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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, further providing for the expiration and renewal of
3 drivers' licenses and learners' permits.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Section 1514 of Title 75, act of November 25,
7 1970 (P.L.707, No.230), known as the Pennsylvania Consolidated
8 Statutes is amended to read:

9 § 1514. Expiration and renewal of drivers' licenses.

10 (a) General rule.--Every driver's license shall expire in
11 the month of the licensee's birthdate at intervals of not more
12 than four years as may be determined by the department. Every
13 license shall be renewable on or before its expiration upon
14 application, payment of the required fee, and satisfactory
15 completion of any examination required or authorized by this
16 chapter.

17 (b) Examination of applicants for renewal.--The department
18 may require persons applying for renewal of a driver's license

1 to take and successfully pass [a physical examination or a
2 vision examination by an optometrist or ophthalmologist, or both
3 examinations,] one or more of the examinations and tests
4 authorized under this subchapter if the department has reason to
5 believe, either based on knowledge of the person or on
6 statistical inference, that the person may be a traffic safety
7 hazard. [The department may require the applicant to take and
8 successfully pass such additional tests as the department may
9 find reasonably necessary to determine the applicant's
10 qualification according to the type or general class of license
11 applied for and such examination may include any or all of the
12 other tests required or authorized upon original application by
13 section 1508 (relating to examination of applicant for driver's
14 license).]

15 (1) A vision examination may be administered by an
16 optometrist or an ophthalmologist or may be administered at
17 an official examination station.

18 (2) Upon refusal or neglect of the person to submit to
19 [the] any examination, the [driver's license shall not be
20 renewed] operating privilege shall be suspended until such
21 time as the examination is successfully completed.

22 (3) For the purposes of this section, renewal shall
23 include application for a driver's license after a lapse of
24 not more than four years.

25 (c) Reexamination requested by court.--The department shall
26 reexamine any person when requested to do so by a court. Upon
27 the conclusion of such examination, the department may take any
28 of the actions described in subsection (b) and shall report its
29 findings and action to the court if such report is requested.

30 (d) Military personnel and dependents.--Notwithstanding

1 subsection (a), a driver's license held by any person who enters
2 or is on active service in the armed forces of the United States
3 or the spouse or dependent child of the member of the armed
4 forces who resides with such person shall continue in full force
5 and effect so long as the active service continues and the
6 person is absent from this Commonwealth, and for a further
7 period of 45 days following the date of the person's discharge
8 or separation from active service or return to this
9 Commonwealth, unless the driver's license is sooner suspended,
10 cancelled or revoked for cause according to law. A driver's
11 license which otherwise would have expired under subsection (a)
12 shall be valid only if the licensee has in immediate possession,
13 together with the driver's license, papers indicating actual
14 service outside this Commonwealth, or discharge or separation,
15 as the case may be, or proof thereof if a spouse or child.

16 (e) Learner's permit upon examination failure.--Any driver
17 or applicant who fails any driving examination required or
18 authorized under subsection (b) or (c) may be issued a special
19 learner's permit authorizing that person to drive only a motor
20 vehicle equipped with dual operating controls or devices while
21 being accompanied by an instructor of an approved driver
22 training program. Upon successful completion of an approved
23 driver training program, the driver or applicant shall be
24 afforded a special examination by such agencies as the
25 department may direct and upon successful completion of the
26 examination the operating privilege shall be restored.

27 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.