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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, a person may renew a  
9 driver's license up to 30 days before the  
10 expiration date and until three years after the  
11 expiration of the license.

12 This bill would allow a person to renew a  
13 driver's license beginning 180 days before the  
14 expiration date.

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16 A BILL  
17 TO BE ENTITLED  
18 AN ACT  
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20 To amend Section 32-6-1, Code of Alabama 1975,  
21 relating to driver's license to provide for the period of time  
22 before expiration of the driver's license in which a person  
23 may renew the license.

24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

25 Section 1. Section 32-6-1, Code of Alabama 1975, is  
26 amended to read as follows:

27 "§32-6-1.

1           "(a) Every person, except those specifically  
2           exempted by statutory enactment, shall procure a driver's  
3           license before driving a motor vehicle upon the highways of  
4           this state. Every new resident of the State of Alabama shall  
5           procure an Alabama driver's license within 30 days after  
6           establishing residence in this state.

7           "(b) Each original driver's license issued to a  
8           person born in a year ending in an odd number shall expire on  
9           the second anniversary of the licensee's birth date occurring  
10          in an odd-numbered calendar year after the date on which the  
11          application for the license was filed, and each original  
12          driver's license issued to a person born in a year ending with  
13          an even number shall expire on the second anniversary of the  
14          licensee's birth date occurring in an even-numbered calendar  
15          year after the date on which the application for the license  
16          was filed; provided, that if the license issued would expire  
17          in less than 24 months from the date on which the application  
18          for the license was filed, the expiration date of such license  
19          is hereby extended for an additional period of two years.  
20          After the expiration of an original driver's license, all  
21          subsequent renewals shall be for a period of four years from  
22          the specified expiration date of the immediately preceding  
23          license, regardless of when the renewal shall be issued. Every  
24          driver's license issued under this article may be renewed at  
25          the end of the license period without examination upon  
26          application and payment of the fee. For the purpose of renewal  
27          of a driver's license, the Department of Public Safety shall

1 mail renewal notices to each licensee 30 days after expiration  
2 date if the driver's license has not been renewed. A grace  
3 period of 60 days after expiration date of a driver's license  
4 shall exist for the purpose of driver's license renewal and  
5 the driver's license shall be valid for this time period. The  
6 applicant shall apply for a driver's license anytime during a  
7 period beginning ~~30 days~~ 180 days before the expiration date  
8 of the then current license until three years after the  
9 expiration date of the license. Failure to make application  
10 for renewal within the specified time shall result in the  
11 applicant being required to take, and successfully pass, a  
12 written examination and driving test as administered by the  
13 Department of Public Safety. If any person's birthday is  
14 February 29, the first day of March following shall be  
15 regarded as his or her birthday for the purposes of this  
16 section.

17 "(c) The Department of Public Safety shall make  
18 available to any resident of this state who does not hold a  
19 valid Alabama driver's license a nondriver identification card  
20 to be used for identification purposes only. The nondriver  
21 identification card shall be issued only upon application of  
22 the nondriver and shall be similar to the driver's license;  
23 except, that it shall bear the word "nondriver" in prominent  
24 letters on the face of the identification card. Each nondriver  
25 identification card shall bear thereon a distinguishing number  
26 assigned to the nondriver and a color photograph of the  
27 nondriver, as well as the name, birth date, residence address,

1 and a brief description of the nondriver who, for the purpose  
2 of identification, shall immediately upon receipt thereof,  
3 endorse his or her usual signature in ink upon the card in the  
4 space provided thereon, unless a facsimile of the nondriver  
5 signature appears thereon. The same degree of proof of  
6 identification required of applicants for driver's licenses in  
7 this state shall be required of applicants for nondriver  
8 identification cards."

9 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the  
10 first day of the third month following its passage and  
11 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.