

AN ACT

relating to issuance and renewal of a driver's license of an elderly person.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. This Act may be cited as "Katie's Law."

SECTION 2. Section 521.271, Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 521.271. LICENSE EXPIRATION. (a) Each original driver's license and provisional license expires as follows:

(1) except as provided by Section 521.2711, a driver's license expires on the first birthday of the license holder occurring after the sixth anniversary of the date of the application;

(2) a provisional license expires on the earlier of:  
(A) the 18th birthday of the license holder; or  
(B) the first birthday of the license holder occurring after the date of the application;

(3) an instruction permit expires on the second birthday of the license holder occurring after the date of the application; and

(4) an occupational license expires on the first anniversary of the court order granting the license.

(b) Except as provided by Section 521.2711, a ~~[A]~~ driver's license that is renewed expires on the sixth anniversary of the

1 expiration date before renewal.

2 SECTION 3. Subchapter M, Chapter 521, Transportation Code,  
3 is amended by adding Section 521.2711 to read as follows:

4 Sec. 521.2711. LICENSE EXPIRATION: PERSON AT LEAST 85 YEARS  
5 OF AGE. (a) Each original driver's license of a person 85 years of  
6 age or older expires on the license holder's second birthday after  
7 the date of the license application.

8 (b) A driver's license of a person 85 years of age or older  
9 that is renewed expires on the second anniversary of the expiration  
10 date before renewal.

11 SECTION 4. Section 521.274(b), Transportation Code, is  
12 amended to read as follows:

13 (b) A rule adopted under this section:

14 (1) may prescribe eligibility standards for renewal  
15 under this section; ~~and~~

16 (2) may not permit a person subject to the  
17 registration requirements under Chapter 62, Code of Criminal  
18 Procedure, to register by mail or electronic means; and

19 (3) may not permit renewal by mail or electronic means  
20 of a driver's license of a person who is 79 years of age or older.

21 SECTION 5. Section 521.421, Transportation Code, is amended  
22 by adding Subsection (i) to read as follows:

23 (i) The fee for issuance or renewal of a driver's license is  
24 \$8 for a license with an expiration date established under Section  
25 521.2711.

26 SECTION 6. Section 522.029, Transportation Code, is amended  
27 by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (j) to read as

1 follows:

2 (a) The fee for a commercial driver's license or commercial  
3 driver learner's permit issued by the department is \$60, except as  
4 provided by Subsections (f), ~~[and]~~ (h), and (j).

5 (j) The fee for issuance or renewal of a commercial driver's  
6 license or commercial driver learner's permit is \$25 for a license  
7 with an expiration date established under Section 522.054.

8 SECTION 7. Sections 522.051(a), (b), (c), and (d),  
9 Transportation Code, are amended to read as follows:

10 (a) Except as provided by Sections ~~[Section]~~ 522.033 and  
11 522.054, an original commercial driver's license or commercial  
12 driver learner's permit expires five years after the applicant's  
13 next birthday.

14 (b) Except as provided by Section 522.054, a ~~[A]~~ commercial  
15 driver's license or commercial driver learner's permit issued to a  
16 person holding a Texas Class A, B, C, or M license that would expire  
17 one year or more after the date of issuance of the commercial  
18 driver's license or commercial driver learner's permit expires five  
19 years after the applicant's next birthday.

20 (c) Except as provided by Section 522.054, a ~~[A]~~ commercial  
21 driver's license or commercial driver learner's permit issued to a  
22 person holding a Texas Class A, B, C, or M license that would expire  
23 less than one year after the date of issuance of the commercial  
24 driver's license or commercial driver learner's permit or that has  
25 been expired for less than one year expires five years after the  
26 expiration date shown on the Class A, B, C, or M license.

27 (d) Except as provided by Section 522.054, a ~~[A]~~ commercial

1 driver's license or commercial driver learner's permit issued to a  
2 person holding a Texas Class A, B, C, or M license that has been  
3 expired for at least one year but not more than two years expires  
4 five years after the applicant's last birthday.

5 SECTION 8. Sections 522.052(b), (c), and (g),  
6 Transportation Code, are amended to read as follows:

7 (b) Except as provided by Section 522.054, a [A] renewal of  
8 a commercial driver's license that has been expired for less than  
9 one year expires five years after the expiration date shown on the  
10 commercial driver's license.

11 (c) Except as provided by Section 522.054, a [A] renewal of  
12 a commercial driver's license that has been expired for at least one  
13 year but not more than two years expires six years after the  
14 applicant's last birthday.

15 (g) A commercial driver's license issued under Section  
16 522.033 or to which Section 522.054 applies may not be renewed  
17 before the 60th day preceding the expiration date.

18 SECTION 9. Subchapter E, Chapter 522, Transportation Code,  
19 is amended by adding Section 522.054 to read as follows:

20 Sec. 522.054. LICENSE EXPIRATION: PERSON AT LEAST 85 YEARS  
21 OF AGE. (a) Each original commercial driver's license and  
22 commercial driver learner's permit of a person 85 years of age or  
23 older expires on the license holder's second birthday after the  
24 date of the license application.

25 (b) A commercial driver's license of a person 85 years of  
26 age or older that is renewed expires on the second anniversary of  
27 the expiration date before renewal.

1           SECTION 10. The change in law made by this Act applies only  
2 to a driver's license, commercial driver's license, or commercial  
3 driver learner's permit issued or renewed on or after the effective  
4 date of this Act.

5           SECTION 11. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 84 was passed by the House on March 15, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 143, Nays 0, 3 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 84 on April 25, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 140, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 84 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on April 19, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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Governor