to drivers' licenses; concerning the expiration date of certain licenses; amending K.S.A. 2005 Supp. 8-240 and 8-247 and repealing the existing sections.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. K.S.A. 2005 Supp. 8-240 is hereby amended to read as follows: 8-240. (a) Every application for an instruction permit shall be made upon a form furnished by the division of vehicles and accompanied by a fee of \$2 for class A, B, C or M and \$5 for all commercial classes. Every other application shall be made upon a form furnished by the division and accompanied by an examination fee of \$3, unless a different fee is required by K.S.A. 8-241, and amendments thereto, and by the proper fee for the license for which the application is made. If the applicant is not required to take an examination the examination fee shall not be required. The examination shall consist of three tests, as follows: (1) Vision; (2) written; and (3) driving. If the applicant fails the vision test, the applicant may have correction of vision made and take the vision test again without any additional fee. If an applicant fails the written test, the applicant may take such test again upon the payment of an additional examination fee of \$1.50. If an applicant fails the driving test, the applicant may take such test again upon the payment of an additional examination fee of \$1.50. If an applicant fails to pass all three of the tests within a period of six months from the date of original application and desires to take additional tests, the applicant shall file an application for reexamination upon a form furnished by the division, which shall be accompanied by a reexamination fee of \$3, except that any applicant who fails to pass the written or driving portion of an examination four times within a six-month period, shall be required to wait a period of six months from the date of the last failed examination before additional examinations may be given. Upon the filing of such application and the payment of such reexamination fee, the applicant shall be entitled to reexamination in like manner and subject to the additional fees and time limitation as provided for examination on an original application. If the applicant passes the reexamination, the applicant shall be issued the classified driver's license for which the applicant originally applied, which license shall be issued to expire as if the applicant had passed the original examination.

(b) (1) For the purposes of obtaining any driver's license or instruction permit, an applicant shall submit, with the application, proof of age or proof of identity, or both, as the division may require. An applicant shall submit the applicant's social security number, which shall remain confidential and shall not be disclosed, except as provided pursuant to K.S.A. 74-2012, and amendments thereto. If the applicant does not have a social security number, the applicant shall submit a sworn statement, with the application, stating that the applicant does not have a social security number. The division shall assign a distinguishing number to the license or permit. If the applicant is applying for an instruction permit or driver's license and the applicant otherwise meets the requirements for such license, the applicant shall receive a temporary license or instruction permit until the division verifies all facts relative to such applicant's right to receive an instruction permit or driver's license, including the age, identity, social security number and residency of the applicant.

(2) An applicant who submits proof of age or of identity issued by an entity other than a state or the United States shall also submit such proof as the division may require that the applicant is lawfully present in the United States.

(3) The division shall not issue any driver's license to any person who is not lawfully present in the United States.

(4) The division shall not issue any driver's license to any person who is not a resident of the state of Kansas, except as provided in K.S.A. 8-2,148, and amendments thereto.

(5) The parent or guardian of an applicant under 16 years of age shall sign the application for any driver's license submitted by such applicant.

(c) Every application shall state the name, date of birth, sex and residence address of the applicant, and briefly describe the applicant, and shall state whether the applicant has been licensed as a driver prior to such application, and, if so, when and by what state or country. Such application shall state whether any such license has ever been suspended or revoked, or whether an application has ever been refused, and, if so, the date of and reason for such suspension, revocation or refusal. In addition, applications for commercial drivers' licenses and instruction per-

mits for commercial licenses must include the following: The applicant's social security number; the person's signature; the person's color photograph; certifications, including those required by 49 C.F.R. 383.71(a), effective January 1, 1991; a consent to release driving record information; and, any other information required by the division.

(d) When an application is received from a person previously licensed in another jurisdiction, the division shall request a copy of the driver's record from the other jurisdiction. When received, the driver's record shall become a part of the driver's record in this state with the same force and effect as though entered on the driver's record in this state in the original instance.

(e) When the division receives a request for a driver's record from another licensing jurisdiction the record shall be forwarded without charge.

(f) A fee shall be charged as follows:

(1) For a class C driver's license issued to a person at least 21 years of age, but less than 65 years of age, \$18;

(2) for a class C driver's license issued to a person ~~less than 21 years of age or~~ 65 years of age or older, ~~or a farm permit~~, \$12;

(3) for a class M driver's license issued to a person at least 21 years of age, but less than 65 years of age, \$12.50;

(4) for a class M driver's license issued to a person ~~less than 21 years of age or~~ 65 years of age or older, \$9;

(5) for a class A or B driver's license issued to a person who is at least 21 years of age, but less than 65 years of age, \$24;

(6) for a class A or B driver's license issued to a person ~~less than 21 years of age or~~ 65 years of age or older, \$16; ~~or~~

(7) for any class of commercial driver's license *issued to a person 21 years of age or older*, \$18; *or*

(8) *for class A, B, C or M, or a farm permit, or any commercial driver's license issued to a person less than 21 years of age*, \$20.

A fee of \$10 shall be charged for each commercial driver's license endorsement, except air brake endorsements which shall have no charge.

A fee of \$3 per year shall be charged for any renewal of a license issued prior to the effective date of this act to a person less than 21 years of age.

If one fails to make an original application or renewal application for a driver's license within the time required by law, or fails to make application within 60 days after becoming a resident of Kansas, a penalty of \$1 shall be added to the fee charged for the driver's license.

(g) Any person who possesses an identification card as provided in K.S.A. 8-1324, and amendments thereto, shall surrender such identification card to the division upon being issued a valid Kansas driver's license or upon reinstatement and return of a valid Kansas driver's license.

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2005 Supp. 8-247 is hereby amended to read as follows: 8-247. (a) All original licenses shall expire as follows:

(1) Licenses issued to persons who are at least 21 years of age, but less than 65 years of age shall expire on the sixth anniversary of the date of birth of the licensee which is nearest the date of application;

(2) licenses issued to persons who ~~are less than 21 years of age or~~ are 65 years of age or older shall expire on the fourth anniversary of the date of birth of the licensee which is nearest the date of application; ~~or~~

(3) *licenses issued to persons who are less than 21 years of age shall expire on the licensee's twenty-first birthday; or*

~~(4)~~ (4) any commercial drivers license shall expire on the fourth anniversary of the date of birth of the licensee which is nearest the date of application. All renewals under paragraph (1) shall expire on every sixth anniversary of the date of birth of the licensee ~~and~~, all renewals under paragraphs (2) and ~~(3)~~ (4) shall expire on every fourth anniversary of the date of birth of the licensee *and if a renewal license is issued under paragraph (3) such renewals shall expire on the licensee's twenty-first birthday*. No driver's license shall expire in the same calendar year in which the original license or renewal license is issued, except that if the foregoing provisions of this section shall require the issuance of a renewal license or an original license for a period of less than six calendar months, the license issued to the applicant shall expire in accordance with the provisions of this subsection.

(b) If the driver's license of any person expires while such person is

outside of the state of Kansas and on active duty in the armed forces of the United States, the license of such person shall be renewable, without examination, at any time prior to the end of the sixth month following the discharge of such person from the armed forces, or within 90 days after reestablished residence within the state, whichever time is sooner. If the driver's license of any person expires while such person is outside the United States, the division shall provide for renewal by mail.

(c) At least 30 days prior to the expiration of a person's license the division shall mail a notice of expiration or renewal application to such person at the address shown on the license. The division shall include with such notice: (1) A copy of the eyesight examination form; (2) a copy of the written examination prescribed by subsection (e); (3) a copy of the Kansas driver's manual, prepared pursuant to K.S.A. 8-266b, and amendments thereto; and (4) the written information required under subsection (g).

(d) Every driver's license shall be renewable on or before its expiration upon application and payment of the required fee and successful completion of the examinations required by subsection (e). Application for renewal of a valid driver's license shall be made to the division in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the secretary of revenue. Such application shall contain all the requirements of subsection (b) of K.S.A. 8-240, and amendments thereto. Upon satisfying the foregoing requirements of this subsection, and if the division makes the findings required by K.S.A. 8-235b, and amendments thereto, for the issuance of an original license, the license shall be renewed without examination of the applicant's driving ability. If the division finds that any of the statements relating to revocation, suspension or refusal of licenses required under subsection (b) of K.S.A. 8-240, and amendments thereto, are in the affirmative, or if it finds that the license held by the applicant is not a valid one, or if the applicant has failed to make application for renewal of such person's license on or before the expiration date thereof, the division may require the applicant to take an examination of ability to exercise ordinary and reasonable control in the operation of a motor vehicle as provided in K.S.A. 8-235d, and amendments thereto.

(e) (1) Prior to renewal of a driver's license, the applicant shall pass an examination of eyesight and a written examination of ability to read and understand highway signs regulating, warning and directing traffic and knowledge of the traffic laws of this state. Such examination shall be equivalent to the tests required for an original driver's license under K.S.A. 8-235d, and amendments thereto. A driver's license examiner shall administer the examinations without charge and shall report the results of the examinations on a form provided by the division, which shall be submitted by the applicant to the division at the time such applicant applies for license renewal.

(2) In lieu of the examination of the applicant's eyesight by the examiner, the applicant may submit a report on the examination of eyesight by a physician licensed to practice medicine and surgery or by a licensed optometrist. The report shall be based on an examination of the applicant's eyesight not more than three months prior to the date the report is submitted, and it shall be made on a form furnished the applicant with the notice of the expiration of license under subsection (c).

(3) In lieu of the driver's license examiner administering the written examination, the applicant may complete the examination furnished with the notice of the expiration of license under subsection (c) and submit the completed examination to the division.

(4) The division shall determine whether the results of the written examination and the eyesight reported are sufficient for renewal of the license and, if the results of either or both of the examinations are insufficient, the division shall notify the applicant of such fact and return the license fee. In determining the sufficiency of an applicant's eyesight, the division may request an advisory opinion of the medical advisory board, which is hereby authorized to render such opinions.

(5) An applicant who is denied a license under this subsection (e) may reapply for renewal of such person's driver's license, except that if such application is not made within 90 days of the date the division sent notice to the applicant that the license would not be renewed, the applicant shall proceed as if applying for an original driver's license. If the applicant has been denied renewal of such person's driver's license be-

cause such applicant failed to pass the written examination, the applicant shall pay an examination fee of \$1.50 to take the test again.

(6) When the division has good cause to believe that an applicant for renewal of a driver's license is incompetent or otherwise not qualified to operate a motor vehicle in accord with the public safety and welfare, the division may require such applicant to submit to such additional examinations as are necessary to determine that the applicant is qualified to receive the license applied for. Subject to paragraph (7) of this subsection, in so evaluating such qualifications, the division may request an advisory opinion of the medical advisory board which is hereby authorized to render such opinions in addition to its duties prescribed by subsection (b) of K.S.A. 8-255b, and amendments thereto. Any such applicant who is denied the renewal of such a driver's license because of a mental or physical disability shall be afforded a hearing in the manner prescribed by subsection (c) of K.S.A. 8-255, and amendments thereto.

(7) Seizure disorders which are controlled shall not be considered a disability. In cases where such seizure disorders are not controlled, the director or the medical advisory board may recommend that such person be issued a driver's license to drive class C or M vehicles and restricted to operating such vehicles as the division determines to be appropriate to assure the safe operation of a motor vehicle by the licensee. Restricted licenses issued pursuant to this paragraph shall be subject to suspension or revocation. For the purpose of this paragraph, seizure disorders which are controlled means that the licensee has not sustained a seizure involving a loss of consciousness in the waking state within six months preceding the application or renewal of a driver's license and whenever a person licensed to practice medicine and surgery makes a written report to the division stating that the licensee's seizures are controlled. The report shall be based on an examination of the applicant's medical condition not more than three months prior to the date the report is submitted. Such report shall be made on a form furnished to the applicant by the division. Any physician who makes such report shall not be liable for any damages which may be attributable to the issuance or renewal of a driver's license and subsequent operation of a motor vehicle by the licensee.

(f) If the driver's license of any person expires while such person is outside the state of Kansas, the license of such person shall be extended for a period not to exceed six months and shall be renewable, without a driving examination, at any time prior to the end of the sixth month following the original expiration date of such license or within 10 days after such person returns to the state, whichever time is sooner.

(g) The division shall provide the following information in a person's notice of expiration or renewal under subsection (c):

(1) Written information explaining the person's right to make an anatomical gift in accordance with K.S.A. 8-243, and amendments thereto, and the uniform anatomical gift act;

(2) written information describing the organ donation registry program maintained by the Kansas federally designated organ procurement organization. The written information required under this paragraph shall include, in a type, size and format that is conspicuous in relation to the surrounding material, the address and telephone number of Kansas' federally designated organ procurement organization, along with an advisory to call such designated organ procurement organization with questions about the organ donor registry program;

(3) written information giving the applicant the opportunity to be placed on the organ donation registry described in paragraph (2);

(4) inform the applicant in writing that, if the applicant indicates under this subsection a willingness to have such applicant's name placed on the organ donor registry described in paragraph (2), the division will forward the applicant's name, gender, date of birth and most recent address to the organ donation registry maintained by the Kansas federally designated organ procurement organization, as required by paragraph (6);

(5) the division may fulfill the requirements of paragraph (4) by one or more of the following methods:

(A) Providing printed material enclosed with a mailed notice for driver's license renewal; or

(B) providing printed material to an applicant who personally appears at an examining station;

(6) if an applicant indicates a willingness under this subsection to have

such applicant's name placed on the organ donor registry, the division shall within 10 days forward the applicant's name, gender, date of birth and most recent address to the organ donor registry maintained by the Kansas federally designated organ procurement organization. The division may forward information under this subsection by mail or by electronic means. The division shall not maintain a record of the name or address of an individual who indicates a willingness to have such person's name placed on the organ donor registry after forwarding that information to the organ donor registry under this subsection. Information about an applicant's indication of a willingness to have such applicant's name placed on the organ donor registry that is obtained by the division and forwarded under this paragraph shall be confidential and not disclosed.

Sec. 3. K.S.A. 2005 Supp. 8-240 and 8-247 are hereby repealed.

Sec. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.

I hereby certify that the above BILL originated in the SENATE, and passed that body

President of the Senate.

Secretary of the Senate.

Passed the HOUSE _____

Speaker of the House.

Chief Clerk of the House.

APPROVED _____

Governor.