

By Representative Healey

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to driver licenses; amending s.
3 322.12, F.S.; requiring tests of certain
4 elderly drivers at designated intervals;
5 amending s. 322.18, F.S.; creating a 3-year
6 license for certain drivers; amending s.
7 322.21, F.S.; revising the fee for certain
8 original or renewal driver licenses; providing
9 an effective date.

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11 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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13 Section 1. Subsection (6) is added to section 322.12,
14 Florida Statutes, to read:

15 322.12 Examination of applicants.--

16 (6)(a) The department shall examine every applicant
17 for an original driver license, or renewal thereof, every 3
18 years after the attainment of the licensee's 75th birthday.

19 (b) Any applicant or licensee who has attained the age
20 of 73 years and 6 months, but is not older than 75 years of
21 age, may be issued a Florida driver license valid through
22 midnight of the applicant's 78th birthday.

23 (c) All examinations and reexaminations conducted by
24 the department, pursuant to this subsection, shall include
25 vision, hearing, and other such tests as deemed necessary by
26 the department.

27 (d) The department is authorized to adjust the
28 expiration date of any issued license necessary to comply with
29 the provisions of this subsection.

30 Section 2. Subsections (2), (4), and (8) of section
31 322.18, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1 322.18 Original applications, licenses, and renewals;
2 expiration of licenses; delinquent licenses.--

3 (2) Each applicant who is entitled to the issuance of
4 a driver's license, as provided in this section, shall be
5 issued a driver's license, as follows:

6 (a) An applicant applying for an original issuance
7 shall be issued a driver's license which expires at midnight
8 on the licensee's birthday which next occurs on or after the
9 sixth anniversary of the date of issue. An applicant for an
10 original license, who is 75 years of age or older, shall be
11 issued a license which expires at midnight on the licensee's
12 birthday which next occurs on or after the third anniversary
13 of the date of issue.

14 (b) An applicant applying for a renewal issuance or
15 renewal extension, whose driving record reflects assessment of
16 no more than three points for the preceding 3 years, shall be
17 issued a driver's license or renewal extension sticker which
18 expires at midnight on the licensee's birthday which next
19 occurs 6 ~~4~~ years after the month of expiration of the license
20 being renewed, ~~except that a driver whose driving record~~
21 ~~reflects no convictions for the preceding 3 years shall be~~
22 ~~issued a driver's license or renewal extension sticker which~~
23 ~~expires at midnight on the licensee's birthday which next~~
24 ~~occurs 6 years after the month of expiration of the license~~
25 ~~being renewed.~~

26 (4) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, all
27 licenses shall be renewable every 3 ~~4~~ years or 6 years,
28 depending upon the terms of issuance and shall be issued or
29 extended upon application, payment of the fees required by s.
30 322.21, and successful passage of any required examination,
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1 unless the department has reason to believe that the licensee
2 is no longer qualified to receive a license.

3 (8) The department shall issue ~~4-year and 6-year~~
4 license extensions by mail, electronic, or telephonic means
5 without reexamination for no more than 2 consecutive license
6 extensions.

7 (a) If the department determines from its records that
8 the holder of a license about to expire is eligible for
9 renewal, the department shall mail a renewal notice to the
10 licensee at his or her last known address, not less than 30
11 days prior to the licensee's birthday. The renewal notice
12 shall direct the licensee to appear at a driver license office
13 for in-person renewal or to transmit the completed renewal
14 notice and the fees required by s. 322.21 to the department by
15 mail, electronically, or telephonically within the 30 days
16 preceding the licensee's birthday for a license extension.
17 License extensions shall not be available to drivers directed
18 to appear for in-person renewal.

19 (b) Upon receipt of a properly completed renewal
20 notice, payment of the required fees, and upon determining
21 that the licensee is still eligible for renewal, the
22 department shall send a license extension sticker to the
23 licensee to affix to the expiring license as evidence that the
24 license term has been extended.

25 (c) ~~The department shall issue license extensions for~~
26 ~~two consecutive license expirations only.~~ Upon expiration of
27 a second ~~two~~ consecutive license extension period ~~periods~~,
28 in-person renewal with reexamination as provided in s. 322.121
29 shall be required. A person who is out of this state when his
30 or her license expires may be issued a 90-day temporary
31 driving permit without reexamination. At the end of the 90-day

1 period, the person must either return to this state or apply
2 for a license where the person is located, except for a member
3 of the Armed Forces as provided in s. 322.121(5)~~(6)~~.

4 (d) In-person renewal at a driver license office shall
5 not be available to drivers whose records indicate they were
6 directed to apply for a license extension.

7 (e) Any person who knowingly possesses any forged,
8 stolen, fictitious, counterfeit, or unlawfully issued license
9 extension sticker, unless possession by such person has been
10 duly authorized by the department, commits a misdemeanor of
11 the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s.
12 775.083.

13 (f) The department shall develop a plan for the
14 equitable distribution of license extensions and renewals and
15 the orderly implementation of this section.

16 Section 3. Subsection (1) of section 322.21, Florida
17 Statutes, is amended to read:

18 322.21 License fees; procedure for handling and
19 collecting fees.--

20 (1) Except as otherwise provided herein, the fee for:

21 (a) An original or renewal commercial driver's license
22 is \$50, which shall include the fee for driver education
23 provided by s. 233.063; however, if an applicant has completed
24 training and is applying for employment or is currently
25 employed in a public or nonpublic school system that requires
26 the commercial license, the fee shall be the same as for a
27 Class E driver's license. A delinquent fee of \$1 shall be
28 added for a renewal made not more than 12 months after the
29 license expiration date.

30 (b) An original Class D or Class E driver's license is
31 \$10 for a license issued for 3 years and \$20 for a license

1 issued for 6 years~~\$20~~, which shall include the fee for
2 driver's education provided by s. 233.063; however, if an
3 applicant has completed training and is applying for
4 employment or is currently employed in a public or nonpublic
5 school system that requires a commercial driver license, the
6 fee shall be the same as for a Class E license.

7 (c) The renewal or extension of a Class D or Class E
8 driver's license issued for 3 years is \$7.50 and the renewal
9 or extension of a Class D or Class E driver's license issued
10 for 6 years or of a license restricted to motorcycle use only
11 is \$15, except that a delinquent fee of \$1 shall be added for
12 a renewal or extension made not more than 12 months after the
13 license expiration date. The fee provided in this paragraph
14 shall include the fee for driver's education provided by s.
15 233.063.

16 (d) An original driver's license restricted to
17 motorcycle use only is \$20, which shall include the fee for
18 driver's education provided by s. 233.063.

19 (e) Each endorsement required by s. 322.57 is \$5.

20 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 1999.

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23 HOUSE SUMMARY

24 Directs the Department of Highway Safety and Motor
25 Vehicles to examine every applicant for an original
26 driver license, or renewal thereof, every 3 years after
27 the attainment of the licensee's 75th birthday. Provides
28 for a 3-year license for drivers over 75 years of age.
29 See bill for details.
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