

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2352

Introduced by Assembly Member Speier

February 16, 1996

An act to amend Section 12814.5 of, and to add Section 12804.10 to, the Vehicle Code, relating to vehicles.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2352, as introduced, Speier. Vehicles: driver's licenses: expiration.

Existing law makes every original driver's license and every renewed driver's license expire on the 4th birthday of the applicant following the date of the application for the license or renewal, except as specified.

This bill would authorize the Department of Motor Vehicles to issue a class C driver's license, as an original license or as a renewal, that expires on the 10th birthday of the applicant following the date of application, except as specified, to an applicant who is 18 years of age or older at the time of application, if the applicant does not hold a probationary license and the applicant's record with the department for the 2 years immediately preceding the determination of eligibility for the original license or the renewal meets all of specified criteria.

The bill would require an original license or a renewal issued under the provision specified above to a person who is 64 years of age or older to expire on that person's 70th birthday.

The bill would require the department to charge a fee of \$20 for an original license or a renewal issued under the specified provision.

The bill would prohibit the department from renewing a driver’s license by mail if the license was issued under the specified provision.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 12804.10 is added to the Vehicle
2 Code, to read:

3 12804.10. (a) The department may issue a class C
4 driver’s license, as an original license or as a renewal, that
5 expires on the 10th birthday of the applicant following the
6 date of application, except as specified in subdivision (b),
7 to an applicant who is 18 years of age or older at the time
8 of application, if the applicant does not hold a
9 probationary license and the applicant’s record with the
10 department for the two years immediately preceding the
11 determination of eligibility for the original license or the
12 renewal meets all of the following criteria:

13 (1) There is no record of a notification of a violation of
14 subdivision (a) of Section 40509.

15 (2) The total violation point count is not greater than
16 one, as determined in accordance with Section 12810.

17 (3) There is no record of a suspension of the driving
18 privilege pursuant to Section 13353.2.

19 (4) There is no record of a refusal to submit to or
20 complete chemical testing pursuant to Section 13353 or
21 13353.1.

22 (b) An original license or a renewal issued under this
23 section to a person who is 64 years of age or older shall
24 expire on that person’s 70th birthday.

25 (c) The department shall charge a fee of twenty
26 dollars (\$20) for an original license or a renewal issued
27 under this section.

28 SEC. 2. Section 12814.5 of the Vehicle Code is
29 amended to read:



1 12814.5. (a) The director may establish a program to
2 evaluate the traffic safety and other effects of renewing
3 driver's licenses by mail. ~~The director~~ Pursuant to that
4 program, the department may renew by mail driver's
5 licensees for licensees not holding a probationary license,
6 and whose records, for the two years immediately
7 preceding the determination of eligibility for the
8 renewal, show no notification of a violation of subdivision
9 (a) of Section 40509, a total violation point count not
10 greater than one as determined in accordance with
11 Section 12810, no suspension of the driving privilege
12 pursuant to Section 13353.2, and no refusal to submit to or
13 complete chemical testing pursuant to Section 13353 or
14 13353.1.

15 (b) The director may terminate the renewal by mail
16 program authorized by this section at any time the
17 department determines that the program has an adverse
18 impact on traffic safety.

19 (c) No renewal by mail shall be granted to any person
20 who is 70 years of age or older.

21 (d) The department shall charge a fee of twelve
22 dollars (\$12) for each noncommercial license renewal
23 and twenty-seven dollars (\$27) for each commercial
24 license or noncommercial firefighter license renewal
25 granted pursuant to subdivision (a).

26 (e) The department shall notify each licensee granted
27 a renewal by mail pursuant to this section of major
28 changes to the Vehicle Code affecting traffic laws
29 occurring during the prior four-year period.

30 (f) The department shall not renew a driver's license
31 by mail if the license has been previously renewed by mail
32 two consecutive times for four-year periods *or if the*
33 *license was issued under Section 12804.10.*

