

HOUSE BILL No. 2606

AN ACT concerning drivers' licenses; relating to electronic online renewal; vision requirements; reports to legislature; approved safety training curriculum for motorcycle licenses; renewal period for commercial driver's licenses; amending K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 8-240, 8-247 and 8-2,135 and repealing the existing sections.

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

Section 1. K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 8-240 is hereby amended to read as follows: 8-240. (a) (1) 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. All commercial class applicants shall be charged a \$15 driving test fee for the drive test portion of the commercial driver's license application. If the applicant is not required to take an examination or the commercial license drive test, the examination or commercial drive test fee shall not be required. The examination shall consist of three tests, as follows: (A) Vision; (B) written; and (C) driving. For a commercial driver's license, the drive test shall consist of three components, as follows: (A) Pre-trip; (B) skills test; and (C) road test. 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 for a commercial driver's license fails any portion of the commercial drive test, the applicant may take such test again upon the payment of an additional drive test fee of \$10. 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.

(2) Applicants for class M licenses who have completed prior motorcycle safety training in accordance with department of defense instruction 6055.04 (DoDI 6055.04) or the motorcycle safety foundation are not required to complete further written and driving testing pursuant to paragraph (1) ~~of this subsection~~. *An applicant seeking exemption from the written and driving tests pursuant to this paragraph shall provide a copy of the motorcycle safety foundation completion form to the division prior to receiving a class M license.*

(3) On and after January 1, 2017, an applicant for a class M license who passes a driving examination ~~administered by the division~~ on a three-wheeled motorcycle which is not an autocycle shall have a restriction placed on such applicant's license limiting the applicant to the operation of a registered three-wheeled motorcycle. An applicant for a class M license who passes a driving examination ~~administered by the division~~ on a two-wheeled motorcycle may operate any registered two-wheeled or three-wheeled motorcycle. *The driving examination required by this paragraph shall be administered by the division, by the department of defense or as part of a curriculum recognized by the motorcycle safety foundation.*

(b) (1) For the purposes of obtaining any driver's license or instruction permit, an applicant shall submit, with the application, proof of age and proof of identity as the division may require. The applicant also shall provide a photo identity document, except that a non-photo identity document is acceptable if it includes both the applicant's full legal name and date of birth, and documentation showing the applicant's name, the ap-

plicant's address of principal residence and the applicant's social security number. The applicant's social security number 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 provide proof of lawful presence and Kansas residency. The division shall assign a distinguishing number to the license or permit.

(2) The division shall not issue any driver's license or instruction permit to any person who fails to provide proof that the person is lawfully present in the United States. Before issuing a driver's license or instruction permit to a person, the division shall require valid documentary evidence that the applicant: (A) Is a citizen or national of the United States; (B) is an alien lawfully admitted for permanent or temporary residence in the United States; (C) has conditional permanent resident status in the United States; (D) has an approved application for asylum in the United States or has entered into the United States in refugee status; (E) has a valid, unexpired nonimmigrant visa or nonimmigrant visa status for entry into the United States; (F) has a pending application for asylum in the United States; (G) has a pending or approved application for temporary protected status in the United States; (H) has approved deferred action status; or (I) has a pending application for adjustment of status to that of an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence in the United States or conditional permanent resident status in the United States.

(3) If an applicant provides evidence of lawful presence set out in subsections (b)(2)(E) through (2)(I), or is an alien lawfully admitted for temporary residence under subsection (b)(2)(B), the division may only issue a driver's license to the person under the following conditions: (A) A driver's license issued pursuant to this subparagraph shall be valid only during the period of time of the applicant's authorized stay in the United States or, if there is no definite end to the period of authorized stay, a period of one year; (B) a driver's license issued pursuant to this subparagraph shall clearly indicate that it is temporary and shall state the date on which it expires; (C) no driver's license issued pursuant to this subparagraph shall be for a longer period of time than the time period permitted by K.S.A. 8-247(a), and amendments thereto; and (D) a driver's license issued pursuant to this subparagraph may be renewed, subject at the time of renewal, to the same requirements and conditions as set out in this subsection (b) for the issuance of the original driver's license.

(4) The division shall not issue any driver's license or instruction permit 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 division shall not issue a driver's license to a person holding a driver's license issued by another state without making reasonable efforts to confirm that the person is terminating or has terminated the driver's license in the other state.

(6) 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 full legal name, date of birth, gender and address of principal residence 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 permits for commercial licenses must include the following: The applicant's social security number; the person's signature; the person's: (1) Digital color image or photograph; or (2) a laser engraved 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 65 years of age or older, \$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 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 65 years of age or older, \$16;

(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.

(h) The division shall require that any person applying for a driver's license submit to a mandatory facial image capture. The captured facial image shall be displayed on the front of the applicant's driver's license.

(i) The director of vehicles may issue a temporary driver's license to an applicant who cannot provide valid documentary evidence as defined by subsection (b)(2), if the applicant provides compelling evidence proving current lawful presence. Any temporary license issued pursuant to this subsection shall be valid for one year.

(j) (1) For purposes of this subsection, the division may rely on the division's most recent, existing color digital image and signature image of the applicant for the class C or M driver's license if the division has the information on file. The determination on whether an electronic online renewal application or equivalent of a driver's license is permitted shall be made by the director of vehicles or the director's designee. The division shall not renew a driver's license through an electronic online or equivalent process if the license has been previously renewed through an electronic online application in the immediately preceding driver's license period. No renewal under this subsection shall be granted to any person who is: ~~(1)~~ (A) Younger than 30 days from turning 21 years of age; ~~(2)~~ (B) 65 years of age or older; ~~(3)~~ (C) a registered offender pursuant to K.S.A. 22-4901 et seq., and amendments thereto; or ~~(4)~~ (D) has a temporary driver's license issued pursuant to K.S.A. 8-240(b)(3), and amendments thereto, provided the license is not otherwise withdrawn.

(2) *The vision examination requirements in K.S.A. 8-247(e), and amendments thereto, are not required for electronic online renewal applications, except that the electronic online renewal applicant must certify under penalty of law that the applicant's vision satisfies the requirements of K.S.A. 8-295, and amendments thereto, and has undergone an examination of eyesight by a licensed ophthalmologist or a licensed optometrist within the last year. As a condition for any electronic online renewal application, the applicant must: (A) Authorize the exchange of vision and medical information between the division and the applicant's ophthalmologist or optometrist; and (B) is at least 21 years of age, but less than 50 years of age. The ophthalmologist or optometrist shall have four business days to confirm or deny the vision and medical information of the applicant. If no response is received by the division, the division shall accept the vision and medical information provided for processing the*

renewal application. The waiver of vision examination for online renewal applications contained within this subsection shall expire on July 1, 2022.

(3) The secretary of revenue ~~may~~ shall adopt and administer rules and regulations to implement a program to permit an electronic online renewal of a driver's license, *including, but not limited to, requirements that an electronic online renewal applicant shall have previously provided documentation of identity, lawful presence and residence to the division for electronic scanning.*

(4) *Prior to February 1, 2022, the division shall report to the house and senate committees on transportation regarding the online renewal process of this subsection and its effects to safety on the state's roads and highways.*

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 8-247 is hereby amended to read as follows: 8-247. (a) (1) All original licenses *issued on and after July 1, 2018,* shall expire as follows:

(A) 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;

(B) licenses issued to persons who 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;

(C) any commercial drivers license shall expire on the ~~fourth~~ *fifth* anniversary of the date of birth of the licensee which is nearest the date of application;

(D) licenses issued to an offender, as defined in K.S.A. 22-4902, and amendments thereto, who is required to register pursuant to the Kansas offender registration act, K.S.A. 22-4901 et seq., and amendments thereto, shall expire every year on the date of birth of the licensee; or

(E) licenses issued to persons who are less than 21 years of age shall expire on the licensee's ~~twenty-first~~ *21st* birthday.

(2) All renewals under: (A) Paragraph (1)(A) shall expire on every sixth anniversary of the date of birth of the licensee; (B) paragraph (1)(B) ~~and (C)~~ shall expire on every fourth anniversary of the date of birth of the licensee; (C) *paragraph (1)(C) shall expire on every fifth anniversary of the date of birth of the licensee;* (D) paragraph (1)(D) shall expire every year on the date of birth of the licensee; and ~~(D)~~ (E) paragraph (1)(E), if a renewal license is issued, shall expire on the licensee's ~~twenty-first~~ *21st* 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 such person is on active duty in the armed forces of the United States, or is the spouse or a person who is residing with and is a dependent of such person on active duty, 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 residence within the state is reestablished, whichever time is sooner. If the driver's license of any person under this subsection expires while such person is outside the United States, the division shall provide for renewal by mail, as long as the division has a photograph or digital image of such person maintained in the division's records. A driver's license renewed under the provisions of this subsection shall be renewed by mail only once.

(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 a written explanation of substantial changes to traffic regulations enacted by the legislature.

(d) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), 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(b), 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(b), 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.

(2) Any licensee, whose driver's license expires on their ~~twenty-first~~ 21st birthday, shall have 45 days from the date of expiration of such license to make application to renew such licensee's license. Such license shall continue to be valid for such 45 days or until such license is renewed, whichever occurs sooner. A licensee who renews under the provisions of this paragraph shall not be required by the division 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. Such examination shall be equivalent to the test required for an original driver's license under K.S.A. 8-235d, and amendments thereto. A driver's license examiner shall administer the examination without charge and shall report the results of the examination on a form provided by the division.

(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 by the division to the applicant.

(3) The division shall determine whether the results of the eyesight examination or report is sufficient for renewal of the license and, if the results of the eyesight examination or report is 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.

(4) 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.

(5) 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 (6) 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(b), 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(c), and amendments thereto.

(6) 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. This subsection (f) shall not apply to temporary drivers' licenses issued pursuant to ~~subsection (b)(3) of K.S.A. 8-240(b)(3)~~, and amendments thereto.

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

(1) Information explaining the person's right to make an anatomical gift in accordance with K.S.A. 8-243, and amendments thereto, and the revised uniform anatomical gift act, K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 65-3220 through 65-3244, and amendments thereto;

(2) information describing the organ donation registry program maintained by the Kansas federally designated organ procurement organization. The 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) information giving the applicant the opportunity to be placed on the organ donation registry described in paragraph (2);

(4) inform the applicant 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 such information on the website of the agency; or

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

(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.

(h) Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, any offender under subsection (a)(1)(D) who held a valid driver's license on the effective date of this act may continue to operate motor vehicles until the next anniversary of the date of birth of such offender. Upon such date such driver's license shall expire and the offender shall be subject to the provisions of this section.

(i) The director of the division of vehicles shall submit a report to the legislature at the beginning of the regular session in 2012 regarding the

impact of not requiring a written test for the renewal of a driver's license, including any cost savings to the division.

Sec. 3. K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 8-2,135 is hereby amended to read as follows: 8-2,135. (a) The commercial driver's license shall be marked "commercial driver's license" or "CDL," and must be, to the maximum extent practicable, tamper proof. It shall include, but not be limited to, the following information:

(1) The requirements set out in K.S.A. 8-243, and amendments thereto;

(2) a number or identifier deemed appropriate by the state licensing authority;

(3) the class or type of commercial motor vehicle or vehicles which the person is authorized to drive together with any endorsements or restriction;

(4) the name of this state; and

(5) the dates between which the license is valid.

(b) Commercial drivers' licenses issued pursuant to K.S.A. 8-234b, and amendments thereto, may be issued with the following endorsements or restrictions; and the holder of a valid commercial driver's license may drive all vehicles in the class for which that license is issued, and all lesser classes of vehicles, except motorcycles and vehicles which require an endorsement, unless the proper endorsement appears on the license;

(1) "H"—authorizes the driver to drive a vehicle transporting hazardous materials;

(2) "L"—restricts the driver to vehicles not equipped with airbrakes;

(3) "T"—authorizes driving double and triple trailers;

(4) "P"—authorizes driving vehicles carrying passengers;

(5) "N"—authorizes driving tank vehicles;

(6) "X"—represents a combination of hazardous materials and tank vehicle endorsements;

(7) "S"—authorizes driving school buses;

(8) "E"—no manual transmission in CMV;

(9) "O"—no tractor-trailer;

(10) "M"—no class A passenger vehicle;

(11) "N"—no class A or B passenger vehicle;

(12) "Z"—no full air brake in CMV;

(13) "K"—for intrastate only; *or*

(14) "V"—for medical variance.

(c) Before issuing a commercial driver's license, the division must obtain driving record information through the commercial driver license information system, the national driver register and from each state in which the person has been licensed.

(d) Within 10 days after issuing a commercial driver's license, the division shall notify the commercial driver license information system of that fact, providing all information required to ensure identification of the person.

(e) All original licenses issued *on and after April 1, 1992* ~~April 1, 1992~~ *July 1, 2018*, shall expire on the ~~fourth~~ *fifth* anniversary of the date of birth of the licensee which is nearest the date of application. All renewals thereof shall expire on every ~~fourth~~ *fifth* anniversary of the date of birth of the licensee. 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 at midnight on every ~~fourth~~ *fifth* anniversary of the date of birth of the applicant. 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.

(f) When applying for renewal of a commercial driver's license, the applicant must complete the test required in K.S.A. 8-247(e), and amendments thereto, and the application form required by K.S.A. 8-2,134(b), and amendments thereto, providing updated information and required certifications and if the applicant wishes to retain a hazardous materials endorsement, the applicant must take and pass the test for such endorsement.

Sec. 4. K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 8-240, 8-247 and 8-2,135 are hereby repealed.

Sec. 5. 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 HOUSE, and was adopted by that body

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Conference Committee Report _____

Speaker of the House.

Chief Clerk of the House.

Passed the SENATE
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President of the Senate.

Secretary of the Senate.

APPROVED _____

Governor.