SENATE BILL NO. 487
INTRODUCED BY S. VANCE

## BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

Section 1. Section 61-5-107, MCA, is amended to read:
"61-5-107. Application for license or motorcycle endorsement. (1) Each application for a learner license, driver's license, commercial driver's license, or motorcycle endorsement must be made on a form furnished by the department. Each application must be accompanied by the proper fee, and payment of the foe entitles the applicant to not more than three attempts to pass the examination within a period of 6 months from the date of application. A voter registration form for mail registration as prescribed by the secretary of state must be attached to each driver's license application. If the applicant wishes to register to vote, the department shall accept the registration and forward the form to the election administrator.
(2) Each application must include the full legal name, date of birth, sex, residence address of the applicant [and the applicant's social security number], must include a brief description of the applicant, and must provide the following additional information:
(a) the name of each jurisdiction in which the applicant has previously been licensed to drive any type of motor vehicle during the 10-year period immediately preceding the date of the application;
(b) a certification from the applicant that the applicant is not currently subject to a suspension,

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distinctive mark on the license, indicating that the license may be used for nondriving purposes only, and return the marked license to the applicant.
(5) The department may enter into a reciprocity agreement with a foreign country to provide for the mutual recognition and exchange of a valid driver's license issued by this state or the foreign country if the department determines that the licensing standards of the foreign country are comparable to those of this state. The agreement may not include the reciprocal exchange of a commercial driver's license."

Section 3. Section 61-5-111, MCA, is amended to read:
"61-5-111. Contents-of driver's-license, renewal, license expirations, license replacements, grace period, and fees for licenses, permits, and endorsements - notice of expiration. (1) (a) The department may appoint county treasurers and other qualified officers to act as its agents for the sale of driver's license receipts. In areas in which the department provides driver licensing services 3 days or more a week, the department is responsible for sale of receipts and may appoint an agent to sell receipts.
(b) The department may enter into an authorized agent agreement with the county treasurer of any county in which the department no longer maintains a driver examination station for the purpose of providing driver's license renewal services.
(2) (a) The department, upon receipt of payment of the fees specified in this section, shall issue a driver's license to each qualifying applicant. The license must contain:
(i) a full-face photograph of the licensee in the size and form prescribed by the department;
(ii) a distinguishing number issued to the licensee;
(iii) the full legal name, date of birth, and Montana residence address unless the licensee requests use of the mailing address, except that the Montana residence address must be used for a REAL ID-compliant driver's license unless authorized by department rule;
(iv) a brief description of the licensee;
(v) either the licensee's customary manual signature or a reproduction of the licensee's customary manual signature; and
(vi) if the applicant qualifies under subsection (7), indication of the applicant's status as a veteran.
(b) The department may not use the licensee's social security number as the distinguishing

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number. A license is not valid until it is signed by the licensee.
(3) (a) When a person applies for renewal of a driver's license, the department shall conduct a records check in accordance with 61-5-110(1) to determine the applicant's eligibility status and shall test the applicant's eyesight. The department may also require the applicant to submit to a knowledge and road or skills test if:
(i) the renewal applicant has a physical or mental disability, limitation, or condition that impairs, of may impair, the applicant's ability to exercise ordinary and reasonable control in the safe operation of a motor vehicle on the highway; and
(ii) the expired or expiring license does not include adaptive equipment or operational restrictions appropriate to the applicant's functional abilities; of
(iii) the applicant wants to remove or modify the restrictions stated on the expired or expiring license.
(b) In the case of a commercial driver's license, the department shall, if the information was not provided in a prior licensing cycle, require the renewal applicant to provide the name of each jurisdiction in which the applicant was previously licensed to drive any type of motor vehicle during the 10-year period immediately preceding the date of the renewal application and may also require that the applicant successfully complete a written examination as required by federal regulations.
(c) A person is considered to have applied for renewal of a Montana driver's license if the application is made within 6 months before or 1 year after the expiration of the person's license or if the person has applied for a REAL ID-compliant driver's license pursuant to 61-5-129. Except as provided in subsection (3)(d), a person seeking to renew a driver's license shall appear in person at a Montana driver's examination station.
(d) (i) Except as provided in subsections (3)(d)(iii) through $(3)(d)(v)$, a person may renew a driver's license by mail or online.
(ii) An applicant who renews a driver's license by mail or online shall submit a completed application and the fees required for renewal.
(iii) If the department does not have a digitized photograph and signature record of the renewal applicant from the expiring license, then the renewal applicant shall apply in person.

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(iv) Except as provided in subsections (4)(b) and (4)(c), the term of a license renewed by mail of online is 12 years for a driver's license or 8 years for a REAL ID-compliant driver's license.
(v) The department may not renew a license by mail or online if:
(A) the records check conducted in accordance with 61-5-110(1) shows an ineligible license status for the applicant;
(B) the applicant holds a commercial driver's license with a hazardous materials endorsement, the retention of which requires additional testing and a security threat assessment under 49 CFR, part 1572;
(C) the applicant seeks a change of address, a change of date of birth, or a name change; of
(D) the applicant's license:
(I) has been expired for more than 1 year; of
(II) except as provided in subsection (3)(f), was renewed by mail or online at the time of the applicant's previous renewal.
(e) A renewal applicant who is stationed outside Montana on active military duty may renew the license by mail or online as long as the applicant is on active military duty.
(f) The spouse or a dependent of a renewal applicant who is stationed outside Montana on active military duty may renew the applicant's license by mail or online for one additional consecutive term following a renewal by mail or online.
(g) The department shall send electronically or mail a driver's license renewal notice no earlier than 120 days and no later than 30 days prior to the expiration date of a driver's license. The department shall send the notice to the licensee's Montana mailing address shown on the driver's license or, if requested by the licensee, provide the notice using an authorized method of electronic delivery, or both.
(4) (a) Except as provided in subsections (4)(b) through (4)(e), a license expires on the anniversary of the licensee's birthday 12 years or less after the date of issue or on the licensee's 75 th birthday, whichever occurs first.
(b) A license issued to a person who is 75 years of age or older expires on the anniversary of the licensee's birthday 4 years or less after the date of issue.
(c) A license issued to a person who is under 21 years of age expires on the licensee's 21st birthday.

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(d) (i) Except as provided in subsection (4)(d)(ii), a commercial driver's license expires on the anniversary of the licensee's birthday 4 years or less after the date of issue.
(ii) When a person obtains a Montana commercial driver's license with a hazardous materials endorsement after surrendering a comparable commercial driver's license with a hazardous materials endorsement from another licensing jurisdiction, the license expires on the anniversary of the licensee's birthday 4 years or less after the date of the issue of the surrendered license if, as reported in the commercial driver's license information system, a security threat assessment was performed on the person as a condition of issuance of the surrendered license.
(e) A license issued to a person who is a foreign national whose presence in the United States is temperarily authorized under federal law expires, as determined by the department, no later than the expiration date of the official document issued to the person by the bureau of citizenship and immigration services of the department of homeland security authorizing the person's presence in the United States.
(5) When the department issues a driver's license to a person under 18 years of age, the license must be clearly marked with a notation that conveys the restrictions imposed under 61-5-133.
(6) (a) Upon application for a driver's license or commercial driver's license and any combination of the specified endorsements, the following corresponding fees, set by administrative rule, which must be commensurate to the costs to the department, must be paid:. Corresponding fees may include fees for a:
(i)(a) driver's license, except a commercial driver's license - \$5 a year or fraction of a year that is not a commercial driver's license;
(ii)(b) motorcycle endorsement - 50 cents a year or fraction of a year;
(iii)(c) interstate commercial driver's license:: and
(d) intrastate commercial driver's license.
(A) interstate - \$ $\$ 10$ a year or fraction of a year; or
(B) intrastate - $\$ 8.50$ a year or fraction of a year.
(b) A renewal notice for either a driver's license or a commercial driver's license is 50 cents.
(7) (a) Upon receiving a request from a person whose status as a veteran has been verified by the department of military affairs pursuant to 10-2-1301 and upon receiving the information and fees required in this part, the department shall include the word "veteran" on the face of the license.

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(b) After a person's status as a veteran is denoted on a driver's license, the department may not require further documentation of that status from the holder of the license upon subsequent renewal or replacement.
(8) (a) Except as provided in subsection (8)(b), an applicant may request a replacement driver's license online or by mail.
(b) If the department does not have a digitized photograph and signature record of the applicant, the applicant shall apply in person.
(c) The term of the replacement license must be the term of the applicant's current driver's license.
(9) (a) An applicant may request an expedited delivery service for a driver's license or identification sard. The department shall set a fee for expedited delivery based on the cost of providing this service.
(b) The fees for expedited delivery must be deposited in the motor vehicle division administration account established in 61-3-112 and used for the purposes of expediting delivery, including actual costs for delivery, personnel, and related technology."

Section-4. Section 61-5-114, MCA, is amended to read:
"61-5-114. Replacement license - veteran designation. (1) If a learner license or a driver's license issued under the provisions of this chapter is lost or destroyed or a person wants to update personal information contained on a learner license or a driver's license issued to the person, the person to whom the license was issued may, upon the payment of a fee of $\$ 10$ set by administrative rule, which must be commensurate to the costs to the department, obtain a replacement license, upon furnishing proof satisfactory to the department that the license has been lost or destroyed or that personal information has changed.
(2) If the hazardous materials endorsement on a commercial driver's license issued under the provisions of this chapter is revoked or removed pursuant to the authority provided in 61-5-147, the person to whom the license was issued shall surrender to the department the person's commercial driver's license with the hazardous materials endorsement and may obtain, upon making application and paying a $\$ 10$ fee fee set by administrative rule, which must be commensurate to the costs to the department, a replacement license that does not include a hazardous materials endorsement.
(3) The department shall include the word "veteran" on the face of a driver's license if the

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requirements of 61-5-111(7) are met by the person applying for the driver's license."

Section 3. Section 61-5-201, MCA, is amended to read:
"61-5-201. Authority of department to cancel license. (1) The department may cancel a driver's license if it has reasonable grounds to believe that:
(a) the licensee was not entitled to the issuance;
(b) since the issuance, the licensee has become ineligible as determined pursuant to the provisions of 61-5-105; of
(c) the licensee failed to give the required or correct information in the licensee's application or committed any fraud in making the application; or
(d) the licensee has applied for another driver's license or an identification card issued by the department.
(2) Upon cancellation, the licensee shall surrender the canceled license to the department.
(3) A person whose driver's license is canceled because the person failed to give the required or correct information on the application or committed any fraud in making the application is disqualified from operating a commercial motor vehicle for a period of 60 days from the date of the cancellation."

Section 4. Section 61-11-101, MCA, is amended to read:
"61-11-101. Report of convictions and suspension or revocation of driver's licenses -surrender of licenses. (1) If a person is convicted of an offense for which chapter 5 or chapter 8 , part 8, makes mandatory the suspension or revocation of the driver's license or commercial driver's license of the person by the department, the court in which the conviction occurs shall require the surrender to it of all driver's licenses then held by the convicted person. The court shall, within 5 days after the conviction, forward the license and a record of the-conviction to the department and destroy the driver's licenses. If the person does not possess a driver's license, the court shall indicate that fact in its report to the department.
(2) A court having jurisdiction over offenses committed under a statute of this state or a municipal ordinance regulating the operation of motor vehicles on highways, except for standing or parking statutes or ordinances, shall forward a record of the conviction, as defined in 61-5-213, to the department within 5 days

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(2) When an applicant who is not a citizen of the United States applies for an identification card, the department shall verify that the applicant is lawfully present in the United States by using the federal systematic alien verification for entitlements program.
(3) A person may only have one nonvoided driver's license or identification card issued by the department at any time."

Section 6. Section 61-12-504, MCA, is amended to read:
"61-12-504. Fees for identification cards -- expiration of cards. (1) Upon application for an identification card issued pursuant to this part, a fee of $\$ 16$ set by administrative rule, which must be commensurate to the costs to the department, of $\$ 16$ must be collected and deposited in the general fund; except that the fee for a card issued under subsection (3)(b) is $\$ 8$.
(2) A person with a disability, as defined in 39-30-103, may obtain a free identification card. An individual discharged from any correctional facility must be furnished a free identification card upon release, discharge, or parole.
(3) (a) Except as provided in subsections (3)(b) and (3)(c), an An identification card expires on the anniversary of the cardholder's date of birth 8 years after the date of issue.
(b) An identification card issued to a person who is under 21 years of age expires on the anniversary of the cardholder's date of birth 4 years after the card's issue date.
(c)(b) An identification card issued to a person whose presence in the United States is temporarily authorized under federal laws expires, as determined by the department, no later than the expiration date of the official document issued to the person by the United States citizenship and immigration services of the department of homeland security that authorizes the person's presence in the United States."

Section 9. Section 61-14-201, MCA, is amended to read:
"61-14-201. Rulemaking authority --driver's licenses and identification cards. (1) The department may adopt rules to administer and enforce the provisions of Title 61, chapter 5.
(2) The department may adopt rules governing acceptable methods of proof of identification, including name, date of birth, and authorized presence, that an individual must submit when applying for a

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license or identification card, including a new, renewal, or replacement license or identification card.
(3) The department may adopt rules governing the determination of the driver's license expiration date, minimum and maximum license terms, and license renewal requirements for a driver's license issued to a person who is a foreign national whose presence in the United States is temporarily authorized under federal taw.
(4) The department shall adopt rules governing the calculation of grace periods for renewals and the calculation of other time periods established by statute or federal regulation.
(5) The department may adopt rules governing the renewal of a driver's license by a person in the military assigned to active duty who had a valid Montana driver's license at the time of entering active duty.
(6) The department shall adopt rules to set the standards for driver license examinations and reexaminations.
(7) The department may adopt rules to set the standards for photographs, certifications, and signature requirements for the issuance of driver's licenses.
(8) The department shall adopt rules establishing the functional abilities and skills required to exercise ordinary and reasonable control to safely operate a motor vehicle. The rules:
(a) must include operational restrictions based on the driver's ability and skills;
(b) may direct the design of one or more types of skills tests. A skills test may consist of:
(i) a comprehensive assessment of a person's functional abilities by means of an actual demonstration of the applicant's ability to exercise ordinary and reasonable control in the safe operation of a motor vehicle; of
(ii) a more limited assessment of a person's functional abilities, conducted at the discretion of the department, as related to a specific physical or mental condition or conditions or a request for reexamination.
(c) must include appropriate licensing criteria relating to the use of adaptive equipment or operational limits that can be readily discerned by law enforcement or a licensing agency in another jurisdiction.
(9) The department shall adopt rules establishing vision requirements for a person to safely operate a motor vehicle. The rules:
(a) must include the minimum uncorrected or corrected visual acuity requirements for both unrestricted and restricted licenses and operational restrictions based on the visual acuity of an applicant of

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licensee, including the use of bioptic lenses; and
(b) may include minimum field of vision and depth perception requirements for both unrestricted and restricted licenses.
(10) The rules in subsections (8) and (9):
(a) may take into consideration any nationally recognized standards or recommended practices of standards of other jurisdictions for assessment of a person's functional abilities and skills;
(b) may be derived from medical guidelines and information compiled by driver licensing medical advisory or review boards from other jurisdictions, as well as information received from advocacy groups for persons with disabilities and senior citizens; and
(c) except as provided in 61-5-105, may not use a person's age or a person's physical or mental disability, limitation, or condition as a justification for the denial of a license.
(11) The department shall adopt rules governing the issuance of a restricted learner license, including when the department may issue a restricted learner license to allow for a driver to practice driving skills.
(12) The department shall adopt rules governing the issuance of a hardship license to a person whe is at least 13 years of age and because of individual hardship needs a restricted driver's license, including a person who holds a learner license under 61-5-106. The department must consider, among other criteria, whether a hardship license is needed because the applicant's parent or guardian is not available to accompany the licensee, whether due to employment or circumstances related to the operation of a farm or ranch or because the parent or guardian does not hold a valid driver's license, and the licensee is required to drive to the licensee's school bus stop.
(13) The department may adopt rules governing probationary licenses, including:
(a) issuance to a person whose license has been suspended or revoked or whose license is subject to a discretionary suspension or rovocation;
(b) the establishment of restrictions placed on a probationary license;
(c) the expiration of a probationary license;
(d) the cancellation of a probationary license for violating the restrictions on the probationary license or for another law violation; and

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(e) the issuance, withdrawal, and monitoring of a restricted-use driving permit issued under 61-5232.
(14) The department may adopt rules governing the requirements for a veteran designation on a driver's license or identification card.
(15) The department may adopt rules governing the issuance of a replacement driver's license-
(16) The department may adopt rules governing the certification process for cooperative driver testing program instructors.
(17) The department may adopt rules for the implementation of online driver's license renewal.
(18) The department shall adopt rules governing the issuance, renewal, and cancellation of identification cards that align with the proof of identity, residence, and authorized presence standards for a driver's license.
(19) The department may adopt rules for determining moving violations.
(20) The department may adopt rules for charging a fee for not appearing at a scheduled commercial skills test or motorcycle test and for the waiver of the fee for good cause shown.
(21) The department shall adopt rules governing restrictions for personal communication limitations and other medical information that would be helpful to a peace officer during a traffic stop.
(22) The department may adopt rules governing the conditions under which an applicant is eligible to receive a driver's license or identification card by expedited service and to set the fee for expedited service.
(23) The department shall adopt rules setting the fees for driver's license applications, replacement, and endorsements. The fees must be commensurate to the costs to the department.
$(23)(24)$ The department may adopt rules to implement any other provision of this title."

Section 10. Section 61-14-202, MCA, is amended to read:
"61-14-202. Rulemaking authority --commercial driver licensing. (1) The department shall adopt fules governing the classification of commercial driver's licenses and related endorsements and the examination of commercial driver's license applicants and renewal applicants that the department considers necessary for the safety and welfare of the traveling public. The rules must:
(a) subject to the department's functional and vision requirements, conform to the licensing

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standards and requirements of 49-CFR, part 383, the medical qualification of 49CFR, part 391, and the security threat assessment provisions of 49 CFR, part 1572;
(b) allow for the issuance of an interstate commercial driver's license;
(c) allow for the issuance of an intrastate-only commercial driver's license, including the establishment of medical qualification and visual acuity standards;
(d) establish the requirement for the issuance of a seasonal commercial driver's license, including the waiver of the knowledge and skills test for a qualified person employed in a farm-related service industry;
(e) establish the operational and seasonal restrictions for a seasonal commercial driver's license;
(f) establish the requirements for the medical statement that must be submitted for a person to be qualified for a commercial driver's license; and
(g) allow for and establish the requirements for the issuance of a commercial learner's permit.
(2) The department shall adopt rules governing the minimum standards for certification of a thirdparty commercial driver testing program and any test waiver under 61-5-118 and governing the certification, operation, and monitoring of third-party skills testing programs. The rules must:
(a) substantially comply with the licensing standards and requirements of 49CFR, part 383, and the state compliance standards of 49 CFR, part 384, including:
(i) issuance of a commercial driver's license skills testing certificate to a certified program upon execution of a third-party skills testing agreement;
(ii) requiring that all third-party skills test examiners meet minimum qualifications, including passing background checks paid for by the third-party testing program and successfully completing a format skills test examiner training course;
(iii) providing examiner test limitations, minimum testing standards, and refresher training requirements; and
(iv) requiring recordkeeping and a detailed audit program that includes overt and covert test monitoring and onsite audits by state and federal personnel;
(b) specifically address the requirements for certifying third-party commercial driver testing programs, including place of business, appropriate bond and liability insurance, and facilities requirements; and
(c) specify minimum technology requirements for recordkeeping, scheduling applicants for the

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skills test, conducting the skills test, and electronically transferring skills test results to the department.
(3) The department shall adopt rules governing the waiver of knowledge and skills tests related to commercial vehicle operators with military experience.
(4) The department shall adopt rules setting the fees for commercial driver's license applications and endorsements. The fees must be commensurate to the costs to the department."

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