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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to driver licenses; amending s. 322.18,
3 F.S.; eliminating an age requirement relating to vision
4 tests; requiring a vision test for all renewals of a
5 license; providing for submission of test results by a
6 physician, ophthalmologist, or optometrist; requiring such
7 submission prior to a licensee using certain renewal
8 procedures; limiting the duration of licenses issued to
9 applicants in specified age ranges; amending s. 322.21,
10 F.S.; providing a schedule of reduced renewal fees for
11 persons who must renew specified licenses more frequently
12 due to their age; providing an effective date.

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

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16 Section 1. Subsections (2) and (5) of section 322.18,
17 Florida Statutes, are amended, and subsection (10) is added to
18 that section, to read:

19 322.18 Original applications, licenses, and renewals;
20 expiration of licenses; delinquent licenses.--

21 (2) Except as limited by subsection (10), each applicant
22 who is entitled to the issuance of a driver's license, as
23 provided in this section, shall be issued a driver's license, as
24 follows:

25 (a) An applicant applying for an original issuance shall
26 be issued a driver's license which expires at midnight on the
27 licensee's birthday which next occurs on or after the sixth
28 anniversary of the date of issue.

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29 (b) An applicant applying for a renewal issuance or
30 renewal extension shall be issued a driver's license or renewal
31 extension sticker which expires at midnight on the licensee's
32 birthday which next occurs 4 years after the month of expiration
33 of the license being renewed, except that a driver whose driving
34 record reflects no convictions for the preceding 3 years shall
35 be issued a driver's license or renewal extension sticker which
36 expires at midnight on the licensee's birthday which next occurs
37 6 years after the month of expiration of the license being
38 renewed.

39 (c) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter,
40 if an applicant establishes his or her identity for a driver's
41 license using a document authorized under s. 322.08(2)(c)5., the
42 driver's license shall expire in accordance with paragraph (b).
43 After an initial showing of such documentation, he or she is
44 exempted from having to renew or obtain a duplicate in person.

45 (d) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter,
46 if an applicant establishes his or her identity for a driver's
47 license using a document authorized in s. 322.08(2)(c)6. or 7.,
48 the driver's license shall expire 2 years after the date of
49 issuance or upon the expiration date cited on the United States
50 Department of Homeland Security documents, whichever date first
51 occurs.

52 (e) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter,
53 an applicant applying for an original or renewal issuance of a
54 commercial driver's license as defined in s. 322.01(7), with a
55 hazardous-materials endorsement, pursuant to s. 322.57(1)(e),
56 shall be issued a driver's license that expires at midnight on

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57 the licensee's birthday that next occurs 4 years after the month
58 of expiration of the license being issued or renewed.

59 (5) All renewal driver's licenses may be issued after the
60 applicant licensee has been determined to be eligible by the
61 department.

62 (a) A licensee who is otherwise eligible for renewal ~~and~~
63 ~~who is over 79 years of age:~~

64 1. Must submit to and pass a vision test administered at
65 any driver's license office; or

66 2. Must, if the licensee applies for an extension by mail
67 as provided in subsection (8), ~~must~~ submit to a vision test
68 administered by a physician or ophthalmologist licensed under
69 chapter 458 or chapter 459, or an optometrist licensed under
70 chapter 463, no more than 6 months prior to the date of the
71 application for extension, must send the results of that test to
72 the department on a form obtained from the department and signed
73 by such health care practitioner, and must meet vision standards
74 that are equivalent to the standards for passing the
75 departmental vision test. The physician, ophthalmologist, or
76 optometrist may submit the results of a vision test by a
77 department-approved electronic means.

78 (b) A licensee ~~who is over 79 years of age~~ may not submit
79 an application for extension under subsection (8) by electronic
80 or telephonic means, unless the results of a vision test have
81 been electronically submitted in advance by the physician,
82 ophthalmologist, or optometrist.

83 (10) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter,
84 an applicant 70 years of age or older on the date of application

85 shall receive the original issuance or renewal to which he or
86 she is otherwise entitled, but for no longer than the duration
87 provided in this paragraph. The duration of a license issued to
88 an applicant whose age is within any of the following ranges
89 shall be as follows:

90 (a) At least 70 but less than 80 years old 3 years.

91 (b) At least 80 but less than 90 years old 2 years.

92 (c) At least 90 years old 1 year.

93 Section 2. Paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of section
94 322.21, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

95 322.21 License fees; procedure for handling and collecting
96 fees.--

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

98 (c) The renewal or extension of a Class E driver's license
99 or of a license restricted to motorcycle use only is based on
100 the duration of the license, as provided in s. 322.18(2) and
101 (10), as follows:

102 1. Four or 6 years \$15.

103 2. Three years \$7.50.

104 3. Two years \$5.

105 4. One year \$2.50.

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107 ~~\$15, except that~~ A delinquent fee of \$1 shall be added for a
108 renewal or extension made not more than 12 months after the
109 license expiration date. The fee provided in this paragraph
110 shall include the fee for driver's education provided by s.
111 1003.48.

112 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006.