

HOUSE BILL 1423

By Pody

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55,
Chapter 50, relative to driver licenses.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-50-338, is amended by adding the following language as a new subsection:

(d) Notwithstanding subsection (a), any person seventy-six (76) years of age or older who applies for renewal of a driver license shall be required to undergo and pass a vision test to be administered according to the standards set by the department prior to receiving renewal of the driver license. In lieu of a vision test, the person may submit a written statement that indicates the specifics of the person's vision and the need for any corrective lenses from a licensed ophthalmologist or optometrist in good standing. Such statement shall be issued within six (6) months of renewal of the license.

SECTION 2. The commissioner is authorized to promulgate rules to effectuate the purposes of this act. All rules shall be promulgated in accordance with the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, compiled in Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 5.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016, the public welfare requiring it, and shall apply to renewal applications made on or after that date.