A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1   AN ACT

2 relating to the expiration of a driver's license and to the

3 disposition of fees assessed for the renewal of driver's licenses.

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

5   SECTION 1. Sections   521.271(a),   (a-2),   and   (b),

6 Transportation Code, are amended to read as follows:

7   (a) Each original driver's license, provisional license,

8 instruction permit, or occupational driver's license issued to an

9 applicant who is a citizen, national, or legal permanent resident

10 of the United States or a refugee or asylee lawfully admitted into

11 the United States expires as follows:

12   (1) except as provided by Section 521.2711, a driver's

13 license expires on the first birthday of the license holder

14 occurring after the fourth [sixth] anniversary of the date of the

15 application;

16   (2) a provisional license expires on the 18th birthday

17 of the license holder;

18   (3) an instruction permit expires on the 18th birthday

19 of the license holder;

20   (4) an occupational driver's license expires on the

21 first anniversary of the court order granting the license; and

22   (5) unless an earlier date is otherwise provided, a

23 driver's license issued to a person whose residence or domicile is a

24 correctional facility or a parole facility expires on the first

1 birthday of the license holder occurring after the first

2 anniversary of the date of issuance.

3   (a-2) Each original driver's license issued to an applicant

4 who is not a citizen, national, or legal permanent resident of the

5 United States or a refugee or asylee lawfully admitted into the

6 United States expires on:

7   (1) the earlier of:

8   (A) the first birthday of the license holder

9 occurring after the <u>fourth</u> [~~sixth~~] anniversary of the date of the

10 application; or

11   (B) the expiration date of the license holder's

12 lawful presence in the United States as determined by the

13 appropriate United States agency in compliance with federal law; or

14   (2) the first anniversary of the date of issuance, if

15 there is no definite expiration date for the applicant's authorized

16 stay in the United States.

17   (b) Except as provided by Section 521.2711, a driver's

18 license that is renewed expires on the earlier of:

19   (1) the <u>fourth</u> [~~sixth~~] anniversary of the expiration

20 date before renewal if the applicant is a citizen, national, or

21 legal permanent resident of the United States or a refugee or asylee

22 lawfully admitted into the United States;

23   (1-a) for an applicant not described by Subdivision

24 (1):

25   (A) the earlier of:

26   (i) the <u>fourth</u> [~~sixth~~] anniversary of the

27 expiration date before renewal; or

1   (ii) the expiration date of the applicant's

2 authorized stay in the United States; or

3   (B) the first anniversary of the date of

4 issuance, if there is no definite expiration date for the

5 applicant's authorized stay in the United States; or

6   (2) for a renewal driver's license issued to a person

7 whose residence or domicile is a correctional facility or a parole

8 facility, the first birthday of the license holder occurring after

9 the first anniversary of the date of issuance unless an earlier date

10 is otherwise provided.

11   SECTION 2. Section 521.427, Transportation Code, is amended

12 by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

13   (c) Subsection (a) does not apply to one-third of a fee

14 collected under Section 521.421(a) for renewal of a license. The

15 department shall remit the portion of a fee described by this

16 subsection to the comptroller for deposit to the credit of the state

17 highway fund.

18   SECTION 3. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to

19 an original or renewal driver's license issued on or after

20 September 1, 2013. An original or renewal driver's license issued

21 before September 1, 2013, is governed by the law as it existed

22 immediately before September 1, 2013, and that law is continued in

23 effect for that purpose.

24   SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.