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**H. F. No. 4162**

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Transportation Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to drivers; extending driver's license expiration dates to every eight years;

1.3 amending Minnesota Statutes 2020, sections 171.02, subdivision 3; 171.07,

1.4 subdivision 4; Minnesota Statutes 2021 Supplement, sections 171.071, subdivision

1.5 4; 171.27, subdivisions 1, 2.

1.6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 171.02, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

1.8 Subd. 3. **Motorized bicycle.** (a) A motorized bicycle may not be operated on any public

1.9 roadway by any person who does not possess a valid driver's license, unless the person has

1.10 obtained a motorized bicycle operator's permit or motorized bicycle instruction permit from

1.11 the commissioner of public safety. The operator's permit may be issued to any person who

1.12 has attained the age of 15 years and who has passed the examination prescribed by the

1.13 commissioner. The instruction permit may be issued to any person who has attained the age

1.14 of 15 years and who has successfully completed an approved safety course and passed the

1.15 written portion of the examination prescribed by the commissioner.

1.16 (b) This course must consist of, but is not limited to, a basic understanding of:

1.17 (1) motorized bicycles and their limitations;

1.18 (2) motorized bicycle laws and rules;

1.19 (3) safe operating practices and basic operating techniques;

1.20 (4) helmets and protective clothing;

1.21 (5) motorized bicycle traffic strategies; and

1.22 (6) effects of alcohol and drugs on motorized bicycle operators.

(c) The commissioner may adopt rules prescribing the content of the safety course, examination, and the information to be contained on the permits. A person operating a motorized bicycle under a motorized bicycle permit is subject to the restrictions imposed by section 169.974, subdivision 2, on operation of a motorcycle under a two-wheel instruction permit.

(d) The fees for motorized bicycle operator's permits are as follows:

(1) Motorized bicycle operator's permit before age 21 and valid until age 21	\$ 9.75
(2) Renewal permit age 21 or older and valid for <del>four</del> <u>eight</u> years	\$ 15.75
(3) Duplicate of any renewal permit	\$ 5.25
(4) Written examination and instruction permit, valid for 30 days	\$ 6.75

**EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2022, and applies to new or renewal applications for driver's licenses or identification cards submitted on or after that date.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 171.07, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

Subd. 4. **Identification card expiration.** (a) Except as otherwise provided in this subdivision, the expiration date of a Minnesota identification card is the birthday of the applicant in the ~~fourth~~ eighth year following the date of issuance of the card.

~~(b) For an applicant age 65 or older;~~

~~(1) the expiration date of a Minnesota identification card is the birthday of the applicant in the eighth year following the date of issuance of the card; or~~

~~(2) a noncompliant identification card is valid for the lifetime of the applicant.~~

~~(c) For the purposes of paragraph (b), "Minnesota identification card" does not include an enhanced identification card issued to an applicant age 65 or older.~~

~~(d)~~ (b) The expiration date for an Under-21 identification card is the cardholder's 21st birthday. The commissioner ~~shall~~ must issue an identification card to a holder of an Under-21 identification card who applies for the card, pays the required fee, and presents proof of identity and age, unless the commissioner determines that the applicant is not qualified for the identification card.

~~(e)~~ (c) Notwithstanding paragraphs (a) ~~to (d)~~ and (b), the expiration date for an identification card issued to a person with temporary lawful status is the last day of the

person's legal stay in the United States, or one year after issuance if the last day of the person's legal stay is not identified.

**EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2022, and applies to new or renewal applications for driver's licenses or identification cards submitted on or after that date.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2021 Supplement, section 171.071, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

Subd. 4. **Variance for homebound individuals.** (a) Notwithstanding section 171.07 or Minnesota Rules, part 7410.1810, the commissioner may grant a variance from the photograph requirements for a noncompliant identification card if: (1) the individual is homebound as defined in paragraph (b); (2) the individual has submitted proof of homebound status; and (3) the department has a photograph of the applicant on file that was taken within the last ~~four~~ eight years or during the most recent renewal cycle or the applicant has submitted a photograph to the department that meets the requirements of section 171.07, Minnesota Rules, part 7410.1810, subpart 1, and other technical requirements established by the commissioner, such as background color and electronic file size, to ensure the image can be used on a credential and conforms with images taken by the department. Applicants granted a photograph variance under this subdivision are not required to appear in person to have a new photograph taken.

(b) For purposes of this subdivision, "homebound" means the individual is unable to leave the individual's residence due to a medical, physical, or mental health condition or infirmity as documented in writing by a physician, case worker, or social worker.

**EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2022, and applies to new or renewal applications for driver's licenses or identification cards submitted on or after that date.

Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2021 Supplement, section 171.27, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Expiration.** (a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, the expiration date for each driver's license is the birthday of the driver in the ~~fourth~~ eight year following the date of issuance of the license. The birthday of the driver ~~shall~~ must be as indicated on the application for a driver's license. A license may be renewed on or before expiration or within one year after expiration upon application, payment of the required fee, and passing the examination required of all drivers for renewal. Driving privileges ~~shall~~ must be extended

or renewed on or preceding the expiration date of an existing driver's license unless the commissioner believes that the licensee is no longer qualified as a driver.

(b) The expiration date for each under-21 license ~~shall~~ must be the 21st birthday of the licensee. Upon the licensee attaining the age of 21 and upon the application, payment of the required fee, and passing the examination required of all drivers for renewal, a driver's license ~~shall~~ must be issued unless the commissioner determines that the licensee is no longer qualified as a driver.

(c) The expiration date for each provisional license is two years after the date of application for the provisional license.

(d) Notwithstanding paragraphs (a) to (c), the expiration date for a license issued to a person with temporary lawful status is the last day of the person's legal stay in the United States, or one year after issuance if the last day of the person's legal stay is not identified.

**EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2022, and applies to new or renewal applications for driver's licenses or identification cards submitted on or after that date.

Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2021 Supplement, section 171.27, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **Extension of expiration.** (a) For purposes of this subdivision, "eligible individual" means:

(1) a person then or subsequently serving outside Minnesota in active military service, as defined in section 190.05, subdivision 5, in any branch or unit of the armed forces of the United States;

(2) a person then or subsequently serving outside Minnesota as a volunteer in the Peace Corps;

(3) a person who is an employee of a federal department or agency and is assigned to foreign service outside of the United States; or

(4) a person residing outside of Minnesota because the person is a spouse, domestic partner, or dependent under age 26 of a person in clause (1), (2), or (3).

(b) A valid Minnesota driver's license issued to an eligible individual continues in full force and effect without requirement for renewal until the date one year following the person's separation or discharge from active military or volunteer service, or following the conclusion of assignment to foreign service outside the United States, and until the license

5.1 holder's birthday in the ~~fourth~~ eighth full year following the person's most recent license  
5.2 renewal or, in the case of a provisional license, until the person's birthday in the third full  
5.3 year following the renewal.

5.4 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2022, and applies to new or  
5.5 renewal applications for driver's licenses or identification cards submitted on or after that  
5.6 date.