

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. LANZA -- 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 applicants for the renewal of a driver's license to complete a vision test

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 chapter 37 of the laws of 2019, 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 or, in lieu  
8 thereof, with respect to an application for a non-commercial driver's  
9 license or learner's permit which does not meet federal standards for  
10 identification, an affidavit signed by such applicant that they have not  
11 been issued a social security number, and if required by the commissioner,  
12 a photo image of the applicant in such numbers and form as the  
13 commissioner shall prescribe. Such proof of acceptable vision shall  
14 require the applicant to pass a vision test administered by the commis-  
15 sioner or his or her agent, or to submit a certification, signed by a  
16 physician, physician assistant, nurse practitioner, optometrist or opti-  
17 cian, attesting that the applicant has adequate vision to operate a  
18 motor vehicle as determined by the commissioner. In addition, an appli-  
19 cant for renewal of a license containing a hazardous material endorse-  
20 ment shall pass an examination to retain such endorsement. The commis-  
21 sioner shall, with respect to the renewal of a hazardous materials  
22 endorsement, comply with the requirements imposed upon states by  
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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 sections 383.141 and 1572.13 of title 49 of the code of federal regu-  
2 lations. A renewal of such license shall be issued by the commissioner  
3 upon approval of such application, except that no such license shall be  
4 issued if its issuance would be inconsistent with the provisions of  
5 section five hundred sixteen of this title, and except that the commis-  
6 sioner may refuse to renew such license if the applicant is the holder  
7 of a currently valid or renewable license to drive issued by another  
8 state or foreign country unless the applicant surrenders such license.  
9 § 2. This act shall take effect on the sixtieth day after it shall  
10 have become a law.