

1 SB276  
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3 By Senator Albritton  
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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, a person may renew a  
9 driver's license up to 30 days before the  
10 expiration date and until three years after the  
11 expiration of the license.

12 This bill would allow a person to renew a  
13 driver's license beginning 180 days before the  
14 expiration date. This bill would also provide that  
15 a member of the U.S. Armed Forces under deployment  
16 would not be subject to the time limit.

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18 A BILL  
19 TO BE ENTITLED  
20 AN ACT

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22 To amend Section 32-6-1, Code of Alabama 1975,  
23 relating to driver's license to provide for the period of time  
24 before expiration of the driver's license in which a person  
25 may renew the license; and to provide an exception for certain  
26 active duty members of the U.S. Armed Forces.

27 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

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

3           "§32-6-1.

4           "(a) Every person, except those specifically  
5 exempted by statutory enactment, shall procure a driver's  
6 license before driving a motor vehicle upon the highways of  
7 this state. Every new resident of the State of Alabama shall  
8 procure an Alabama driver's license within 30 days after  
9 establishing residence in this state.

10           "(b) Each original driver's license issued to a  
11 person born in a year ending in an odd number shall expire on  
12 the second anniversary of the licensee's birth date occurring  
13 in an odd-numbered calendar year after the date on which the  
14 application for the license was filed, and each original  
15 driver's license issued to a person born in a year ending with  
16 an even number shall expire on the second anniversary of the  
17 licensee's birth date occurring in an even-numbered calendar  
18 year after the date on which the application for the license  
19 was filed; provided, that if the license issued would expire  
20 in less than 24 months from the date on which the application  
21 for the license was filed, the expiration date of such license  
22 is hereby extended for an additional period of two years.  
23 After the expiration of an original driver's license, all  
24 subsequent renewals shall be for a period of four years from  
25 the specified expiration date of the immediately preceding  
26 license, regardless of when the renewal shall be issued. Every  
27 driver's license issued under this article may be renewed at

1 the end of the license period without examination upon  
2 application and payment of the fee. For the purpose of renewal  
3 of a driver's license, the Department of Public Safety shall  
4 mail renewal notices to each licensee 30 days after expiration  
5 date if the driver's license has not been renewed. A grace  
6 period of 60 days after expiration date of a driver's license  
7 shall exist for the purpose of driver's license renewal and  
8 the driver's license shall be valid for this time period. The  
9 applicant shall apply for a driver's license anytime during a  
10 period beginning ~~30 days~~ 180 days before the expiration date  
11 of the then current license until three years after the  
12 expiration date of the license. Notwithstanding any other  
13 provision of law, an active duty member of the U.S. Armed  
14 Forces is not subject to the 180-day limit if he or she can  
15 show proof to the licensing official that he or she is unable  
16 to renew during the 180-day period due to deployment. Failure  
17 to make application for renewal within the specified time  
18 shall result in the applicant being required to take, and  
19 successfully pass, a written examination and driving test as  
20 administered by the Department of Public Safety. If any  
21 person's birthday is February 29, the first day of March  
22 following shall be regarded as his or her birthday for the  
23 purposes of this section.

24 "(c) The Department of Public Safety shall make  
25 available to any resident of this state who does not hold a  
26 valid Alabama driver's license a nondriver identification card  
27 to be used for identification purposes only. The nondriver

1 identification card shall be issued only upon application of  
2 the nondriver and shall be similar to the driver's license;  
3 except, that it shall bear the word "nondriver" in prominent  
4 letters on the face of the identification card. Each nondriver  
5 identification card shall bear thereon a distinguishing number  
6 assigned to the nondriver and a color photograph of the  
7 nondriver, as well as the name, birth date, residence address,  
8 and a brief description of the nondriver who, for the purpose  
9 of identification, shall immediately upon receipt thereof,  
10 endorse his or her usual signature in ink upon the card in the  
11 space provided thereon, unless a facsimile of the nondriver  
12 signature appears thereon. The same degree of proof of  
13 identification required of applicants for driver's licenses in  
14 this state shall be required of applicants for nondriver  
15 identification cards."

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