
DIGEST

The digest printed below was prepared by House Legislative Services. It constitutes no part of the legislative instrument. The keyword, one-liner, abstract, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

HB 944 Original

2024 Regular Session

McMakin

Abstract: Changes driver's license renewals to every five years and requires a driving test be conducted every four years by the office of motor vehicles.

Present law specifies every applicant must pass a written knowledge and skills test for a motor vehicle representative of the type of motor vehicle he operates or expects to operate, or provide evidence on a form approved by the department that he has successfully passed the written knowledge test and a driving or skills test administered by an authorized third party. Further specifies that in addition to the specialized knowledge and skills tests, each examination include: a test of the applicant's eyesight; his ability to understand highway signs regulating, warning, and directing traffic; his knowledge of railroad and highway grade crossing safety; his knowledge of sharing the road with motorcycles and tractor/trailer trucks; his knowledge of the economic effects of littering; his knowledge of distracted driving issues; his knowledge of trailer safety; his knowledge of accessible parking and access aisles; his knowledge of appropriate driver conduct when stopped by a law enforcement officer; and his knowledge of all relevant traffic regulations.

Proposed law modifies present law by adding a requirement that a driver must successfully pass the written knowledge test and a driving or skills test administered by the office of motor vehicles every four years in which a new written knowledge test must be provided.

Present law specifies a Class "D" driver's license expires on the anniversary of the birthday of the applicant which is nearest to a period of six years subsequent to the issuing of the license, unless suspended, revoked, or canceled prior to that time.

Proposed law modifies the expiration date in present law from six years to five years.

Present law authorizes the department to issue a license for a period of less than six years in circumstances of medical limitation, limitation on lawful presence, or other special restrictions.

Proposed law modifies present law by changing the license period from less than six years to less than five years.

Present law specifies that a Class "E" driver's license expires on the anniversary of the birthday of the applicant which is nearest to a period of six years subsequent to the issuing of the license, unless suspended, revoked, or canceled.

Proposed law modifies the expiration date in present law from six years to five years subsequent to

the issuing of the license, unless suspended, revoked, or canceled.

Present law specifies that a Class "C" commercial driver's license not carrying an endorsement permitting the transportation of material found to be hazardous for purposes of the Federal Hazardous Material Transportation Act (49 U.S.C. 5101 et seq.) or under state law or regulation will expire on the anniversary of the birthday of the applicant which is nearest to a date of six years subsequent to the issuing of the license, unless revoked, canceled, or suspended prior to that time.

Proposed law modifies the expiration date in present law from six years to five years for a Class "C" commercial driver's license not carrying an endorsement permitting the transportation of material found to be hazardous to expire on the anniversary of the birthday of the applicant which is nearest to a date of six years subsequent to the issuing of the license, unless revoked, canceled, or suspended prior to that time.

Present law specifies that a Class "C" commercial driver's license carrying an endorsement permitting the transportation of materials found to be hazardous for purposes of the Federal Hazardous Material Transportation Act (49 U.S.C. 5101 et seq.) or under state law or regulation will expire on the anniversary of the birthday of the applicant which is nearest to a date of six years subsequent to the issuing of the license, unless revoked, canceled, or suspended prior to that time.

Proposed law modifies the expiration date in present law from six years to five years for a Class "C" commercial driver's license carrying an endorsement permitting the transportation of materials found to be hazardous.

Present law establishes that a Class "B" commercial driver's license will expire on the anniversary of the birthday of the applicant which is nearest to a date of six years subsequent to the issuing of the license, unless revoked, canceled, or suspended prior to that time.

Proposed law modifies the expiration date in present law from six years to five years for a Class "B" commercial driver's license.

Present law requires that a Class "A" commercial driver's license will expire on the anniversary of the birthday of the applicant which is nearest to a date of six years subsequent to the issuing of the license, unless revoked, canceled, or suspended prior to that time.

Proposed law modifies the expiration date in present law from six years to five years for a Class "A" commercial driver's license.

Present law requires every applicant 70 years of age or older for a Class "E" driver's license, or for the renewal of a Class "E" driver's license, except those bona fide residents of the city of New Orleans, must pay for such basic license a fee \$6.75, which is the cost of the license. Requires the license to expire on the anniversary of the birthday of the applicant which is nearest to a date of six years subsequent to the issuing of the license, unless revoked, canceled, or suspended.

Proposed law modifies the expiration date in present law from six years to five years for a Class "E"

commercial driver's license, or for the renewal of a Class "E" driver's license.

Present law requires that every applicant 70 years of age or older for a Class "D" driver's license, or for the renewal of a Class "D" driver's license, except those bona fide residents of the city of New Orleans, must pay for such basic license a fee of \$22.13, which will be the cost of the license. Further specifies the license will expire on the anniversary of the birthday of the applicant which is nearest to a date of six years subsequent to the issuing of the license, unless revoked, canceled, or suspended.

Proposed law modifies the expiration date in present law from six years to five years for a Class "D" commercial driver's license, or the renewal of a Class "D" driver's license.

Present law requires that every applicant 70 years of age or older for a Class "E" driver's license, or for the renewal of a Class "E" driver's license, issued to bona fide residents of the city of New Orleans, pay for such basic license a fee of \$6.75, which is the cost of the license. Further require the license to expire on the anniversary of the birthday of the applicant which is nearest to a date of six years subsequent to the issuing of the license, unless revoked, canceled, or suspended.

Proposed law modifies the expiration date in present law from six years to five years for a Class "E" driver's license or the renewal of a Class "E" driver's license.

Present law requires that every applicant 70 years of age or older for a Class "D" driver's license, or for the renewal of a Class "D" driver's license, issued to bona fide residents of the city of New Orleans, must pay for such basic license a fee of \$27.75, which is to be the cost of the license. Further specifies that the license will expire on the anniversary of the birthday of the applicant which is nearest to a date of six years subsequent to the issuing of the license, unless revoked, canceled, or suspended.

Proposed law modifies the date in present law from six years to five years for a Class "D" driver's license or the renewal of a Class "D" driver's license.

Present law requires that the addition of a motorcycle or motor scooter endorsement to a basic license will require, besides the specific examination for such vehicles, the payment of an additional fee of \$12. Additionally if the motorcycle endorsement is to any license which is valid for less than six years, the fee for the endorsement will be six dollars.

Proposed law modifies present law by changing the motorcycle endorsement to any license valid from less than six years to less than five years.

Present law specifies the amount of \$7.50 from the fee for a motorcycle or motor scooter endorsement to a basic license, or the amount of \$3 from the fee if the motorcycle endorsement for any person is to a license that is valid for only less than six years be credited to the Bond Security and Redemption Fund.

Present law requires that after a sufficient amount is allocated from that fund to pay all obligations

secured by the full faith and credit of the state which become due and payable within any fiscal years, the treasurer must pay an amount equal to the fees paid into the Bond Security and Redemption Fund pursuant to present law, into a special agency account which is hereby created in the state treasury and designated as the "Motorcycle Safety, Awareness, and Operator Training Program Dedicated Fund Account", to be referred to as the "account".

Present law requires that the monies credited to the account be used solely for operator training, instructor training, and motorcycle safety and awareness programs. Additionally, specifies that any unexpended and unencumbered monies remaining to the credit of the account on June 13th of each year, after all appropriations of the preceding fiscal year have been made, revert to the state general fund. Further requires, the monies in the account be expended solely from year to year as appropriated by the legislature for the purposes of motorcycle safety and awareness and operator training. Any amounts earned through investment of the monies in the account must revert to the state general fund. Additionally, specifies that any funding deposited into the account is considered fees and self-generated revenues and be available for annual appropriations by the legislature.

Proposed law modifies present law by changing the endorsement for any person is to a license that is valid from only less than six years to only less than five years be credited to the Bond Security and Redemption Funds.

(Amends R.S. 32:408(A)(1) and 412(A)(4)(a) and (b)(intro. para.) and (7)(a) and (b), (B)(7)(a)(i) and (ii), (b)(i)(intro. para.) and (ii)(intro. para.), (c)(i) and (ii)(intro. para.), (d)(i) and (ii)(intro. para.), (e)(i)(aa) and (bb)(intro. para.), (dd)(I) and (II), (ii)(aa) and (bb), (dd)(I) and (II), and (C)(1) and (2))