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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1359

5 By: Representative Johnson  
6 By: Senator J. English  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE TIME PERIOD OF DRIVER'S LICENSE  
10 VALIDITY AND CERTAIN ISSUANCE FEES; AND FOR OTHER  
11 PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

15 TO AMEND THE TIME PERIOD OF DRIVER'S  
16 LICENSE VALIDITY AND CERTAIN ISSUANCE  
17 FEES.  
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 27-16-801(a)(1)(A), concerning the period of  
23 validity and fee for issuance of a Class D and Class M driver's license, is  
24 amended to read as follows:

25 (A) The Office of Motor Vehicle shall issue a Class D  
26 license or a Class M license to each qualified applicant for a period of ~~four~~  
27 ~~(4)~~ eight (8) years upon payment of ~~twelve dollars (\$12.00)~~ twenty-four  
28 dollars (\$24.00);  
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30 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code 27-16-801(e), concerning renewal and  
31 additional issuance fees for a driver's license, is amended to read as  
32 follows:

33 (e)(1) The office shall not charge an additional fee for the color  
34 photograph provided for in subsection (b) of this section for those  
35 applicants making a renewal application for the first time.

36 (2) In addition to the regular license fee, a fee of ~~one dollar~~



1 ~~(\$1.00)~~ two dollars (\$2.00) shall be charged for all subsequent renewals.

2 (3) All persons applying for an Arkansas license for the first  
 3 time and all persons who are required to take the driver's written  
 4 examination as provided for in this chapter shall be charged the additional  
 5 fee of one dollar (\$1.00).

6 (4) All persons who are required to have their eyesight tested  
 7 prior to initial licensing or upon subsequent license renewal as provided for  
 8 in this chapter shall be charged an additional fee of ~~one dollar (\$1.00)~~ two  
 9 dollars (\$2.00) upon issuance of the license.

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 11 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code 27-16-801(h)(1), concerning the fee charged  
 12 for issuance or renewal of Class D, Class M, or Class MD driver's licenses,  
 13 is amended to read as follows:

14 (h)(1) In addition to the license fees imposed in subsections (a) and  
 15 (e) of this section, a fee of ~~six dollars (\$6.00)~~ twelve dollars (\$12.00)  
 16 shall be charged for the issuance or renewal of any Class D, Class M, or  
 17 Class MD license.

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 19 SECTION 4. Arkansas Code 27-16-901(a)(1), concerning the expiration  
 20 and renewal of driver's licenses, is amended to read as follows:

21 (a)(1)(A) Except for the intermediate driver's license and the  
 22 learner's license, every driver's license shall expire at the end of the  
 23 month in which it was issued ~~four (4)~~ eight (8) years from its date of  
 24 initial issuance unless the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall provide, by  
 25 regulation, for some other staggered basis of expiration.

26 (B) A learner's license shall be issued for no more than a  
 27 two-year period and shall expire upon the driver's reaching sixteen (16)  
 28 years of age. Any person sixteen (16) years of age may apply for an  
 29 intermediate driver's license, provided that his or her driving record is  
 30 free of a serious accident and conviction of a serious traffic violation for  
 31 the most recent six-month period.

32 (C) An intermediate driver's license shall be issued for  
 33 no more than a two-year period and shall expire upon the driver reaching  
 34 eighteen (18) years of age and may be renewed at that time as a regular  
 35 driver's license for ~~four (4)~~ eight (8) years, so long as the intermediate  
 36 driver has been free of a serious accident and conviction of a serious

1 traffic violation for at least twelve (12) months before arriving at his or  
2 her eighteenth birthday.

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4 SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE. This act is effective on and after January  
5 1, 2016.

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