## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## HOUSE BILL NO. 340

## BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO VOTER IDENTIFICATION; AMENDING SECTION 34-404, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING THE REGISTRATION OF ELECTORS; AMENDING SECTION 34-408, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE A PROVISION REGARDING THE REGISTRATION OF ELECTORS; AMENDING SECTION 34-408A, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING ELECTION DAY REGISTRATION; AMENDING SECTION 34-410, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING MAIL REGISTRATION; AMENDING SECTION 34-411, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION FOR ELECTOR REGISTRATION AND ELECTOR PROOF OF IDENTITY AND RESIDENCE; REPEALING SECTION 34-416, IDAHO CODE, RELATING TO REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS; AMENDING SECTION 49-315, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE A PROVISION REGARDING DRIVER'S LICENSES; AMENDING SECTION 49-2444, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR A CERTAIN NO-FEE IDENTIFICATION CARD, TO MAKE A

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

ING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

SECTION 1. That Section 34-404, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

CODIFIER'S CORRECTION, AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS; AND DECLAR-

- 34-404. REGISTRATION OF ELECTORS POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATION UNAFFILIATED DESIGNATION. (1) All electors must register before being able to vote at any primary, general, special, school or any other election governed by the provisions of title 34, Idaho Code. Registration of a qualified person occurs when a legible, accurate and complete registration application is and proof of identity and residence are received in the office of the county clerk or is received at the polls pursuant to section 34-408(3), 34-408A, or 34-1012, Idaho Code.
- (2) Each elector may select on the registration application an affiliation with a political party qualified to participate in elections pursuant to section 34-501, Idaho Code, or may select to be designated as "unaffiliated." The county clerk shall record the party affiliation or "unaffiliated" designation so selected as part of the elector's registration record. If an elector shall fail or refuse to make such a selection, the county clerk shall enter on the registration records that such elector is "unaffiliated."
- (3) In order to provide an elector with the appropriate primary election ballot, pursuant to section 34-904A, Idaho Code, the poll book for primary elections shall include the party affiliation or designation as "unaffiliated" for each elector so registered. An "unaffiliated" elector shall declare to the poll worker which primary election ballot the elector chooses to vote in, pursuant to section 34-904A, Idaho Code, and the poll worker or other authorized election personnel shall record such declaration in the poll book. The poll book shall contain checkoff boxes to

allow the poll worker or other authorized election personnel to record such "unaffiliated" elector's selection.

(4) In order to provide electors who are already registered to vote, and who remain registered electors, with an opportunity to select a party affiliation or to select their status as "unaffiliated," the poll book for the 2012 primary election shall include checkoff boxes by which the poll worker or other appropriate election personnel shall record such elector's choice of party affiliation or choice to be designated as "unaffiliated." After the 2012 primary election, the county clerk shall record the party affiliation or "unaffiliated" designation so selected in the poll book as part of such an elector's record within the voter registration system as provided for in section 34-437A, Idaho Code.

(5) After the 2012 primary election, electors who remain registered voters and who did not vote in the 2012 primary election or who have not selected party affiliation or who have not selected to be designated as "unaffiliated," shall be designated as "unaffiliated" and the county clerk shall record that designation for each such elector within the voter registration system as provided for in section 34-437A, Idaho Code.

SECTION 2. That Section 34-408, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

34-408. CLOSING OF REGISTER -- TIME LIMIT. (1) No elector may register in the office of the county clerk within twenty-four (24) days preceding any election held throughout the county in which he resides for the purpose of voting at such election; provided however, a legible, accurate and complete registration application received in the office of the county clerk during the twenty-four (24) day period preceding an election shall be accepted and held by the county clerk until the day following the election when registration reopens, at which time the registration shall become effective. This deadline shall also apply to any registrars the county clerk may have appointed.

- (2) Any elector who will complete his residence requirement or attain the requisite voting age during the period when the register of electors is closed may register prior to the closing of the register.
- (3) Notwithstanding subsection (1) of this section, an individual who is eligible to vote may also register, upon providing proof of residence, at the "absent electors' polling place" provided in section 34-1006, Idaho Code. Notwithstanding subsection (1) of this section, an individual who is eligible to vote may also register, upon completing a registration application and showing proof of identity and residence pursuant to section 34-411, Idaho Code, at the absent electors' polling place provided in section 34-1006, Idaho Code, or at an early voting station provided in section 34-1012, Idaho Code.

SECTION 3. That Section 34-408A, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

34-408A. ELECTION DAY REGISTRATION. (1) An individual who is eligible to vote may register on election day by appearing in person at the polling place for the precinct in which the individual maintains residence, by com-

pleting a registration application, showing proof of identity and residence pursuant to section 34-411, Idaho Code, and making an oath in the form prescribed by the secretary of state. and providing proof of residence. An individual may prove residence for purposes of registering by:

- (1) Showing an Idaho driver's license or Idaho identification card issued through the department of transportation; or
- (2) Showing any document which contains a valid address in the precinct together with a picture identification card; or
- (3) Showing a current valid student photo identification card from a postsecondary educational institution in Idaho accompanied with a current student fee statement that contains the student's valid address in the precinct.
- (2) Election day registration provided in this section shall apply to all elections conducted under title 34, Idaho Code, and to school district and municipal elections.

An individual who is eligible to vote may also register, upon providing proof of residence, at the "absent electors' polling place" provided in section 34-1006, Idaho Code.

SECTION 4. That Section 34-410, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

- 34-410. MAIL REGISTRATION.  $\underline{(1)}$  Any elector may register by mail for any election. Any mail registration application must be received by the county clerk prior to the close of registration as provided in section 34-408, Idaho Code, provided that any mail registration application postmarked not later than twenty-five (25) days prior to an election shall be deemed timely.
- (2) The secretary of state shall prescribe the form for the mail registration application.
- (3) This The mail application form shall be available for distribution through governmental and private entities, with particular emphasis on making them available for organized voter registration programs.
- $\underline{(4)}$  Any federal mail registration form adopted pursuant to the provisions of the national voter registration act of 1993 (P.L. 103-31) shall also be accepted as a valid registration, if such form is postmarked not later than twenty-five (25) days prior to an election.
- $\underline{(5)}$  The county clerk shall prepare and issue by first class nonforwardable mail to each elector registering by mail a verification of registration containing the name and residence of the elector and the name or number of the precinct in which the elector resides. A verification returned undeliverable shall cause the county clerk to remove the elector's card from the register of electors.
- (6) As required by the help America vote act of 2002 (P.L. 107-252), a copy of proper identification will be required prior to issuance of a ballot to anyone who has registered by mail and has not previously voted in an election for federal office in the state. Proper identification consists of:
  - (1) A current and valid photo identification; or
- (2) A copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document that shows the name and address of the voter. shall meet the requirements of section 34-411(3) and (4), Idaho Code.

SECTION 5. That Section 34-411, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

- 34-411. APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION -- CONTENTS -- PROOF OF IDENTITY AND RESIDENCE. (1) Each elector who requests registration shall supply the following information under oath or affirmation: The secretary of state shall prescribe the form for the registration application consistent with the provisions of this section. Each elector who requests registration shall show proof of identity and residence in accordance with subsections (3) and (4) of this section and shall supply the following information under oath or affirmation:
  - (a) Full name and sex-;

- (b) <u>Mailing address</u>, <u>residence</u> <u>Residence</u> address or any other necessary information definitely locating the elector's residence.;
- (c) Mailing address, if different from residence address;
- (c) (d) The period of time preceding the date of registration during which the elector has resided in the state.;
- (d) (e) Whether or not the elector is a citizen-;
- (e) (f) That the elector is under no legal disqualifications to vote-;
- $\frac{(f)}{(g)}$  The county and state where the elector was previously registered, if any:
- (g) (h) Date of birth-; and
- $\frac{\text{(h)}}{\text{(i)}}$  Current driver's license number or identification card issued by the Idaho transportation department. In the absence of an Idaho driver's license or state issued identification card, the last four (4) digits of the elector's social security number.
- (2) As provided for in section 34-404, Idaho Code, each elector shall select an affiliation with a political party qualified to participate in elections pursuant to section 34-501, Idaho Code, or select to be designated as "unaffiliated." The selection of party affiliation or designation as "unaffiliated" shall be maintained within the voter registration system as provided for in section 34-437A, Idaho Code. If an elector shall fail or refuse to make such a selection, the county clerk shall record as "unaffiliated" such elector within the voter registration system as provided for in section 34-437A, Idaho Code.
- (3) An individual shall prove identity for the purpose of registering to vote by showing one (1) of the following forms of photo identification:
  - (a) A current driver's license or identification card issued pursuant to title 49, Idaho Code;
  - (b) A current passport or other identification card issued by an agency of the United States government;
  - (c) A current tribal identification card; or
  - (d) A current license or enhanced license to carry concealed weapons issued under section 18-3302, Idaho Code, or section 18-3302K, Idaho Code.
  - (4) (a) An individual shall prove residence for the purpose of registering to vote by showing one (1) of the following documents that displays the applicant's name and current Idaho physical address:
    - (i) Any form of photo identification listed in subsection
    - (3) (a), (c), or (d) of this section;

1 (ii) A current proof of insurance;
2 (iii) A deed of trust, mortgage, or lease or rental agreement;
3 (iv) A property tax assessment, bill, or receipt;

- (v) A utility bill, excluding a cellular telephone bill;
- (vi) A bank or credit card statement;
- (vii) A paystub, paycheck, or government-issued check;
- (viii) An intake document from a residential care or assisted living facility licensed pursuant to the provisions of chapter 33, title 39, Idaho Code;
- (ix) Enrollment papers issued for the current school year by a high school or an accredited institution of higher education located within the state of Idaho; or
- (x) A communication on letterhead from a public or private social service agency registered with the secretary of state verifying the applicant is homeless and attesting to the applicant's residence for registration purposes.
- (b) Any document that displays only a post office box address does not satisfy the requirements of this subsection.
- $\underline{\text{(5) (a)}}$  The registration application shall contain the following warning:

WARNING: Any elector who supplies any information, knowing it to be false, is guilty of perjury.

- (b) The elector shall read the warning set forth in this subsection and shall sign the elector's name in an appropriate place on the completed application.
- (6) The registration application completed and signed as provided in this section constitutes the official registration application of the elector. The county clerk shall upload such applications to the statewide voter registration database. Such applications shall be considered confidential and unavailable for public inspection and copying except as provided by section 74-106(25), Idaho Code.
- (3) (7) Any elector who shall supply any information under subsection (1) of this section, knowing it to be false, is guilty of perjury.
- (4) (8) Each elector who requests registration may, at the elector's option, supply the elector's telephone number. If the telephone number is supplied by the elector, the telephone number shall be available to the public.
- (9) The statewide voter registration database maintained by the office of the secretary of state shall constitute the register of electors.
- SECTION 6. That Section 34-416, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby repealed.
  - SECTION 7. That Section 49-315, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:
  - 49-315. LICENSES ISSUED TO DRIVERS. (1) The department shall issue to every qualifying applicant a distinguishing driver's license as applied for, which shall bear a distinguishing number assigned to the licensee, the

full name, date of birth, Idaho residence address, sex, weight, height, eye color, hair color, color photograph, name of this state, date of issuance, date of expiration, license class, endorsements, restrictions, and the applicant's signature. If an applicant has submitted an application pursuant to the provisions of chapter 58, title 19, Idaho Code, then the applicant's driver's license shall contain his or her alternative Idaho mailing address in place of his or her Idaho residence address. Driver's licenses for persons under eighteen (18) years of age shall include a notation "under 18 until (month, day, year)," and driver's licenses for persons eighteen (18) years of age to twenty-one (21) years of age shall include a notation "under 21 until (month, day, year)." No driver's license shall be valid until it has been signed on the signature line of the license by the licensee. Driver's licenses for persons who are United States citizens may shall, where possible, include the notation "USA."

- (2) Every driver's license shall bear a color photograph of the licensee, which shall be taken by the examiner at the time the application is made. The photograph shall be taken without headgear or other clothing or device that disguises or otherwise conceals the face or head of the applicant. A waiver may be granted by the department allowing the applicant to wear headgear or other head covering for medical, religious or safety purposes as long as the face is not disguised or otherwise concealed. At the request of the applicant, a driver's license may contain a statement or indication of the medical condition of the licensee.
- (3) The department shall notify the commercial driver license information system that a class A, B or C driver's license has been issued as required by 49 CFR parts 383 and 384.
- (4) A licensee applying for a hazardous material endorsement on a driver's license shall have a security background records check and shall receive clearance from the federal transportation security administration before the endorsement can be issued, renewed or transferred as required by 49 CFR part 383, subject to procedures established by the federal transportation security administration.
- (5) A licensee who desires to donate any or all organs or tissue in the event of death, and who has completed a document of gift pursuant to the provisions for donation of anatomical gifts as set forth in chapter 34, title 39, Idaho Code, may, at the option of the donor, indicate this desire on the driver's license by the imprinting of the word "donor" on the license. The provisions of this subsection shall apply to licensees fifteen (15) years of age or older but less than eighteen (18) years of age if the requirements provided in chapter 34, title 39, Idaho Code, have been complied with and the donor indicates this desire be placed on the license.
- (6) A licensee who is a person with a permanent disability may request that the notation "permanently disabled" be imprinted on the driver's license, provided the licensee presents written certification from a licensed physician verifying that the licensee's stated impairment qualifies as a permanent disability according to the provisions of section 49-117, Idaho Code.
- (7) A licensee who is a veteran may request that his or her status as such be designated on the driver's license at no additional cost. Any such request shall be accompanied by proof of being a current or former member of

the United States armed forces. Upon request and submission of satisfactory proof, the department shall indicate such person's status as a veteran on any class of driver's license issued pursuant to this section. Such designation shall be made upon original issuance or renewal of a driver's license. Designation shall also be made on any duplicate driver's license issued, provided that the fee for such duplicate driver's license is paid in accordance with section 49-306, Idaho Code.

Satisfactory proof of being a current or former member of the United States armed forces must be furnished by an applicant to the department before a designation of veteran status will be indicated on any class of driver's license. Acceptable proof shall be a copy of form DD214 or an equivalent document or statement from the department of veterans affairs that identifies a character of service upon separation as "honorable" or "general under honorable conditions."

SECTION 8. That Section 49-2444, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

IDENTIFICATION CARD ISSUED -- FOUR-YEAR OR EIGHT-YEAR. (1) 49-2444. The department shall issue a distinguishing identification card that shall set forth the information contained in the application, in a form as prescribed by the department. All identification cards issued on or after January 1, 1993, shall not contain the applicant's social security number. An applicant's social security number shall be exempt from disclosure except for inquiries from agencies or institutions authorized to obtain such information by federal law or regulation, from peace officers, or from jury commissioners. Each card shall have printed on it the applicant's full name, date of birth, Idaho residence address, sex, weight, height, eye color, and hair color and shall be issued include a distinguishing number assigned to the applicant. If an applicant has submitted an application pursuant to the provisions of chapter 58, title 19, Idaho Code, then the applicant's identification card shall contain his or her alternative Idaho mailing address in place of his or her Idaho residence address. Each card shall also have printed on it the name of this state, the date of issuance, and the date of expiration. An identification card shall not be valid until it has been signed on the signature line by the applicant. Each card shall bear upon it a color photograph of the applicant, which shall be taken by the examiner at the time of application. The photograph shall be taken without headgear or other clothing or device that disguises or otherwise conceals the face or head of the applicant. A waiver may be granted by the department allowing the applicant to wear headgear or other head covering for medical, religious or safety purposes as long as the face is not disquised or otherwise concealed. At the request of the applicant, an identification card may contain a statement or indication of the medical condition of the applicant.

(2) No person shall receive an identification card unless and until he surrenders to the department all identification cards in his possession issued to him by Idaho or any other jurisdiction, or any driver's license issued by any other jurisdiction within the United States, or until he executes an affidavit that he does not possess an identification card or any driver's license.

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- (3) Identification cards issued to persons under eighteen (18) years of age shall include a notation "under 18 until (month, day, year)," and identification cards issued to persons eighteen (18) years of age to twenty-one (21) years of age shall include a notation "under 21 until (month, day, year)." The nonrefundable fee for a four (4) year identification card issued to persons twenty-one (21) years of age or older shall be fifteen dollars (\$15.00), of which ten dollars (\$10.00) shall be retained by the county and credited to the current expense fund, and five dollars (\$5.00) shall be deposited in the state treasury to the credit of the highway distribution account. The nonrefundable fee for identification cards issued to persons under twenty-one (21) years of age shall be ten dollars (\$10.00), of which five dollars (\$5.00) shall be retained by the authorized issuing agent or, if issued by the county, shall be credited to the current expense fund, and five dollars (\$5.00) shall be deposited in the state treasury to the credit of the highway distribution account. The nonrefundable fee for an eight (8) year identification card shall be twenty-five dollars (\$25.00), of which fifteen dollars (\$15.00) shall be retained by the authorized issuing agent or, if issued by the county, shall be credited to the current expense fund, and ten dollars (\$10.00) shall be deposited in the state treasury to the credit of the highway distribution account. At the option of the applicant, the identification card issued to a person twenty-one (21) years of age or older shall expire either on the card holder's birthday in the fourth year or the eighth year following issuance of the card, except as otherwise provided in subsection (7) of this section. Every identification card issued to a person under eighteen (18) years of age shall expire five (5) days after the person's eighteenth birthday, except as otherwise provided in subsection (7) of this section. Every identification card issued to a person eighteen (18) years of age but under twenty-one (21) years of age shall expire five (5) days after the person's twenty-first birthday, except as otherwise provided in subsection (7) of this section.
- (4) Individuals required to register in compliance with section 3 of the federal military selective service act, 50 U.S.C. App. 451 et seq., as amended, shall be provided an opportunity to fulfill such registration requirements in conjunction with an application for an identification card. Any registration information so supplied shall be transmitted by the department to the selective service system.
- (5) Every identification card, except those issued to persons under twenty-one (21) years of age, shall be renewable on or before its expiration, but not more than twenty-five (25) months before, and upon application and payment of the required fee.
- (6) The applicant for an identification card must submit proof of identity and citizenship status acceptable to the examiner or the department and date of birth as set forth in a certified copy of his birth certificate. When a certified copy of his birth certificate or a delayed birth certificate is impossible to obtain from a vital statistics agency, another government-issued document may be submitted that provides satisfactory evidence of a person's full legal name and date of birth acceptable to the examiner or the department.
- (7) Every identification card issued to a person who is a citizen of the United States may shall, where possible, include the notation "USA." Ev-

ery identification card issued to a person who is not a citizen or permanent legal resident of the United States shall have an expiration date that is the same date as the end of lawful stay in the United States as indicated on documents issued and verified by the department of homeland security, provided however, that the expiration date shall not extend beyond the expiration date for the same category of identification card issued to citizens. Persons whose department of homeland security documents do not state an expiration date shall be issued an identification card with an expiration date of one (1) year from the date of issuance.

- (8) When an identification card has been expired for less than twenty-five (25) months, the renewal of the identification card shall start from the original date of expiration, regardless of the year in which the application for renewal is made. If the identification card is expired for more than twenty-five (25) months, the application shall expire, at the option of the applicant, on the applicant's birthday in the fourth year or the eighth year following reissuance of the identification card, except as otherwise provided in subsection (7) of this section.
  - (9) (a) If an Idaho identification card has expired or will expire and the identification card holder is temporarily out of state, except on active military duty, the identification card holder may request in writing on a form prescribed by the department an extension of the identification card. The request shall be accompanied by the fee fixed in section 49-306, Idaho Code, and the extension shall be no more than a twelve (12) month period. If the department determines that an extension of the identification card is necessary, it may issue an identification card showing the date to which the expired identification card is extended. Identification card extensions are limited to two (2) consecutive extensions per identification card holder.
  - (b) Upon returning to the state of Idaho, the identification card holder shall, within ten (10) days, apply for a renewal of the expired identification card and surrender the extended identification card and the expired identification card.
- (10) An Idaho identification card issued to any person prior to serving on active duty in the armed forces of the United States, or a member of the immediate family accompanying such a person, if valid and in full force and effect upon entering active duty, shall remain in full force and effect and shall, upon application, be extended for a period of four (4) years as long as active duty continues, and the identification card shall remain in full force and effect sixty (60) days following the date the card holder is released from active duty.
- (11) A person possessing an identification card who desires to donate any or all organs or tissue in the event of death, and who has completed a document of gift pursuant to the provisions for donation of anatomical gifts as set forth in chapter 34, title 39, Idaho Code, may, at the option of the donor, indicate this desire on the identification card by the imprinting of the word "donor" on the identification card. The provisions of this subsection shall apply to persons possessing an identification card who are fifteen (15) years of age or older but less than eighteen (18) years of age if the requirements provided in chapter 34, title 39, Idaho Code, have been complied with.

(12) A person possessing an identification card or an applicant for an identification card who is a person with a permanent disability may request that the notation "permanently disabled" be imprinted on the identification card, provided the person presents written certification from a licensed physician verifying that the person's stated impairment qualifies as a permanent disability according to the provisions of section 49-117, Idaho Code.

- (13) A person who is a veteran may request that his or her status as such be designated on an identification card at no additional cost. Any such request shall be accompanied by proof of being a current or former member of the United States armed forces. Upon request and submission of satisfactory proof, the department shall indicate such person's status as a veteran on any identification card issued pursuant to the provisions of this section. Such designation shall be made upon original issuance or renewal of an identification card. Designation shall also be made on any duplicate identification card issued, provided that the fee for such duplicate card is paid in accordance with this section.
- (14) Satisfactory proof of being a current or former member of the United States armed forces must be furnished by an applicant to the department before a designation of veteran status will be indicated on any identification card. Acceptable proof shall be a copy of form DD214 or an equivalent document or statement from the department of veterans affairs that identifies a character of service upon separation as "honorable" or "general under honorable conditions."
- (15) In the case of a name change, the applicant shall provide legal documentation to verify the change in accordance with department rules.
- (16) Whenever any person, after applying for or receiving an identification card, shall move from the address shown on the application or on the identification card issued, that person shall, within thirty (30) days, notify the transportation department in writing of the old and new addresses.
- (17) The department shall cancel any identification card upon determining that the person was not entitled to the issuance of the identification card or that the person failed to give the required and correct information in his application or committed fraud in making the application. Upon cancellation, the person shall surrender the canceled identification card to the department.
- (18) If any person shall fail to return to the department the identification card as required, the department may direct any peace officer to secure its possession and return the identification card to the department.
- (19) The department may issue a no-fee identification card to an individual whose driver's license has been canceled and voluntarily surrendered as provided in section 49-322(5), Idaho Code. The identification card may be renewed at no cost to the applicant as long as the driver's license remains canceled.
- (20) It is an infraction for any person to fail to notify the department of a change of address as required by the provisions of subsection (16) of this section.
- (16) (21) The department may issue an initial four (4) year no-fee identification card to an individual who is homeless. The department shall establish a form for verification of homelessness pursuant to this section. Such form shall require the signature of an outreach worker or service worker

verifying that the individual is homeless and attesting to the individual's residency at an Idaho relief agency or shelter. An applicant issued an identification card under the provisions of this subsection shall be entitled to one (1) free replacement. Subsequent replacements and renewals of this identification card will be subject to the fees imposed in this section.

(22) The department shall issue a four (4) year no-fee identification card to any individual eighteen (18) years of age or older who has not possessed a current driver's license in the preceding six (6) months and who indicates on the application that an identification card is needed to comply with voter registration or voting requirements. An applicant issued an identification card under this subsection shall be entitled to one (1) free replacement. Such applicants are entitled to no-fee renewals as long as the applicant meets the requirements of this subsection at the time of renewal.

SECTION 9. An emergency existing therefor, which emergency is hereby declared to exist, this act shall be in full force and effect on and after July 1, 2023.