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HOUSE BILL 515

44TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1999

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES; AUTHORIZING OPTIONAL EIGHT-YEAR
TERMS FOR THE ISSUANCE OF DRIVER'S LICENSES AND IDENTIFICATION
CARDS; PRESCRIBING FEES; AMENDING SECTIONS OF THE MOTOR
VEHICLE CODE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. Section 66-5-21 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1978,
Chapter 35, Section 243, as amended) is amended to read:

"66-5-21. EXPIRATION OF LICENSE-- FOUR-YEAR ISSUANCE
PERIOD- - EIGHT-YEAR ISSUANCE PERIOD. --

A. Except as provided in Subsection B of this
section, Section 66-5-19 NMSA 1978 and Section 66-5-67 NMSA
1978, all driver's licenses shall be issued for a period of
four years [~~except those provided for in Section 66-5-19 NMSA-~~
~~1978 and as otherwise provided in Section 66-5-67 NMSA 1978-~~]

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1 and each license shall expire thirty days after the
2 applicant's birthday in the fourth year after the effective
3 date of the license. A license issued pursuant to Section
4 66-5-19 NMSA 1978 shall expire thirty days after the
5 applicant's birthday in the year in which the license expires.
6 Each license is renewable within ninety days prior to its
7 expiration or at an earlier date approved by the department.
8 The fee for the license shall be as provided in Section
9 66-5-44 NMSA 1978. The department may provide for renewal by
10 mail of a driver's license issued pursuant to the provisions
11 of this subsection, pursuant to rules adopted by the
12 department and may require an examination upon renewal of the
13 driver's license.

14 B. At the option of an applicant, a driver's
15 license may be issued for a period of eight years, provided
16 that the applicant:

17 (1) pays the amount required for a driver's
18 license issued for a term of eight years;

19 (2) otherwise qualifies for a four-year
20 driver's license; and

21 (3) will not reach the age of seventy-five
22 during the last four years of the eight-year license period.

23 C. A driver's license issued pursuant to the
24 provisions of Subsection B of this section shall expire thirty
25 days after the applicant's birthday in the eighth year after

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1 the effective date of the license. "

2 Section 2. Section 66-5-44 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1978,
3 Chapter 35, Section 266, as amended) is amended to read:

4 "66-5-44. LICENSES AND PERMITS--DURATION AND FEE--
5 APPROPRIATION.--

6 A. There shall be paid to the [~~division~~]
7 department a fee of ten dollars (\$10.00) for each driver's
8 license or duplicate driver's license, except that for a
9 driver's license issued for an eight-year period, a fee of
10 twenty dollars (\$20.00) shall be paid to the department. Each
11 license shall be for a term provided for in Section 66-5-21
12 NMSA 1978.

13 B. For each permit and instruction permit, there
14 shall be paid to the [~~division~~] department a fee of two
15 dollars (\$2.00). The term for each permit shall be as
16 provided in Sections 66-5-8 and 66-5-9 NMSA 1978.

17 C. The director with the approval of the governor
18 may increase the amount of the fees provided for in this
19 section by an amount not to exceed three dollars (\$3.00) for
20 the purpose of implementing an enhanced driver's license
21 system; provided that for a driver's license issued for an
22 eight-year period, the amount of the fees shall be twice the
23 amount charged for other driver's licenses. The additional
24 amounts collected pursuant to this subsection are appropriated
25 to the [~~division~~] department to defray the expense of the new

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1 system of licensing.

2 D. There shall be paid to the [~~division~~
3 department a driver safety fee of three dollars (\$3.00) for
4 each driver's license or duplicate driver's license, except
5 that for a driver's license issued for an eight-year period, a
6 fee of six dollars (\$6.00) shall be paid to the department.
7 The fee shall be distributed to each school district for the
8 purpose of providing defensive driving instruction through the
9 state equalization guarantee distribution made annually
10 pursuant to the general appropriation act."

11 Section 3. Section 66-5-67 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1989,
12 Chapter 14, Section 16, as amended) is amended to read:

13 "66-5-67. EXPIRATION AND RENEWAL--STAGGERED LICENSING
14 DURING IMPLEMENTATION PERIOD.--

15 A. Except as provided in Subsection C of this
16 section, [~~the~~] a commercial driver's license issued pursuant
17 to the provisions of the New Mexico Commercial Driver's
18 License Act shall expire thirty days after the applicant's
19 birthday in the fourth year after the effective date of the
20 license.

21 B. The license is renewable within ninety days
22 prior to its expiration or at an earlier date as approved by
23 the secretary.

24 [~~C. During the period from the effective date of~~
25 ~~this 1992 act through December 31, 1993, the department may~~

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1 ~~establish expiration dates for commercial driver's licenses~~
2 ~~that differ from the provisions set forth in Subsection A of~~
3 ~~this section for the purpose of evening the pattern of~~
4 ~~expirations. The fee imposed under Section 66-5-44 NMSA 1978~~
5 ~~for a commercial driver's license shall be prorated for~~
6 ~~commercial driver's licenses issued under this subsection;~~
7 ~~provided that twenty-five percent of the fee shall be charged~~
8 ~~for each twelve-month period or portion thereof for which a~~
9 ~~commercial driver's license is issued.]~~

10 C. At the option of an applicant, a commercial
11 driver's license may be issued for a period of eight years,
12 provided that the applicant:

13 (1) pays the amount required for a commercial
14 driver's license issued for a term of eight years;

15 (2) otherwise qualifies for a four-year
16 commercial driver's license; and

17 (3) will not reach the age of seventy-five
18 during the last four years of the eight-year license period.

19 D. A driver's license issued pursuant to the
20 provisions of Subsection C of this section shall expire thirty
21 days after the applicant's birthday in the eighth year after
22 the effective date of the license. "

23 Section 4. Section 66-5-403 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1973,
24 Chapter 269, Section 3) is amended to read:

25 "66-5-403. EXPIRATION OF IDENTIFICATION CARDS--

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1 DURATION. --

2 A. Except as provided in Subsection B of this
3 section, every identification card shall be issued for a
4 period not to exceed four years and shall expire on the last
5 day of the month of the identified person's birth in the
6 fourth year after the effective date of the identification
7 card. The identification card may be renewed within ninety
8 days prior to its expiration.

9 B. At the option of the applicant for an
10 identification card, a card may be issued for a period of
11 eight years, provided that the applicant pays the amount
12 required for an identification card issued for a term of eight
13 years. An identification card issued pursuant to the
14 provisions of this subsection shall expire on the last day of
15 the month of the applicant's birth in the eighth year after
16 the effective date of the identification card. The
17 identification card may be renewed within ninety days prior to
18 its expiration."

19 Section 5. Section 66-5-408 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1978,
20 Chapter 35, Section 335, as amended) is amended to read:

21 "66-5-408. FEES. --

22 A. Upon application for an identification card
23 with a four-year term, there shall be paid to the [division]
24 department a fee of five dollars (\$5.00). [but no] Upon
25 application for an identification card with an eight-year

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1 term, there shall be paid to the department a fee of ten
2 dollars (\$10.00). A fee shall not be charged to an applicant
3 for an identification card if the applicant is at least
4 seventy-five years of age.

5 B. The department with the approval of the
6 governor may increase the amount of the identification card
7 fee by an amount not to exceed three dollars (\$3.00) for the
8 purpose of implementing an enhanced licensing system; provided
9 that for an identification card issued for an eight-year
10 period, the amount of the fee shall be twice the amount
11 charged for other identification cards. The additional
12 amounts collected pursuant to this subsection are appropriated
13 to the [~~division~~] department to defray the expense of the new
14 system of licensing. "

15 Section 6. EFFECTIVE DATE. --The effective date of the
16 provisions of this act is July 1, 1999.

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Excused: Mohorovic, Whitaker
Absent: None

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Mr. President:

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