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Introduced by M. of A. ORTIZ, P. RIVERA, SEMINERIO, COLTON, ROBINSON -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. JOHN, WEISENBERG -- read once and referred to the Committee on Transportation

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to the issuance, form and expiration of licenses and identification cards for persons less than twenty-one years of age

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 504 of the vehicle and traffic law is amended by adding a new paragraph (c) to read as follows:

(C) EVERY LICENSE OR RENEWAL THEREOF ISSUED TO A PERSON LESS THAN TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE SHALL BE PORTRAIT OR VERTICAL IN FORM AND EVERY LICENSE OR RENEWAL THEREOF ISSUED TO A PERSON TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE OR OVER SHALL BE LANDSCAPE OR HORIZONTAL IN FORM. IN THE CASE OF A LICENSEE WHO IS LESS THAN TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE, THE LICENSE ISSUED SHALL CONTAIN THE DATE ON WHICH THE LICENSEE WILL BECOME TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE.

S 2. Subdivision 1 of section 503 of the vehicle and traffic law is amended by adding a new paragraph (c) to read as follows:

(C) A LICENSE ISSUED PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH (C) OF SUBDIVISION ONE OF SECTION FIVE HUNDRED FOUR OF THIS CHAPTER SHALL EXPIRE ON THE LICENSEE'S TWENTY-FIRST BIRTHDAY UNLESS OTHERWISE SUSPENDED OR REVOKED.

S 3. Subdivision 3 of section 490 of the vehicle and traffic law is amended by adding a new paragraph (d) to read as follows:

(D) EVERY IDENTIFICATION CARD OR RENEWAL THEREOF ISSUED TO A PERSON LESS THAN TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE SHALL BE PORTRAIT OR VERTICAL IN FORM AND EVERY IDENTIFICATION CARD OR RENEWAL THEREOF ISSUED TO A PERSON TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE OR OVER SHALL BE LANDSCAPE OR HORIZONTAL IN FORM. IN THE CASE OF A PERSON WHO IS LESS THAN TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE, THE IDENTIFICATION CARD ISSUED SHALL CONTAIN THE DATE ON WHICH THE PERSON WILL BECOME TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE.

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [ ] is old law to be omitted.

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S 4. Subdivision 1 of section 491 of the vehicle and traffic law, as amended by chapter 580 of the laws of 1994, is amended to read as follows:

1. Period of validity. An identification card shall be valid from the date of issuance until the date of expiration determined by the commissioner, except that (a) any person sixty-two years of age or older or (b) any recipient of supplemental security income benefits defined in section two hundred eight of the social services law, shall be eligible for a card which expires ten years after the date of issuance. Such dates of issuance and expiration shall be noted on the identification card. However, the prior identification card shall expire on the date of issuance of a renewal of such prior identification card. The commissioner may extend the period of validity of an identification card in a manner and form prescribed by the commissioner. AN IDENTIFICATION CARD ISSUED TO A PERSON PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH (D) OF SUBDIVISION THREE OF SECTION FOUR HUNDRED NINETY OF THIS ARTICLE, SHALL EXPIRE ON THE PERSON'S TWENTY-FIRST BIRTHDAY UNLESS OTHERWISE SUSPENDED OR REVOKED.

S 5. The department of motor vehicles shall make all reasonable efforts to replace licenses and identification cards issued prior to the effective date of this act to persons less than twenty-one years of age within eighteen months of the effective date of this act.

S 6. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after it shall have become a law; provided, however, that effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized and directed to be made and completed on or before such effective date.