

HOUSE BILL 198

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55,
relative to driver licenses.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-50-337, is amended by deleting subsection (a) and substituting instead the following:

(a) Every driver license issued by the department on or after January 1, 2016, shall be issued for a period of eight (8) years excluding Class P licenses, which shall expire one (1) year from the date of initial issuance. The commissioner may issue an initial license or renew a license that shall remain valid for three (3) to eight (8) years in order to transition licensees to an eight-year renewal cycle. License fees due under § 55-50-323 shall be prorated to reflect the appropriate fee for a renewal cycle of lesser length than eight (8) years; provided, that there shall be deducted from the gross prorated fee the amount of two dollars (\$2.00).

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-50-323(a)(1), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting instead the following:

(1) The fees charged for eight-year driver licenses shall be as set by this subsection (a). For any license term other than eight (8) years, the fee shall be appropriately prorated; provided, that there shall be deducted from the gross prorated fee the amount of two dollars (\$2.00).

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-50-323(a)(2), is amended by deleting subdivisions (A)–(D) and substituting instead the following:

(A) For Class A and renewal thereof, sixty-two dollars (\$62.00) until canceled, revoked, suspended, or expired;

(B) For Classes B and C and renewal thereof, fifty-four dollars (\$54.00) until canceled, revoked, suspended, or expired;

(C) For Class D and renewal thereof, twenty-six dollars (\$26.00) until canceled, revoked, suspended, or expired;

(D) For Class M and renewal thereof, twenty-six dollars (\$26.00) until canceled, revoked, suspended, or expired;

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-50-323(a)(2)(J)(i), is amended by deleting the language “seven dollars and fifty cents (\$7.50)” and substituting instead the language “ten dollars (\$10.00)”, and by deleting the language “five-year” and substituting instead the language “eight-year”.

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-50-323(c), is amended by deleting the language “five-year” and substituting instead the language “eight-year”.

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-50-331(g), is amended by deleting the language “five (5) years” and substituting instead the language “eight (8) years”.

SECTION 7. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-50-332(b), is amended by deleting the subsection and substituting instead the following:

(b) Duplicate licenses obtained during the normal eight-year cycle shall expire eight (8) years from the date of issuance, excluding Class P licenses, which shall expire one (1) year from the date of issuance.

SECTION 8. This act shall take effect January 1, 2016, the public welfare requiring it.