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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1359

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE TIME PERIOD OF DRIVER'S LICENSE
VALIDITY AND CERTAIN ISSUANCE FEES; AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE TIME PERIOD OF DRIVER'S
LICENSE VALIDITY AND CERTAIN ISSUANCE
FEES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 27-16-801(a)(1)(A), concerning the period of validity and fee for issuance of a Class D and Class M driver's license, is amended to read as follows:

(A) The Office of Motor Vehicle shall issue a Class D license or a Class M license to each qualified applicant for a period of ~~four~~ eight (8) years upon payment of ~~twelve dollars (\$12.00)~~ twenty-four dollars (\$24.00);

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

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

(2) In addition to the regular license fee, a fee of ~~one dollar~~



~~(\$1.00)~~ two dollars (\$2.00) shall be charged for all subsequent renewals.

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

(4) All persons who are required to have their eyesight tested prior to initial licensing or upon subsequent license renewal as provided for in this chapter shall be charged an additional fee of ~~one dollar (\$1.00)~~ two dollars (\$2.00) upon issuance of the license.

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code 27-16-801(h)(1), concerning the fee charged for issuance or renewal of Class D, Class M, or Class MD driver's licenses, is amended to read as follows:

(h)(1) In addition to the license fees imposed in subsections (a) and (e) of this section, a fee of ~~six dollars (\$6.00)~~ twelve dollars (\$12.00) shall be charged for the issuance or renewal of any Class D, Class M, or Class MD license.

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

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

(B) A learner's license shall be issued for no more than a two-year period and shall expire upon the driver's reaching sixteen (16) years of age. Any person sixteen (16) years of age may apply for an intermediate driver's license, provided that his or her driving record is free of a serious accident and conviction of a serious traffic violation for the most recent six-month period.

(C) An intermediate driver's license shall be issued for no more than a two-year period and shall expire upon the driver reaching eighteen (18) years of age and may be renewed at that time as a regular driver's license for ~~four (4)~~ eight (8) years, so long as the intermediate driver has been free of a serious accident and conviction of a serious

traffic violation for at least twelve (12) months before arriving at his or her eighteenth birthday.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE. This act is effective on and after January 1, 2016.