

**HOUSE BILL No. 2606**

By Committee on Transportation

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1 AN ACT concerning drivers' licenses; relating to electronic online  
2 renewal; vision requirements; *reports to legislature*; amending K.S.A.  
3 2017 Supp. 8-240 and repealing the existing section.  
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5 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

6 Section 1. K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 8-240 is hereby amended to read as  
7 follows: 8-240. (a) (1) Every application for an instruction permit shall be  
8 made upon a form furnished by the division of vehicles and accompanied  
9 by a fee of \$2 for class A, B, C or M and \$5 for all commercial classes.  
10 Every other application shall be made upon a form furnished by the  
11 division and accompanied by an examination fee of \$3, unless a different  
12 fee is required by K.S.A. 8-241, and amendments thereto, and by the  
13 proper fee for the license for which the application is made. All  
14 commercial class applicants shall be charged a \$15 driving test fee for the  
15 drive test portion of the commercial driver's license application. If the  
16 applicant is not required to take an examination or the commercial license  
17 drive test, the examination or commercial drive test fee shall not be  
18 required. The examination shall consist of three tests, as follows: (A)  
19 Vision; (B) written; and (C) driving. For a commercial driver's license, the  
20 drive test shall consist of three components, as follows: (A) Pre-trip; (B)  
21 skills test; and (C) road test. If the applicant fails the vision test, the  
22 applicant may have correction of vision made and take the vision test  
23 again without any additional fee. If an applicant fails the written test, the  
24 applicant may take such test again upon the payment of an additional  
25 examination fee of \$1.50. If an applicant fails the driving test, the  
26 applicant may take such test again upon the payment of an additional  
27 examination fee of \$1.50. If an applicant for a commercial driver's license  
28 fails any portion of the commercial drive test, the applicant may take such  
29 test again upon the payment of an additional drive test fee of \$10. If an  
30 applicant fails to pass all three of the tests within a period of six months  
31 from the date of original application and desires to take additional tests,  
32 the applicant shall file an application for reexamination upon a form  
33 furnished by the division, which shall be accompanied by a reexamination  
34 fee of \$3, except that any applicant who fails to pass the written or driving

1 portion of an examination four times within a six-month period, shall be  
2 required to wait a period of six months from the date of the last failed  
3 examination before additional examinations may be given. Upon the filing  
4 of such application and the payment of such reexamination fee, the  
5 applicant shall be entitled to reexamination in like manner and subject to  
6 the additional fees and time limitation as provided for examination on an  
7 original application. If the applicant passes the reexamination, the  
8 applicant shall be issued the classified driver's license for which the  
9 applicant originally applied, which license shall be issued to expire as if  
10 the applicant had passed the original examination.

11 (2) Applicants for class M licenses who have completed prior  
12 motorcycle safety training in accordance with department of defense  
13 instruction 6055.04 (DoDI 6055.04) are not required to complete further  
14 written and driving testing pursuant to paragraph (1) ~~of this subsection.~~

15 (3) On and after January 1, 2017, an applicant for a class M license  
16 who passes a driving examination administered by the division on a three-  
17 wheeled motorcycle which is not an autocycle shall have a restriction  
18 placed on such applicant's license limiting the applicant to the operation of  
19 a registered three-wheeled motorcycle. An applicant for a class M license  
20 who passes a driving examination administered by the division on a two-  
21 wheeled motorcycle may operate any registered two-wheeled or three-  
22 wheeled motorcycle.

23 (b) (1) For the purposes of obtaining any driver's license or  
24 instruction permit, an applicant shall submit, with the application, proof of  
25 age and proof of identity as the division may require. The applicant also  
26 shall provide a photo identity document, except that a non-photo identity  
27 document is acceptable if it includes both the applicant's full legal name  
28 and date of birth, and documentation showing the applicant's name, the  
29 applicant's address of principal residence and the applicant's social security  
30 number. The applicant's social security number shall remain confidential  
31 and shall not be disclosed, except as provided pursuant to K.S.A. 74-2012,  
32 and amendments thereto. If the applicant does not have a social security  
33 number the applicant shall provide proof of lawful presence and Kansas  
34 residency. The division shall assign a distinguishing number to the license  
35 or permit.

36 (2) The division shall not issue any driver's license or instruction  
37 permit to any person who fails to provide proof that the person is lawfully  
38 present in the United States. Before issuing a driver's license or instruction  
39 permit to a person, the division shall require valid documentary evidence  
40 that the applicant: (A) Is a citizen or national of the United States; (B) is an  
41 alien lawfully admitted for permanent or temporary residence in the  
42 United States; (C) has conditional permanent resident status in the United  
43 States; (D) has an approved application for asylum in the United States or

1 has entered into the United States in refugee status; (E) has a valid,  
2 unexpired nonimmigrant visa or nonimmigrant visa status for entry into  
3 the United States; (F) has a pending application for asylum in the United  
4 States; (G) has a pending or approved application for temporary protected  
5 status in the United States; (H) has approved deferred action status; or (I)  
6 has a pending application for adjustment of status to that of an alien  
7 lawfully admitted for permanent residence in the United States or  
8 conditional permanent resident status in the United States.

9 (3) If an applicant provides evidence of lawful presence set out in  
10 subsections (b)(2)(E) through (2)(I), or is an alien lawfully admitted for  
11 temporary residence under subsection (b)(2)(B), the division may only  
12 issue a driver's license to the person under the following conditions: (A) A  
13 driver's license issued pursuant to this subparagraph shall be valid only  
14 during the period of time of the applicant's authorized stay in the United  
15 States or, if there is no definite end to the period of authorized stay, a  
16 period of one year; (B) a driver's license issued pursuant to this  
17 subparagraph shall clearly indicate that it is temporary and shall state the  
18 date on which it expires; (C) no driver's license issued pursuant to this  
19 subparagraph shall be for a longer period of time than the time period  
20 permitted by K.S.A. 8-247(a), and amendments thereto; and (D) a driver's  
21 license issued pursuant to this subparagraph may be renewed, subject at  
22 the time of renewal, to the same requirements and conditions as set out in  
23 this subsection (b) for the issuance of the original driver's license.

24 (4) The division shall not issue any driver's license or instruction  
25 permit to any person who is not a resident of the state of Kansas, except as  
26 provided in K.S.A. 8-2,148, and amendments thereto.

27 (5) The division shall not issue a driver's license to a person holding a  
28 driver's license issued by another state without making reasonable efforts  
29 to confirm that the person is terminating or has terminated the driver's  
30 license in the other state.

31 (6) The parent or guardian of an applicant under 16 years of age shall  
32 sign the application for any driver's license submitted by such applicant.

33 (c) Every application shall state the full legal name, date of birth,  
34 gender and address of principal residence of the applicant, and briefly  
35 describe the applicant, and shall state whether the applicant has been  
36 licensed as a driver prior to such application, and, if so, when and by what  
37 state or country. Such application shall state whether any such license has  
38 ever been suspended or revoked, or whether an application has ever been  
39 refused, and, if so, the date of and reason for such suspension, revocation  
40 or refusal. In addition, applications for commercial drivers' licenses and  
41 instruction permits for commercial licenses must include the following:  
42 The applicant's social security number; the person's signature; the person's:  
43 (1) Digital color image or photograph; or (2) a laser engraved photograph;

1 certifications, including those required by 49 C.F.R. § 383.71(a), effective  
2 January 1, 1991; a consent to release driving record information; and, any  
3 other information required by the division.

4 (d) When an application is received from a person previously licensed  
5 in another jurisdiction, the division shall request a copy of the driver's  
6 record from the other jurisdiction. When received, the driver's record shall  
7 become a part of the driver's record in this state with the same force and  
8 effect as though entered on the driver's record in this state in the original  
9 instance.

10 (e) When the division receives a request for a driver's record from  
11 another licensing jurisdiction the record shall be forwarded without charge.

12 (f) A fee shall be charged as follows:

13 (1) For a class C driver's license issued to a person at least 21 years of  
14 age, but less than 65 years of age, \$18;

15 (2) for a class C driver's license issued to a person 65 years of age or  
16 older, \$12;

17 (3) for a class M driver's license issued to a person at least 21 years of  
18 age, but less than 65 years of age, \$12.50;

19 (4) for a class M driver's license issued to a person 65 years of age or  
20 older, \$9;

21 (5) for a class A or B driver's license issued to a person who is at least  
22 21 years of age, but less than 65 years of age, \$24;

23 (6) for a class A or B driver's license issued to a person 65 years of  
24 age or older, \$16;

25 (7) for any class of commercial driver's license issued to a person 21  
26 years of age or older, \$18; or

27 (8) for class A, B, C or M, or a farm permit, or any commercial  
28 driver's license issued to a person less than 21 years of age, \$20.

29 A fee of \$10 shall be charged for each commercial driver's license  
30 endorsement, except air brake endorsements which shall have no charge.

31 A fee of \$3 per year shall be charged for any renewal of a license issued  
32 prior to the effective date of this act to a person less than 21 years of age.

33 If one fails to make an original application or renewal application for a  
34 driver's license within the time required by law, or fails to make  
35 application within 60 days after becoming a resident of Kansas, a penalty  
36 of \$1 shall be added to the fee charged for the driver's license.

37 (g) Any person who possesses an identification card as provided in  
38 K.S.A. 8-1324, and amendments thereto, shall surrender such  
39 identification card to the division upon being issued a valid Kansas driver's  
40 license or upon reinstatement and return of a valid Kansas driver's license.

41 (h) The division shall require that any person applying for a driver's  
42 license submit to a mandatory facial image capture. The captured facial  
43 image shall be displayed on the front of the applicant's driver's license.

1 (i) The director of vehicles may issue a temporary driver's license to  
2 an applicant who cannot provide valid documentary evidence as defined  
3 by subsection (b)(2), if the applicant provides compelling evidence  
4 proving current lawful presence. Any temporary license issued pursuant to  
5 this subsection shall be valid for one year.

6 (j) (1) For purposes of this subsection, the division may rely on the  
7 division's most recent, existing color digital image and signature image of  
8 the applicant for the class C or M driver's license if the division has the  
9 information on file. The determination on whether an electronic online  
10 renewal application or equivalent of a driver's license is permitted shall be  
11 made by the director of vehicles or the director's designee. The division  
12 shall not renew a driver's license through an electronic online or equivalent  
13 process if the license has been previously renewed through an electronic  
14 online application in the immediately preceding driver's license period. No  
15 renewal under this subsection shall be granted to any person who is: ~~(1)~~  
16 (A) Younger than 30 days from turning 21 years of age; ~~(2)~~ (B) 65 years of  
17 age or older; ~~(3)~~ (C) a registered offender pursuant to K.S.A. 22-4901 et  
18 seq., and amendments thereto; or ~~(4)~~ (D) has a temporary driver's license  
19 issued pursuant to K.S.A. 8-240(b)(3), and amendments thereto, provided  
20 the license is not otherwise withdrawn.

21 (2) *The vision examination requirements in K.S.A. 8-247(e), and*  
22 *amendments thereto, are not required for electronic online renewal*  
23 *applications, except that the electronic online renewal applicant must*  
24 *certify under penalty of law that the applicant's vision satisfies the*  
25 *requirements of K.S.A. 8-295, and amendments thereto, and has*  
26 *undergone an examination of eyesight by a licensed ophthalmologist or a*  
27 *licensed optometrist within the last year. As a condition for any electronic*  
28 *online renewal application, the applicant must: (A) Authorize the*  
29 *exchange of vision and medical information between the division and the*  
30 *applicant's ophthalmologist or optometrist; and (B) is at least ~~18~~ 21 years*  
31 *of age, but less ~~that~~ than 50 years of age. **The ophthalmologist or***  
32 ***optometrist shall have four business days to confirm or deny the vision***  
33 ***and medical information of the applicant. If no response is received by***  
34 ***the division, the division shall accept the vision and medical information***  
35 ***provided for processing the renewal application. The waiver of vision***  
36 *examination for online renewal applications contained within this*  
37 *subsection shall expire on July 1, 2022.*

38 (3) The secretary of revenue ~~may~~ **shall** adopt and administer rules  
39 and regulations to implement a program to permit an electronic online  
40 renewal of a driver's license, *including, but not limited to, requirements*  
41 *that an electronic online renewal applicant shall have previously provided*  
42 *documentation of identity, lawful presence and residence to the division*  
43 *for electronic scanning.*

1       (4) *Prior to February 1, 2022, the division shall report to the house*  
2 *~~committee~~ and senate committees on transportation regarding the online*  
3 *renewal process of this subsection and its effects to safety on the state's*  
4 *roads and highways.*

5       Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 8-240 is hereby repealed.

6       Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
7 publication in the statute book.