



## 2025 South Dakota Legislature

# House Bill 1160

Introduced by: **Representative** Goodwin

1 **An Act to waive the driver license renewal period for members of the military and**  
 2 **their families, and employees of the state department.**

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 **Section 1. That § 32-12-42 be AMENDED:**

5 **32-12-42.** ~~Each~~An operator's license, motorcycle operator's license, restricted  
 6 minor's permit, or motorcycle restricted minor's permit expires on the licensee's birthday  
 7 in the fifth year following the issuance of the license, or on the date of expiration of the  
 8 applicant's authorized stay in the United States, ~~as determined by the systematic alien~~  
 9 verification for entitlements system or an alternate method approved by the United States  
 10 Department of Homeland Security or, if there is no expiration date, for a period no longer  
 11 than one year from the date of issuance, whichever occurs first.

12 ~~Each~~Except as provided in section 2 of this Act, an operator's license, motorcycle  
 13 operator's license, restricted minor's permit, or motorcycle restricted minor's permit is  
 14 renewable one hundred eighty days before its expiration, ~~upon application and payment~~  
 15 of the required fee.

16 ~~Any~~A license renewed before its expiration expires five years after the licensee's  
 17 ensuing birthday, or on the date of expiration of the applicant's authorized stay in the  
 18 United States, ~~as determined by the systematic alien verification for entitlements system~~  
 19 or an alternate method approved by the United States Department of Homeland Security  
 20 or, if there is no expiration date, for a period no longer than one year from date of  
 21 issuance, whichever occurs first.

22 ~~However, the~~The department ~~shall~~must waive the knowledge and driving tests  
 23 for renewal, if the licensee applies and makes payment of the required fee within thirty  
 24 days following the expiration date. If the licensee applies and makes payment of the  
 25 required fee thirty-one or more days after the expiration date of the license, the licensee  
 26 ~~shall~~must take the knowledge test as required by § 32-12-4.

1           ~~Any~~A license renewed during the thirty-day period following the date of expiration  
2 expires five years from the licensee's previous birthday, or on the date of expiration of  
3 the applicant's authorized stay in the United States, as determined by the systematic alien  
4 verification for entitlements system or an alternate method approved by the United States  
5 Department of Homeland Security or, if there is no expiration date, for a period no longer  
6 than one year from date of issuance, whichever occurs first.

7       **Section 2. That a NEW SECTION be added to chapter 32-12:**

8           A valid operator's license, motorcycle operator's license, restricted minor's permit,  
9 motorcycle restricted minor's permit, instruction permit, or motorcycle instruction permit  
10 is not subject to the one hundred eighty-day renewable period in § 32-12-42 and may be  
11 renewed at any time regardless of the expiration date, if held by:

- 12           (1) An active-duty member of the armed forces of the United States, as defined  
13                 in § 33-1-1;  
14           (2) An employee of the United States Department of State serving outside of  
15                 the United States; or  
16           (3) A spouse or a dependent of an active-duty member of the armed forces of  
17                 the United States.