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Introduced by Sens. JORDAN, GALLIVAN, GOUNARDES, PERSAUD, TEDISCO --  
read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to  
the Committee on Transportation

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to requiring an  
updated photo for the renewal of a driver's license

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assem-  
bly, 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 37 of the laws of 2019, 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 or, in lieu  
10 thereof, with respect to an application for a non-commercial driver's  
11 license or learner's permit which does not meet federal standards for  
12 identification, an affidavit signed by such applicant that they have not  
13 been issued a social security number, and [~~if required by the commis-~~  
14 ~~sioner,~~] a photo image of the applicant in such numbers and form as the  
15 commissioner shall prescribe. In addition, an applicant for renewal of a  
16 license containing a hazardous material endorsement shall pass an exam-  
17 ination to retain such endorsement. The commissioner shall, with respect  
18 to the renewal of a hazardous materials endorsement, comply with the  
19 requirements imposed upon states by sections 383.141 and 1572.13 of  
20 title 49 of the code of federal regulations. A renewal of such license  
21 shall be issued by the commissioner upon approval of such application,  
22 except that no such license shall be issued if its issuance would be  
23 inconsistent with the provisions of section five hundred sixteen of this  
24 title, and except that the commissioner may refuse to renew such license

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

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1 if the applicant is the holder of a currently valid or renewable license  
2 to drive issued by another state or foreign country unless the applicant  
3 surrenders such license.  
4 § 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall  
5 have become a law.