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CHAMBER ACTION

1 The Transportation Committee recommends the following:

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3 **Council/Committee Substitute**

4 Remove the entire bill and insert:

5 A bill to be entitled

6 An act relating to driver licenses; amending s. 322.18,
7 F.S.; limiting the duration of licenses issued to certain
8 applicants; providing expiration, examination, and renewal
9 requirements for driver's licenses issued to persons over
10 a specified age; providing renewal fee waivers for certain
11 licenses; eliminating an age requirement relating to
12 vision tests; requiring a vision test for all renewals of
13 a license; providing for submission of test results by a
14 physician, ophthalmologist, or optometrist; requiring such
15 submission prior to a licensee using certain renewal
16 procedures; providing an effective date.

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

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20 Section 1. Paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (2) and
21 paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (5) of section 322.18,
22 Florida Statutes, are amended, and paragraph (f) is added to
23 subsection (2) of that section, to read:

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CODING: Words ~~stricken~~ are deletions; words underlined are additions.

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24 322.18 Original applications, licenses, and renewals;
25 expiration of licenses; delinquent licenses.--

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

29 (a) An applicant applying for an original issuance shall
30 be issued a driver's license which expires at midnight on the
31 licensee's birthday which next occurs on or after the sixth
32 anniversary of the date of issue. However, a driver's license
33 may not be issued for a period that exceeds an applicant's 80th
34 birthday, except as provided in paragraph (f).

35 (b) An applicant applying for a renewal issuance or
36 renewal extension shall be issued a driver's license or renewal
37 extension sticker which expires at midnight on the licensee's
38 birthday which next occurs 4 years after the month of expiration
39 of the license being renewed, except that a driver whose driving
40 record reflects no convictions for the preceding 3 years shall
41 be issued a driver's license or renewal extension sticker which
42 expires at midnight on the licensee's birthday which next occurs
43 6 years after the month of expiration of the license being
44 renewed. However, a driver's license may not be issued for a
45 period that exceeds an applicant's 80th birthday, except as
46 provided in paragraph (f).

47 (f) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter,
48 the driver's license of any person expires at midnight on the
49 licensee's 80th birthday. A license issued to a person after
50 that person's 80th birthday shall expire at midnight on the
51 licensee's birthday that next occurs 4 years after the month of

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52 expiration of the license being renewed. A driver's license that
53 expires pursuant to this paragraph may be renewed up to 12
54 months before the 80th birthday if the applicant applying for
55 renewal passes an eye and hearing examination as provided in s.
56 322.121. Renewal fees for all driver's licenses that expire
57 pursuant to this paragraph are waived if the applicant has a
58 valid driver's license held for fewer than 4 years.

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 12 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

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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 | Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006.