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LCO No. 3848

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Referred to Committee on Transportation

Introduced by:
(TRA)

AN ACT CONCERNING MOTOR VEHICLE OPERATOR'S LICENSE RENEWALS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 14-41 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2007*):

3 (a) Except as provided in section 14-41a, each motor vehicle
4 operator's license shall be renewed every six years or every four years
5 on the date of the operator's birthday in accordance with a schedule to
6 be established by the commissioner. [On and after July 1, 2007, the
7 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall screen the vision of each motor
8 vehicle operator prior to every other renewal of the operator's license
9 of such operator in accordance with a schedule adopted by the
10 commissioner. Such screening requirement shall apply to every other
11 renewal following the initial screening. In lieu of the vision screening
12 by the commissioner, such operator may submit the results of a vision
13 screening conducted by a licensed health care professional qualified to
14 conduct such screening on a form prescribed by the commissioner
15 during the twelve months preceding such renewal. No motor vehicle
16 operator's license may be renewed unless the operator passes such

17 vision screening. The commissioner shall adopt regulations, in
18 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to implement the
19 provisions of this subsection relative to the administration of vision
20 screening.]

21 (b) An original operator's license shall expire within a period not
22 exceeding six years following the date of the operator's next birthday.
23 The fee for such original license shall be computed at the rate of forty-
24 four dollars for a four-year license, sixty-six dollars for a six-year
25 license and eleven dollars per year for any part of a year thereof. The
26 commissioner may authorize an automobile club or association,
27 licensed in accordance with the provisions of section 14-67, to perform
28 license renewals at its office facilities. The commissioner may authorize
29 such automobile clubs or associations to charge a convenience fee,
30 which shall not exceed two dollars, to each applicant for renewal.

31 (c) The commissioner shall, at least fifteen days before the date on
32 which each motor vehicle operator's license expires, notify the operator
33 of the expiration date. Any previously licensed operator who operates
34 a motor vehicle within sixty days after the expiration date of the
35 operator's license without obtaining a renewal of the license shall be
36 deemed to have failed to renew a motor vehicle operator's license and
37 shall be fined in accordance with the amount designated for the
38 infraction of failure to renew a motor vehicle operator's license. Any
39 operator so charged shall not be prosecuted under section 14-36 for the
40 same act constituting a violation under this section but section 14-36
41 shall apply after the sixty-day period.

42 (d) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 1-3a, if the expiration
43 date of any motor vehicle operator's license or any public passenger
44 transportation permit falls on any day when offices of the
45 commissioner are closed for business or are open for less than a full
46 business day, the license or permit shall be deemed valid until
47 midnight of the next day on which offices of the commissioner are
48 open for a full day of business.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	14-41
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Statement of Purpose:

To eliminate the vision screening requirement for motor vehicle operator's license renewals and to permit authorized automobile clubs or associations to charge a two dollar convenience fee for performing license renewals at its facilities.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]