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**Committee Bill No. 1150**

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Referred to Committee on VETERANS' AND MILITARY  
AFFAIRS

Introduced by:  
(VA)

***AN ACT PROVIDING FOR NO-COST DRIVER'S LICENSE AND  
IDENTITY CARD RENEWALS FOR VETERANS.***

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 Section 14-41 of the general statutes is repealed and the  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, 2025*):

3 (a) (1) An original motor vehicle operator's license shall expire within  
4 a period not exceeding seven years following the date of the operator's  
5 next birthday. The fee for such license shall be eighty-four dollars. Upon  
6 renewal of a license, the commissioner may issue a license for a period  
7 to be determined by the commissioner, provided such period does not  
8 exceed eight years. The fee for the renewal of a license that expires eight  
9 years from the date of issuance shall be ninety-six dollars. The  
10 commissioner shall charge a prorated amount of such fee for a license  
11 that expires less than eight years from the date of issuance.

12 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (1) of this  
13 subsection, upon application at any time to renew a motor vehicle  
14 operator's license of any person whose current license contains such  
15 person's status as a veteran in accordance with subsection (e) of section

16 14-36h, the commissioner shall waive the fee to renew such license. For  
17 any such renewal application made earlier than six months prior to the  
18 date on which such license expires, the commissioner shall issue to such  
19 person a voucher entitling such person to renewal of such person's  
20 license, free of charge, during such six-month period.

21 (b) The commissioner may authorize a contractor, including, but not  
22 limited to, an automobile club or association licensed in accordance with  
23 the provisions of section 14-67 on or before July 1, 2007, or any  
24 municipality, to issue duplicate licenses and identity cards pursuant to  
25 section 14-50a, renew licenses, renew identity cards issued pursuant to  
26 section 1-1h, as amended by this act, and conduct registration  
27 transactions. The commissioner may authorize such contractors and  
28 municipalities to charge a convenience fee, which shall not exceed eight  
29 dollars, to each applicant for a license or identity card renewal or  
30 duplication, or for a registration transaction.

31 (c) Any previously licensed operator who fails to renew a motor  
32 vehicle operator's license in accordance with subsection (a) of this  
33 section shall be charged a late fee of twenty-five dollars upon renewal  
34 of such operator's license.

35 (d) The commissioner may, at least fifteen days before the date on  
36 which each motor vehicle operator's license or identity card expires,  
37 notify the holder of such license or identity card of the expiration date,  
38 in a manner determined by the commissioner. The commissioner shall  
39 not provide such notification by mail to any such licensee or identity  
40 card holder if the United States Postal Service has determined that mail  
41 is undeliverable to the address for such person that is documented in  
42 the records of the Department of Motor Vehicles. Any previously  
43 licensed operator who operates a motor vehicle within sixty days after  
44 the expiration date of the operator's license without obtaining a renewal  
45 of the license shall be fined in accordance with the amount designated  
46 for the infraction of failure to renew a motor vehicle operator's license.  
47 Any operator so charged shall not be prosecuted under section 14-36 for

48 the same act constituting a violation under this section but section 14-36  
49 shall apply after the sixty-day period.

50 (e) On and after January 1, 2013, the commissioner may extend the  
51 expiration date of an operator's license or identity card for a period of  
52 six months when such licensee or identity card holder presents  
53 documentation satisfactory to the commissioner that such person was  
54 out of the state during the renewal period for such license or identity  
55 card, or when the commissioner requires additional time to determine  
56 whether such person qualifies for a renewal. The fee for such extension  
57 shall be the same as that for a duplicate license under section 14-50a and  
58 no part of such fee shall be subject to refund. The commissioner shall  
59 not grant more than one extension to any such person pursuant to this  
60 subsection.

61 (f) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 1-3a, if the expiration  
62 date of any motor vehicle operator's license or any public passenger  
63 endorsement falls on any day when the offices of the commissioner are  
64 closed for business or are open for less than a full business day, the  
65 license or permit shall be deemed valid until midnight of the next day  
66 on which the offices of the commissioner are open for a full day of  
67 business.

68 (g) The commissioner shall develop, and thereafter revise as needed,  
69 a video presentation concerning current state laws that impact  
70 motorists, pedestrians and bicyclists and ways to practice safe driving  
71 behaviors and reduce transportation-related fatalities and severe  
72 injuries. In developing such video presentation, the commissioner may  
73 use materials and one or more video presentations developed by a  
74 governmental entity, independent contractor or any other party. Upon  
75 every other renewal of a motor vehicle operator's license, the  
76 commissioner shall require the licensee to watch such video  
77 presentation prior to issuing such license.

78 Sec. 2. Section 1-1h of the general statutes is repealed and the  
79 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

80 (a) Any person who does not possess a valid motor vehicle operator's  
81 license may apply to the Department of Motor Vehicles for an identity  
82 card. The application for an identity card shall be accompanied by the  
83 birth certificate of the applicant or a certificate of identification of the  
84 applicant issued and authorized for such use by the Department of  
85 Correction and a fee of twenty-eight dollars. Such application shall  
86 include: (1) The applicant's name; (2) the applicant's address; (3)  
87 whether the address is permanent or temporary; (4) the applicant's date  
88 of birth; (5) notice to the applicant that false statements on such  
89 application are punishable under section 53a-157b; and (6) such other  
90 pertinent information as the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles deems  
91 necessary. The applicant shall sign the application in the presence of an  
92 official of the Department of Motor Vehicles. The commissioner may  
93 waive the fee for any applicant (A) who has voluntarily surrendered  
94 such applicant's motor vehicle operator's license, (B) whose license has  
95 been refused by the commissioner pursuant to subdivision (4) of  
96 subsection (e) of section 14-36, (C) who is both a veteran, as defined in  
97 subsection (a) of section 27-103, and blind, as defined in subsection (a)  
98 of section 1-1f, or (D) who is a resident of a homeless shelter or other  
99 facility for homeless persons or a certified homeless youth or certified  
100 homeless young adult. The commissioner shall adopt regulations, in  
101 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to establish the procedure  
102 and qualifications for the issuance of an identity card to any such  
103 homeless applicant. For the purposes of this subsection, "certified  
104 homeless youth" and "certified homeless young adult" have the same  
105 meanings as provided in section 7-36.

106 (b) (1) An identity card shall indicate its date of expiration, contain a  
107 picture of the applicant and specify the applicant's height, sex and eye  
108 color.

109 (2) (A) An original identity card shall expire within a period not  
110 exceeding seven years following the date of the applicant's next  
111 birthday. Any person who holds an identity card may be notified by the  
112 commissioner before its expiration and may renew such card in such

113 manner as the commissioner shall prescribe. Upon renewal of an  
114 identity card, the commissioner may issue an identity card for a period  
115 to be determined by the commissioner, provided such period does not  
116 exceed eight years. The fee for the renewal of an identity card that  
117 expires eight years from the date of issuance shall be thirty-two dollars.  
118 The commissioner shall charge a prorated amount of such fee for an  
119 identity card that expires less than eight years from the date of issuance.  
120 The commissioner shall not provide notification by mail to the holder of  
121 an identity card if the United States Postal Service has determined that  
122 mail is undeliverable to such person at the address for such person that  
123 is in the records of the department.

124 (B) Notwithstanding the provisions of subparagraph (A) of this  
125 subdivision, upon application at any time to renew an identity card of  
126 any person whose current identity card contains such person's status as  
127 a veteran in accordance with subsection (e) of section 14-36h, the  
128 commissioner shall waive the fee to renew such identity card. For any  
129 such renewal application made earlier than six months prior to the date  
130 on which such identity card expires, the commissioner shall issue to  
131 such person a voucher entitling such person to renewal of such person's  
132 identity card, free of charge, during such six-month period.

133 (c) A distinctive identity card shall be issued to any applicant less  
134 than twenty-one years of age. The identity card shall contain a statement  
135 that it is issued subject to the same verification of the applicant's identity  
136 as required for the issuance of a motor vehicle operator's license. The  
137 card may thereafter be exhibited to establish the age and identity of the  
138 person to whom it was issued.

139 (d) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, in consultation with the  
140 Liquor Control Commission, shall adopt regulations in accordance with  
141 the provisions of chapter 54 to carry out the purposes of this section and  
142 section 30-86.

143 (e) Any person who misrepresents his or her age or practices any  
144 other deceit in the procurement of an identity card, or uses or exhibits

145 an identity card belonging to any other person, shall be guilty of a class  
146 D misdemeanor and shall have such identity card revoked by the  
147 commissioner.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2025	14-41
Sec. 2	July 1, 2025	1-1h

***Statement of Purpose:***

To provide for no-cost driver's license and identity card renewals for veterans whose licenses and identity cards already reflect their status as veterans.

*[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.]*

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