

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

## IN ASSEMBLY

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

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to the length of time that a person on a visa can hold a driver's license, learner's permit or non-driver identification card

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 503 of the vehicle and traffic law  
2 is amended by adding a new paragraph (c) to read as follows:

3 (c) Whenever a driver's license or learner's permit issued pursuant to  
4 this article, or a privilege of operating a motor vehicle or of obtain-  
5 ing such a license or permit has been issued to a noncitizen who has  
6 been issued a visa, such driver's license or learner's permit shall  
7 expire upon the expiration of the visa or upon the date the driver's  
8 license or learner's permit would otherwise expire under this chapter,  
9 whichever date first occurs. If the driver's license or learner's  
10 permit of a noncitizen with a visa expires before the noncitizen's visa  
11 expires then the noncitizen can renew such license or permit upon show-  
12 ing the department proof of a valid visa.

13 § 2. Section 491 of the vehicle and traffic law is amended by adding a  
14 new subdivision 1-a to read as follows:

15 1-a. Period of validity; visa. Whenever an identification card issued  
16 by the department has been issued to a noncitizen who has been issued a  
17 visa, such identification card shall expire upon the expiration of the  
18 visa or upon the date the identification card would otherwise expire  
19 under this chapter, whichever date first occurs. If the identification  
20 card of a noncitizen with a visa expires before the noncitizen's visa  
21 expires then the noncitizen can renew such identification card upon  
22 showing the department proof of a valid visa.

23 § 3. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall  
24 have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment  
25 and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation  
26 of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and  
27 completed on or before such effective date.

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

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