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**STATE OF MICHIGAN
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REGULAR SESSION OF 2000**

Introduced by Senator Bennett

ENROLLED SENATE BILL No. 1137

AN ACT to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled "An act to provide for the registration, titling, sale, transfer, and regulation of certain vehicles operated upon the public highways of this state or any other place open to the general public or generally accessible to motor vehicles and distressed vehicles; to provide for the licensing of dealers; to provide for the examination, licensing, and control of operators and chauffeurs; to provide for the giving of proof of financial responsibility and security by owners and operators of vehicles; to provide for the imposition, levy, and collection of specific taxes on vehicles, and the levy and collection of sales and use taxes, license fees, and permit fees; to provide for the regulation and use of streets and highways; to create certain funds; to provide penalties and sanctions for a violation of this act; to provide for civil liability of owners and operators of vehicles and service of process on residents and nonresidents; to provide for the levy of certain assessments; to provide for the enforcement of this act; to provide for the creation of and to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state and local agencies; to repeal all other acts or parts of acts inconsistent with this act or contrary to this act; and to repeal certain parts of this act on a specific date," by amending section 314 (MCL 257.314), as amended by 1989 PA 299.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

Sec. 314. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, an operator's license shall expire on the birthday of the person to whom the license is issued in the fourth year following the date of the issuance of the license unless suspended or revoked before that date or issued pursuant to section 314b. A license shall not be issued for a period longer than 4 years. A person holding a license at any time within 45 days before the expiration of his or her license may make application for a new license as provided for in this chapter. However, a knowledge test for an original group designation or indorsement may be taken at any time during this period and the results shall be valid for 12 months. However, if the licensee will be out of the state during the 45 days immediately preceding expiration of the license or for other good cause shown cannot apply for a license within the 45-day period, application for a new license may be made not more than 6 months before expiration of the license. This new license when granted shall expire as provided for in this chapter.

(2) Effective October 1, 1985, the first operator's license issued to a person who at the time of application is less than 20-1/2 years of age shall expire on the licensee's twenty-first birthday unless suspended or revoked. The secretary of state shall code the license in a manner which clearly identifies the licensee as being less than 21 years of age.

(3) The first chauffeur's license issued to a person shall expire on the licensee's birthday in the fourth year following the date of issuance unless the license is suspended or revoked before that date or is issued pursuant to section 314b. Effective October 1, 1985, the chauffeur's license of a person who at the time of application is less than 20-1/2 years of age shall expire on the licensee's twenty-first birthday unless suspended or revoked. The secretary of state shall code the license in a manner which clearly identifies the licensee as being less than 21 years of age. A subsequent chauffeur's license shall expire on the birthday of the person to whom the license is issued in the fourth year following the date of issuance of the license unless the license is suspended or revoked before that date or is issued pursuant to section 314b.

(4) A person may apply for an extension of his or her driving privileges if he or she is out of state on the date that his or her operator's or chauffeur's license expires. The extension may extend the license for 90 days beyond the expiration date or within 2 weeks after the applicant returns to Michigan, whichever occurs first.

(5) A person who will be out of state for more than 90 days beyond the expiration date of his or her operator's license may apply for a 2-year extension of his or her driving privileges. The applicant for this extension shall submit a statement evidencing a vision examination in accordance with the rules promulgated by the secretary of state under section 309. The fee for a 2-year extension shall be the same as provided in section 314b(2).

(6) A person whose operator's or chauffeur's license is unexpired but whose class 1, class 2, or class 3 indorsement has expired pursuant to section 312e(10) may apply for a vehicle group designation or indorsement. Upon proper application and payment of the fees prescribed in section 314b and section 811, the expiration of the person's operator's or chauffeur's license shall be extended for 4 years beyond the expiration which would have applied except for the operation of section 312e(10).

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

Carol Morey Viventi

Secretary of the Senate.

Jay E. Randall

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

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Governor.