

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE AMENDMENT
TO
2 ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 688 By: Stanley of the Senate
3 and
4 Steagall of the House
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7 An Act relating to driver licenses; amending 47 O.S.
8 2021, Section 6-124, as amended by Section 63,
9 Chapter 282, O.S.L. 2022 (47 O.S. Supp. 2022, Section
10 6-124), which relates to issuance of license or
11 identification card to veterans; requiring certain
12 disabled veterans' disability rating be notated on
13 driver licenses or identification cards; allowing for
14 spouses and unremarried surviving spouses of certain
15 veterans to receive disability rating or veteran
16 status notation on driver licenses or identification
17 cards; requiring notation be accepted as proof of
18 sales tax exemption and veterans benefits; requiring
19 certain registration to receive notations; requiring
20 implementation of certain information exchange
21 process by certain date; requiring compliance with
22 certain standards for certain licenses; directing
23 Service Oklahoma to seek certain federal approval;
24 and providing an effective date.

19 AMENDMENT NO. 1. Strike the title, enacting clause, and entire bill
20 and insert:

21 "[driver licenses - eight-year driver license -
22 issuance of license - disability rating notation -
23 surviving spouses - proof of sales tax exemption -
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1 Service Oklahoma - effective date -

2 emergency]

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5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

6 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2021, Section 6-115, as
7 amended by Section 55, Chapter 282, O.S.L. 2022 (47 O.S. Supp. 2022,
8 Section 6-115), is amended to read as follows:

9 Section 6-115. A. Except as otherwise provided in this
10 section, every driver license shall be issued for a period of either
11 four (4) years or eight (8) years; provided, if the applicant or
12 licensee is an alien, the license shall be issued for a period which
13 does not exceed the lesser of:

14 1. Four (4) years or eight (8) years; or

15 2. The expiration date on the valid documentation authorizing
16 the presence of the applicant or licensee in the United States, as
17 required by paragraph 9 of subsection A of Section 6-103 of this
18 title.

19 B. Except as otherwise provided in this section, the expiration
20 date of an initial license shall be no more than either four (4)
21 years or eight (8) years from the last day of the month of issuance
22 or no more than either four (4) years or eight (8) years from the
23 last day of the birth month of the applicant immediately preceding
24 the date of issuance, if requested by the applicant.

1 C. Except as otherwise provided in this section, the expiration
2 date of a renewal license shall be:

3 1. For a renewal during the month of expiration, either four
4 (4) years or eight (8) years from the last day of the month of
5 expiration of the expiring license or either four (4) or eight (8)
6 years from the last day of the birth month of the licensee
7 immediately preceding the expiration date of the expiring license,
8 if requested by the licensee; or

9 2. For a renewal prior to the month of expiration, as provided
10 by rule of Service Oklahoma, either four (4) or eight (8) years from
11 the last day of the month of expiration of the current license;
12 provided, no license shall be issued with an expiration date of more
13 than five (5) years from the date of renewal on a four (4) year
14 license or nine (9) years from the date of renewal on an eight (8)
15 year license.

16 D. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection E of Section
17 1550.42 of Title 21 of the Oklahoma Statutes, any Oklahoma driver
18 license that is not more than one (1) year past the date of
19 expiration provided on the driver license shall be presumed to be a
20 valid form of identification for the purposes of renewing an
21 Oklahoma driver license.

22 E. Except as otherwise provided in this section, every driver
23 license shall be renewable by the licensee upon application to
24 either Service Oklahoma or a licensed operator, furnishing the

1 current mailing address of the person and payment of the required
2 fee, if the person is otherwise eligible for renewal. If the
3 licensee is an alien, the licensee shall appear before a driver
4 license examiner of Service Oklahoma and shall be issued a renewal
5 driver license for a period which does not exceed the lesser of:

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8 the presence of the applicant or licensee in the United States, as
9 required by paragraph 9 of subsection A of Section 6-103 of this
10 title.

11 F. All applicants for renewals of driver licenses who have
12 proven collision records or apparent physical defects may be
13 required to take an examination as specified by Service Oklahoma.

14 G. When a person makes application for a driver license, or
15 makes application to renew a driver license, and the person has been
16 convicted of, or received a deferred judgment for, any offense
17 required to register pursuant to the Sex Offenders Registration Act,
18 the driver license shall be valid for a period of one (1) year from
19 the month of issuance, but may be renewed yearly during the time the
20 person is registered on the Sex Offender Registry. Notwithstanding
21 any other provision of law, the cost for such license shall be the
22 same as for other driver licenses and renewals.

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1 H. Service Oklahoma shall promulgate rules prescribing forms of
2 identification acceptable for the renewal of an Oklahoma driver
3 license.

4 I. All driver licenses issued to persons sixty-five (65) years
5 of age or older shall be issued for a period of eight (8) years.

6 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2021, Section 6-124, as
7 amended by Section 63, Chapter 282, O.S.L. 2022 (47 O.S. Supp. 2022,
8 Section 6-124), is amended to read as follows:

9 Section 6-124. A. As a way to honor and recognize the veterans
10 who have served our country, Service Oklahoma shall make space
11 available in the upper left-hand corner of the front of the driver
12 license and the identification card for a flag emblem and the word
13 "veteran" ~~to~~. Similarly, when applicable, Service Oklahoma shall,
14 either on the front or back of the driver license or the
15 identification card, include a numeric designation indicating a
16 veteran's one-hundred-percent disability rating granted to the
17 veteran by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. The
18 items required by this subsection shall be designed by Service
19 Oklahoma that will serve as a notation of veteran status as well as
20 a notation of the existence of a United States Department of
21 Veterans Affairs disability rating as applicable. The current
22 spouse of a one-hundred-percent disabled veteran or an unremarried
23 surviving spouse of a deceased, one-hundred-percent disabled veteran
24 shall be entitled to receive a driver license or identification card

1 indicating his or her status as an eligible current spouse or an
2 eligible unremarried surviving spouse entitled to the sales tax
3 exemption provided in Section 1357 of Title 68 of the Oklahoma
4 Statutes. Representation of veteran status and disability rating on
5 the driver license and the identification card shall be adequate
6 confirmation for purposes of veterans benefits offered by public or
7 private entities doing business within this state and no further
8 documentation shall be required except as specifically mandated by
9 federal law.

10 B. Upon application for issuance or renewal of the driver
11 license or identification card and in addition to other
12 documentation required by Service Oklahoma, persons requesting the
13 flag emblem or the flag emblem and the disability notation shall be
14 registered with the ~~veterans registry~~ Oklahoma Veterans Registry
15 created by the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs. Provided,
16 that if the person requesting the flag emblem has previously
17 received a flag emblem pursuant to this subsection, no registration
18 with the veterans registry shall be required to receive the flag
19 emblem prior to the deadline established in subsection C of this
20 section.

21 C. Service Oklahoma and the Oklahoma Department of Veterans
22 Affairs shall implement a technology-based information exchange
23 process whereby all motor license agents are able to validate, upon
24 application for issuance or renewal of the driver license or

1 identification card, an applicant's claim of veteran status, veteran
2 disability status, status as a current spouse of an eligible,
3 disabled veteran or status as an unremarried surviving spouse of an
4 eligible, deceased disabled veteran as provided for in subsection A
5 of this section. The requirements of this subsection shall be
6 implemented no later than July 1, 2024.

7 D. With regard to the issuance of REAL-ID compliant licenses
8 containing items described in subsection A of this section, Service
9 Oklahoma shall comply with all federal design requirements and shall
10 seek design approval from all necessary federal agencies, including
11 but not limited to the United States Department of Homeland
12 Security.

13 E. Service Oklahoma shall promulgate any rule necessary to
14 implement the provisions of this section.

15 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 2023.

16 SECTION 4. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
17 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby
18 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
19 be in full force from and after its passage and approval."
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1 Passed the House of Representatives the 19th day of April, 2023.

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