



2025 South Dakota Legislature
House Bill 1160
ENROLLED

AN ACT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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I certify that the attached Act originated in the:
House as Bill No. 1160

Received at this Executive Office this ____ day of _____, 2025 at _____ M.

Chief Clerk

By _____ for the Governor

Speaker of the House

The attached Act is hereby approved this _____ day of _____, A.D., 2025

Attest:

Chief Clerk

Governor

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA,

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Office of the Secretary of State

President of the Senate

Attest:

Filed _____, 2025 at _____ o'clock __ M.

Secretary of the Senate

Secretary of State

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By _____
Asst. Secretary of State