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AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to photo images used on driver's licenses

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

1 Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 6 of section 502 of the vehi-
2 cle and traffic law, as amended by chapter 81 of the laws of 1995, is
3 amended to read as follows:
4 (a) A license issued pursuant to subdivision five of this section
5 shall be valid until the expiration date contained thereon, unless such
6 license is suspended, revoked or cancelled. Such license may be renewed
7 by submission of an application for renewal, the fee prescribed by law,
8 proofs of prior licensing, fitness and acceptable vision prescribed by
9 the commissioner, the applicant's social security number, and if
10 required by the commissioner a photo image of the applicant in such
11 numbers and form as the commissioner shall prescribe, PROVIDED THAT NO
12 PHOTO IMAGE USED ON A DRIVER'S LICENSE IS MORE THAN EIGHT YEARS OLD. In
13 addition, an applicant for renewal of a license containing a hazardous
14 material endorsement shall pass an examination to retain such endorse-
15 ment. A renewal of such license shall be issued by the commissioner upon
16 approval of such application, except that no such license shall be
17 issued if its issuance would be inconsistent with the provisions of
18 section five hundred sixteen of this chapter, and except that the
19 commissioner may refuse to renew such license if the applicant is the
20 holder of a currently valid or renewable license to drive issued by
21 another state or foreign country unless the applicant surrenders such
22 license.
23 S 2. Paragraph (b) of subdivision 1 of section 504 of the vehicle and
24 traffic law, as amended by chapter 406 of the laws of 2001, is amended
25 to read as follows:

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

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1 (b) The commissioner may by regulation provide that every driver's
2 license contain the photo image of the licensee, PROVIDED THAT NO PHOTO
3 IMAGE USED ON A DRIVER'S LICENSE IS MORE THAN EIGHT YEARS OLD. The
4 learner's permit may also contain the photo image of the permittee
5 pursuant to regulations established by the commissioner.

6 S 3. This act shall take effect one year after it shall have become a
7 law.