

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

March 24, 2020

Introduced by M. of A. SIMOTAS -- read once and referred to the Committee on Transportation

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to extending the validity of drivers' licenses that expire between April 1, 2020 and July 1, 2020; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon expiration thereof

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Subdivision 6 of section 502 of the vehicle and traffic
2 law, as added by chapter 780 of the laws of 1972, paragraph (a) as
3 amended by chapter 37 of the laws of 2019 and paragraph (b) as amended
4 by chapter 173 of the laws of 1990, is amended to read as follows:

5 6. Renewal of license. (a) A license issued pursuant to subdivision
6 five of this section shall be valid until the expiration date contained
7 thereon, unless such license is suspended, revoked or cancelled, or
8 unless the validity of such license is extended under paragraph (c) of
9 this subdivision. Such license may be renewed by submission of an appli-
10 cation for renewal, the fee prescribed by law, proofs of prior licens-
11 ing, fitness and acceptable vision prescribed by the commissioner, the
12 applicant's social security number or, in lieu thereof, with respect to
13 an application for a non-commercial driver's license or learner's permit
14 which does not meet federal standards for identification, an affidavit
15 signed by such applicant that they have not been issued a social securi-
16 ty number, and if required by the commissioner, a photo image of the
17 applicant in such numbers and form as the commissioner shall prescribe.
18 In addition, an applicant for renewal of a license containing a hazard-
19 ous material endorsement shall pass an examination to retain such
20 endorsement. The commissioner shall, with respect to the renewal of a
21 hazardous materials endorsement, comply with the requirements imposed
22 upon states by sections 383.141 and 1572.13 of title 49 of the code of
23 federal regulations. A renewal of such license shall be issued by the
24 commissioner upon approval of such application, except that no such
25 license shall be issued if its issuance would be inconsistent with the
26 provisions of section five hundred sixteen of this title, and except

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

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1 that the commissioner may refuse to renew such license if the applicant
2 is the holder of a currently valid or renewable license to drive issued
3 by another state or foreign country unless the applicant surrenders such
4 license.

5 (b) Time for renewal. A renewal license may only be issued if an
6 application for such license is filed within two years from the date of
7 expiration of the prior license. Such application may be filed prior to
8 the expiration of the license being renewed for a period of time as
9 provided by regulation of the commissioner.

10 (c) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, a license
11 issued pursuant to subdivision five of this section that contains an
12 expiration date between and including the dates of April first, two
13 thousand twenty and July first, two thousand twenty, shall be valid for
14 an additional three months beyond the expiration date contained on such
15 license. A licensee renewing a license pursuant to this paragraph shall
16 not be subject to a fine under subdivision eleven of section five
17 hundred nine of this article, despite such renewal being after the expi-
18 ration date contained on such license.

19 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire October
20 2, 2020 when upon such date the provisions of this act shall be deemed
21 repealed.