

1 HB382  
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3 By Representatives Faust, Shiver, Baker, Brown, Greer and  
4 Farley  
5 RFD: Public Safety and Homeland Security  
6 First Read: 30-JAN-14

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4 A BILL  
5 TO BE ENTITLED  
6 AN ACT  
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8 To amend Section 32-6-1, Code of Alabama 1975,  
9 relating to driver's license to provide for the period of time  
10 before expiration of the driver's license in which a person  
11 may renew the license; and to provide an exception for certain  
12 active duty members of the armed forces.

13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

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

16 "§32-6-1.

17 "(a) Every person, except those specifically  
18 exempted by statutory enactment, shall procure a driver's  
19 license before driving a motor vehicle upon the highways of  
20 this state. Every new resident of the State of Alabama shall  
21 procure an Alabama driver's license within 30 days after  
22 establishing residence in this state.

23 "(b) Each original driver's license issued to a  
24 person born in a year ending in an odd number shall expire on  
25 the second anniversary of the licensee's birth date occurring  
26 in an odd-numbered calendar year after the date on which the  
27 application for the license was filed, and each original

1 driver's license issued to a person born in a year ending with  
2 an even number shall expire on the second anniversary of the  
3 licensee's birth date occurring in an even-numbered calendar  
4 year after the date on which the application for the license  
5 was filed; provided, that if the license issued would expire  
6 in less than 24 months from the date on which the application  
7 for the license was filed, the expiration date of such license  
8 is hereby extended for an additional period of two years.

9 After the expiration of an original driver's license, all  
10 subsequent renewals shall be for a period of four years from  
11 the specified expiration date of the immediately preceding  
12 license, regardless of when the renewal shall be issued. Every  
13 driver's license issued under this article may be renewed at  
14 the end of the license period without examination upon  
15 application and payment of the fee. For the purpose of renewal  
16 of a driver's license, the Department of Public Safety shall  
17 mail renewal notices to each licensee 30 days after expiration  
18 date if the driver's license has not been renewed. A grace  
19 period of 60 days after expiration date of a driver's license  
20 shall exist for the purpose of driver's license renewal and  
21 the driver's license shall be valid for this time period. The  
22 applicant shall apply for a driver's license anytime during a  
23 period beginning ~~30 days~~ 180 days before the expiration date  
24 of the then current license until three years after the  
25 expiration date of the license. Notwithstanding any other  
26 provision of law, an active duty member of the armed forces is  
27 not subject to the 180-day limit if he or she can show proof

1 to the licensing official that he or she is unable to renew  
2 during the 180-day period due to deployment. Failure to make  
3 application for renewal within the specified time shall result  
4 in the applicant being required to take, and successfully  
5 pass, a written examination and driving test as administered  
6 by the Department of Public Safety. If any person's birthday  
7 is February 29, the first day of March following shall be  
8 regarded as his or her birthday for the purposes of this  
9 section.

10 "(c) The Department of Public Safety shall make  
11 available to any resident of this state who does not hold a  
12 valid Alabama driver's license a nondriver identification card  
13 to be used for identification purposes only. The nondriver  
14 identification card shall be issued only upon application of  
15 the nondriver and shall be similar to the driver's license;  
16 except, that it shall bear the word "nondriver" in prominent  
17 letters on the face of the identification card. Each nondriver  
18 identification card shall bear thereon a distinguishing number  
19 assigned to the nondriver and a color photograph of the  
20 nondriver, as well as the name, birth date, residence address,  
21 and a brief description of the nondriver who, for the purpose  
22 of identification, shall immediately upon receipt thereof,  
23 endorse his or her usual signature in ink upon the card in the  
24 space provided thereon, unless a facsimile of the nondriver  
25 signature appears thereon. The same degree of proof of  
26 identification required of applicants for driver's licenses in

1       this state shall be required of applicants for nondriver  
2       identification cards."

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

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Yeas 100, Nays 0, Abstains 0

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Clerk