

STATE OF NEW YORK

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2019-2020 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

April 17, 2019

Introduced by Sen. GOUNARDES -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Transportation -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to requiring a written exam upon renewal of a driver's license

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 vehicle and traffic law, as amended by section 3 of part K of chapter 59 of the laws of 2009, is amended to read as follows:

2 (a) A license issued pursuant to subdivision five of this section
3 shall be valid until the expiration date contained thereon, unless such
4 license is suspended, revoked or cancelled. Such license may be renewed
5 by submission of an application for renewal, the fee prescribed by law,
6 proofs of prior licensing, fitness and acceptable vision prescribed by
7 the commissioner, the applicant's social security number, and if
8 required by the commissioner a photo image of the applicant in such
9 numbers and form as the commissioner shall prescribe. In addition, the
10 commissioner shall require an applicant for renewal to pass a written
11 examination with respect to the laws relating to traffic and other
12 matters as the commissioner may prescribe including, but not limited to
13 those subjects set forth in subdivision four of this section. The
14 commissioner may provide for applicants to complete such examination
15 online or in person. In addition, an applicant for renewal of a license
16 containing a hazardous material endorsement shall pass an examination to
17 retain such endorsement. The commissioner shall, with respect to the
18 renewal of a hazardous materials endorsement, comply with the require-
19 ments imposed upon states by sections 383.141 and 1572.13 of title 49 of
20 the code of federal regulations. A renewal of such license shall be
21 issued by the commissioner upon approval of such application, except
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EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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1 that no such license shall be issued if its issuance would be inconsist-
2 ent with the provisions of section five hundred sixteen of this title,
3 and except that the commissioner may refuse to renew such license if the
4 applicant is the holder of a currently valid or renewable license to
5 drive issued by another state or foreign country unless the applicant
6 surrenders such license.

7 § 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after
8 it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amend-
9 ment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implemen-
10 tation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and
11 completed on or before such effective date.