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**Introduced by Senators Bennett, Johnson, Shugars, Garcia, North, McCotter, Koivisto, Peters, DeBeaussaert, Hart, Murphy, Smith, McManus, Miller, Young, Van Regenmorter, Stille, Sikkema, Steil, Dunaskiss, Scott, Emmons, Schwarz and Schuette**

# **ENROLLED SENATE BILL No. 925**

AN ACT to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled "An act to provide for the registration, titling, sale, transfer, and regulation of certain vehicles operated upon the public highways of this state or any other place open to the general public or generally accessible to motor vehicles and distressed vehicles; to provide for the licensing of dealers; to provide for the examination, licensing, and control of operators and chauffeurs; to provide for the giving of proof of financial responsibility and security by owners and operators of vehicles; to provide for the imposition, levy, and collection of specific taxes on vehicles, and the levy and collection of sales and use taxes, license fees, and permit fees; to provide for the regulation and use of streets and highways; to create certain funds; to provide penalties and sanctions for a violation of this act; to provide for civil liability of owners and operators of vehicles and service of process on residents and nonresidents; to provide for the levy of certain assessments; to provide for the enforcement of this act; to provide for the creation of and to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state and local agencies; to impose liability upon the state or local agencies; to repeal all other acts or parts of acts inconsistent with this act or contrary to this act; and to repeal certain parts of this act on a specific date," by amending the title and sections 310, 310e, and 314 (MCL 257.310, 257.310e, and 257.314), the title as amended by 2000 PA 408, section 310 as amended by 2002 PA 126, section 310e as amended by 2002 PA 422, and section 314 as amended by 2000 PA 173.

*The People of the State of Michigan enact:*

## **TITLE**

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Sec. 310. (1) The secretary of state shall issue an operator's license to each person licensed as an operator and a chauffeur's license to each person licensed as a chauffeur. An applicant for a motorcycle indorsement under section 312a or a vehicle group designation or indorsement shall first qualify for an operator's or chauffeur's license before the indorsement or vehicle group designation application is accepted and processed. Beginning on and after July 1, 2003, an original license or the first renewal of an existing license issued to a person less than 21 years of age shall be portrait or vertical in form and an original license or the first renewal of an existing license issued to a person 21 years of age or over shall be landscape or horizontal in form.

(2) The license issued under subsection (1) shall contain all of the following information:

(a) The distinguishing number permanently assigned to the licensee.

(b) The full name, date of birth, address of residence, height, eye color, sex, an image, and the signature of the licensee.

(c) An indication that the license contains 1 or more of the following:

(i) The blood type of the licensee.

(ii) Immunization data of the licensee.

(iii) Medication data of the licensee.

(iv) A statement that the licensee is deaf.

(v) A statement that the licensee is an organ and tissue donor pursuant to part 101 of the public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.10101 to 333.10109.

(vi) Emergency contact information of the licensee.

(vii) A sticker or decal as specified by the secretary of state to indicate that the licensee has designated 1 or more patient advocates in accordance with section 5506 of the estates and protected individuals code, 1998 PA 386, MCL 700.5506, or a statement that the licensee carries an emergency medical information card.

(d) If the licensee has made a statement described in subdivision (c)(v), the signature of the licensee following the indication of his or her organ and tissue donor intent identified in subdivision (c)(v), along with the signature of at least 1 witness.

(e) The sticker or decal described in subdivision (c)(vii) may be provided by any person, hospital, school, medical group, or association interested in assisting in implementing the emergency medical information card, but shall meet the specifications of the secretary of state. The emergency medical information card may contain the information described in subdivision (c)(vi), information concerning the licensee's patient advocate designation, other emergency medical information, or an indication as to where the licensee has stored or registered emergency medical information.

(f) Beginning July 1, 2003, in the case of a licensee who is less than 18 years of age at the time of issuance of the license, the date on which the licensee will become 18 years of age and 21 years of age.

(g) Beginning July 1, 2003, in the case of a licensee who is at least 18 years of age but less than 21 years of age at the time of issuance of the license, the date on which the licensee will become 21 years of age.

(3) Except as otherwise required in this chapter, other information required on the license pursuant to this chapter may appear on the license in a form prescribed by the secretary of state.

(4) The license shall not contain a fingerprint or finger image of the licensee.

(5) A digitized license may contain an identifier for voter registration purposes. The digitized license may contain information appearing in electronic or machine readable codes needed to conduct a transaction with the secretary of state. The information shall be limited to the person's driver license number, birth date, license expiration date, and other information necessary for use with electronic devices, machine readers, or automatic teller machines and shall not contain the person's name, address, driving record, or other personal identifier. The license shall identify the encoded information.

(6) The license shall be manufactured in a manner to prohibit as nearly as possible the ability to reproduce, alter, counterfeit, forge, or duplicate the license without ready detection. In addition, a license with a vehicle group designation shall contain the information required pursuant to 49 C.F.R. part 383.

(7) A person who intentionally reproduces, alters, counterfeits, forges, or duplicates a license photograph, the negative of the photograph, an image, a license, or the electronic data contained on a license or a part of a license or who uses a license, an image, or photograph that has been reproduced, altered, counterfeited, forged, or duplicated is subject to 1 of the following:

(a) If the intent of the reproduction, alteration, counterfeiting, forging, duplication, or use was to commit or aid in the commission of an offense that is a felony punishable by imprisonment for 10 or more years, the person committing the reproduction, alteration, counterfeiting, forging, duplication, or use is guilty of a felony, punishable by imprisonment for not more than 10 years or a fine of not more than \$20,000.00, or both.

(b) If the intent of the reproduction, alteration, counterfeiting, forging, duplication, or use was to commit or aid in the commission of an offense that is a felony punishable by imprisonment for less than 10 years or a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for 6 months or more, the person committing the reproduction, alteration, counterfeiting, forging, duplication, or use is guilty of a felony, punishable by imprisonment for not more than 5 years, or a fine of not more than \$10,000.00, or both.

(c) If the intent of the reproduction, alteration, counterfeiting, forging, duplication, or use was to commit or aid in the commission of an offense that is a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for less than 6 months, the person committing the reproduction, alteration, counterfeiting, forging, duplication, or use is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than 1 year or a fine of not more than \$2,000.00, or both.

(8) A person who sells, or who possesses with the intent to deliver to another, a reproduced, altered, counterfeited, forged, or duplicated license photograph, negative of the photograph, image, license, or electronic data contained on a license or part of a license is guilty of a felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than 5 years or a fine of not more than \$10,000.00, or both.

(9) A person who is in possession of 2 or more reproduced, altered, counterfeited, forged, or duplicated license photographs, negatives of the photograph, images, licenses, or electronic data contained on a license or part of a license is guilty of a felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than 5 years or a fine of not more than \$10,000.00, or both.

(10) A person who is in possession of a reproduced, altered, counterfeited, forged, or duplicated license photograph, negative of the photograph, image, license, or electronic data contained on a license or part of a license is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than 1 year or a fine of not more than \$2,000.00, or both.

(11) Subsections (7)(a) and (b), (8), and (9) do not apply to a minor whose intent is to violate section 703 of the Michigan liquor control code of 1998, 1998 PA 58, MCL 436.1703.

(12) The secretary of state, upon determining after an examination that an applicant is mentally and physically qualified to receive a license, may issue to that person a temporary driver's permit entitling the person while having the permit in his or her immediate possession to drive a motor vehicle upon the highway for a period not exceeding 60 days before issuance to the person of an operator's or chauffeur's license by the secretary of state.

(13) An operator or chauffeur may indicate on the license in a place designated by the secretary of state his or her blood type, emergency contact information, immunization data, medication data, or a statement that the licensee is deaf, or a statement that the licensee is an organ and tissue donor and has made an anatomical gift pursuant to part 101 of the public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.10101 to 333.10109.

(14) An operator or chauffeur may indicate on the license in a place designated by the secretary of state that he or she has designated a patient advocate in accordance with sections 5506 to 5513 of the estates and protected individuals code, 1998 PA 386, MCL 700.5506 to 700.5513.

(15) If the applicant provides proof to the secretary of state that he or she is a minor who has been emancipated pursuant to 1968 PA 293, MCL 722.1 to 722.6, the license shall bear the designation of the individual's emancipated status in a manner prescribed by the secretary of state.

Sec. 310e. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this act, an operator's or chauffeur's license issued to a person who is 17 years of age or less shall be in a form as prescribed in section 310 beginning July 1, 2003, and is valid only upon the issuance of a graduated driver license.

(2) The secretary of state shall designate graduated licensing provisions in a manner that clearly indicates that the person is subject to the appropriate provisions described in this section.

(3) Except as otherwise provided in section 303, a person who is not less than 14 years and 9 months of age may be issued a level 1 graduated licensing status to operate a motor vehicle if the person has satisfied all of the following conditions:

(a) Passed a vision test and met health standards as prescribed by the secretary of state.

(b) Successfully completed segment 1 of a driver education course approved by the department of education including a minimum of 6 hours of on-the-road driving time with the instructor.

(c) Received written approval of a parent or legal guardian.

(4) A person issued a level 1 graduated licensing status may operate a motor vehicle only when accompanied either by a licensed parent or legal guardian or, with the permission of the parent or legal guardian, a licensed driver 21 years of age or older. Except as otherwise provided in this section, a person is restricted to operating a motor vehicle with a level 1 graduated licensing status for not less than 6 months.

(5) A person may be issued a level 2 graduated licensing status to operate a motor vehicle if the person has satisfied all of the following conditions:

(a) Had a level 1 graduated licensing status for not less than 6 months.

(b) Successfully completed segment 2 of a driver education course approved by the department of education.

(c) Not incurred a moving violation resulting in a conviction or civil infraction determination or been involved in an accident for which the official police report indicates a moving violation on the part of the person during the 90-day period immediately preceding application.

(d) Presented a certification by the parent or guardian that he or she, accompanied by his or her licensed parent or legal guardian or, with the permission of the parent or legal guardian, any licensed driver 21 years of age or older, has accumulated a total of not less than 50 hours of behind-the-wheel experience including not less than 10 nighttime hours.

(e) Successfully completed a secretary of state approved performance road test. The secretary of state may enter into an agreement with another public or private person or agency, including a city, village, or township, to conduct this performance road test. This subdivision applies to a person 16 years of age or over only if the person has satisfied subdivisions (a), (b), (c), and (d).

(6) A person issued a level 2 graduated licensing status under subsection (5) shall remain at level 2 for not less than 6 months and shall not operate a motor vehicle within this state from 12 midnight to 5 a.m. unless accompanied by a parent or legal guardian or a licensed driver over the age of 21 designated by the parent or legal guardian, or except when going to or from employment.

(7) The provisions and provisional period described in subsection (4) or (6) shall be expanded or extended, or both, beyond the periods described in subsection (4) or (6) if any of the following occur and are recorded on the licensee's driving record during the provisional periods described in subsection (4) or (6) or any additional periods imposed under this subsection:

(a) A moving violation resulting in a conviction, civil infraction determination, or probate court disposition.

(b) An accident for which the official police report indicates a moving violation on the part of the licensee.

(c) A license suspension for a reason other than a mental or physical disability.

(d) A violation of subsection (4) or (6).

(8) The provisional period described in subsection (4) shall be extended under subsection (7) until the licensee completes 90 consecutive days without a moving violation, an accident in which a moving violation resulted, accident, suspension, or provisional period violation listed in subsection (7) or until age 18, whichever occurs first. The provisional period described in subsection (6) shall be extended under subsection (7) until the licensee completes 12 consecutive months without a moving violation, accident, suspension, or restricted period violation listed in subsection (7) or until age 18, whichever occurs first.

(9) A person who is not less than 17 years of age may be issued a level 3 graduated licensing status under this subsection if the person has completed 12 consecutive months without a moving violation, an accident in which a moving violation resulted, accident, suspension, or restricted period violation listed in subsection (7) while the person was issued a level 2 graduated licensing status under subsection (5).

(10) Notice shall be given by first-class mail to the last known address of a licensee if the provisions are expanded or extended as described in subsection (7).

(11) A person who violates subsection (4) or (6) is responsible for a civil infraction.

(12) If a person is determined responsible for a violation of subsection (4) or (6), the secretary of state shall send written notification of any conviction or moving violation to a designated parent or guardian of the person.

(13) For purposes of this section:

(a) Upon conviction for a moving violation, the date of the arrest for the violation shall be used in determining whether the conviction occurred within a provisional licensure period under this section.

(b) Upon entry of a civil infraction determination for a moving violation, the date of issuance of a citation for a civil infraction shall be used in determining whether the civil infraction determination occurred within a provisional licensure period under this section.

(c) The date of the official police report shall be used in determining whether a licensee was driving a motor vehicle involved in an accident for which the official police report indicates a moving violation on the part of the licensee or indicates the licensee had been drinking intoxicating liquor.

(14) A person shall have his or her graduated licensing status in his or her immediate possession at all times when operating a motor vehicle, and shall display the card upon demand of a police officer. A person who violates this subsection is responsible for a civil infraction.

(15) This section does not apply to a person 15 years of age or older who is currently enrolled but has not completed a driver education course on April 1, 1997 or who has completed a driver education course but has not acquired his or her driver license on April 1, 1997.

Sec. 314. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, an operator's license shall expire on the birthday of the person to whom the license is issued in the fourth year following the date of the issuance of the license unless suspended or revoked before that date or issued pursuant to section 314b. A license shall not be issued for a period longer than

4 years. A person holding a license at any time within 45 days before the expiration of his or her license may make application for a new license as provided for in this chapter. However, a knowledge test for an original group designation or indorsement may be taken at any time during this period and the results shall be valid for 12 months. However, if the licensee will be out of the state during the 45 days immediately preceding expiration of the license or for other good cause shown cannot apply for a license within the 45-day period, application for a new license may be made not more than 6 months before expiration of the license. This new license when granted shall expire as provided for in this chapter.

(2) The first operator's license issued to a person who at the time of application is less than 20-1/2 years of age shall expire on the licensee's twenty-first birthday unless suspended or revoked. Until July 1, 2003, the secretary of state shall code the license in a manner which clearly identifies the licensee as being less than 21 years of age.

(3) The first chauffeur's license issued to a person shall expire on the licensee's birthday in the fourth year following the date of issuance unless the license is suspended or revoked before that date or is issued pursuant to section 314b. The chauffeur's license of a person who at the time of application is less than 20-1/2 years of age shall expire on the licensee's twenty-first birthday unless suspended or revoked. Until July 1, 2003, the secretary of state shall code the license in a manner which clearly identifies the licensee as being less than 21 years of age. A subsequent chauffeur's license shall expire on the birthday of the person to whom the license is issued in the fourth year following the date of issuance of the license unless the license is suspended or revoked before that date or is issued pursuant to section 314b.

(4) A person may apply for an extension of his or her driving privileges if he or she is out of state on the date that his or her operator's or chauffeur's license expires. The extension may extend the license for 90 days beyond the expiration date or within 2 weeks after the applicant returns to Michigan, whichever occurs first.

(5) A person who will be out of state for more than 90 days beyond the expiration date of his or her operator's license may apply for a 2-year extension of his or her driving privileges. The applicant for this extension shall submit a statement evidencing a vision examination in accordance with the rules promulgated by the secretary of state under section 309. The fee for a 2-year extension shall be the same as provided in section 314b(2).

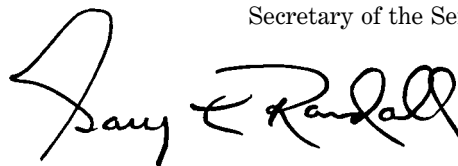
Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect October 1, 2002.

Enacting section 2. This amendatory act does not take effect unless Senate Bill No. 924 of the 91st Legislature is enacted into law.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.



Secretary of the Senate.



Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Approved .....

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Governor.