



**Governor Ned Lamont
State of Connecticut**



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**HOUSE BILL 7201
AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONVENIENCE OF
MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSES AND REGISTRATIONS**

Summary of Proposal:

This proposal extends the duration of vehicle registrations, drivers' licenses, and non-driver identity cards by a third. It also makes changes required before the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) can implement the current "skip-a-trip" technology that will allow some residents to renew their licenses remotely. Together, these changes will allow residents to go up to 16 years between visits to the DMV.

Reason for Proposal:

Connecticut residents spend too much of their valuable time in line at the DMV. Extending the duration of registrations, licenses, and identity cards and moving more interactions with the DMV online will reduce the number of visits each resident has to make to the DMV and wait times once there.

Section Detail:

Sec. 1 increases the duration of an identity card from six years to up to seven years from the applicant's next birthday, and of a renewed identity card from six years to up to eight years. It vests the commissioner with the discretion to stagger implementation to avoid fluctuations in customer traffic. It also adjusts the fee from \$22.50 to \$28 for the initial ID and \$32 for a renewal.

Sec. 2 increases the duration of a driver's license from six years from the applicant's next birthday to up to seven years from the applicant's next birthday, and of a renewed license from six years to up to eight years. It vests the commissioner with the discretion to stagger implementation. It also adjusts the fee from \$72 to \$84 for the initial license and \$96 for a renewal, and increases the convenience fee third-party vendors may charge from \$8 to \$10. It also authorizes the commissioner to establish the criteria under which a person is eligible to renew their license or identity card remotely.

Sec. 3 conforms the statutory section pertaining to driver's licenses for ages sixty-five years and older to account for a renewal period that will be at the discretion of the commissioner.

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Sec. 4 establishes a one-sixth prorated fee for a 6-month courtesy registration to conform to the change of the registration period to 3 years.

Sec. 5 increases the duration of a motor vehicle registration from two years to up to three years and prorates registration fees based upon a triennial registration. It vests the commissioner with the discretion to stagger implementation. It also eliminates language that ties an emissions inspection to the renewal of the vehicle registration and language concerning an obsolete telephone process for renewing registrations.

Sec. 6 prorates registration fees for the annual registration of a passenger-style motor vehicle that used for the transportation of students based upon a triennial registration.

Sec. 7 prorates registration fees for leased vehicles based upon a triennial registration.

Sec. 8 prorates applicable registration fees to account for triennial registration, eliminates obsolete references to ambulance inspections and high-mileage vehicles, and requires that 18 months remain on a triennial registration in order for it to be eligible for a refund of one-half the registration fee.

Sec. 9 adjusts the Federal Clean Air Act Fee to conform to a triennial registration and adjusts the Passport to Parks fee to conform to a triennial registration.

Sec. 10 makes conforming changes to the statute pertaining to motor vehicle receipts, 13b-59.

Sec. 11 prorates registration fees for snowmobiles and all-terrain vehicles based upon a triennial registration.

Sec. 12 makes a conforming change to section 14-12 by removing a reference to annual and biennial registrations.