

HOUSE BILL 547

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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 55-50-323, is amended by deleting subsections (a) and (b) and by renumbering the remaining subsections accordingly.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-50-323, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately numbered subsection:

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(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the fees charged for an eight-year driver license shall be set by this subsection. For any license term other than eight (8) years, the fee shall be appropriately prorated.

(2) The fees charged for driver licenses shall be as follows:

(A) For Class A and renewal thereof, eighty dollars (\$80.00) until cancelled, revoked, suspended or expired;

(B) For Classes B and C and renewal thereof, seventy-two dollars (\$72.00) until cancelled, revoked, suspended or expired;

(C) For Class D and renewal thereof, forty-four dollars (\$44.00) until cancelled, revoked, suspended or expired;

(D) For Class M and renewal thereof, forty-four dollars (\$44.00) until cancelled, revoked, suspended or expired; and

(E) For Class P, a fee equal to the fee for the particular class license for which the person is applying until cancelled, revoked, suspended, or expired.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-50-323(c)(2)(J)(i), is amended by deleting the language “seven dollars and fifty cents (\$7.50)” and substituting instead the language “twenty-eight dollars (\$28.00)”.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-50-323(e), is amended by deleting the language “five-year” and by substituting the language “eight-year”.

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-50-331(g), is amended by deleting the word and figure “five (5)” in the last sentence and by substituting the word and figure “eight (8)”.

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-50-332(b), is amended by deleting the subsection in its entirety and by substituting instead the following language:

(b) Duplicate licenses obtained during the normal eight-year cycle shall expire on the licensee's birth date in the eighth year following the initial issuance, excluding Class P licenses, which shall expire one (1) year from the date of issuance.

SECTION 7. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-50-337(a), is amended by deleting the subsection in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(a) Every driver license issued by the department on or after October 1, 2011, 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 is authorized to issue an initial license or renew a license which 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 should be prorated to reflect the appropriate fee for a renewal cycle of lesser length than eight (8) years unless otherwise provided.

SECTION 8. This act shall take effect October 1, 2011, the public welfare requiring it.