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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, a person may renew a
9 driver's license up to 30 days before the
10 expiration date and until three years after the
11 expiration of the license.

12 This bill would allow a person to renew a
13 driver's license beginning 180 days before the
14 expiration date.

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16 A BILL
17 TO BE ENTITLED
18 AN ACT
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20 To amend Section 32-6-1, Code of Alabama 1975,
21 relating to driver's license to provide for the period of time
22 before expiration of the driver's license in which a person
23 may renew the license.

24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

25 Section 1. Section 32-6-1, Code of Alabama 1975, is
26 amended to read as follows:

27 "§32-6-1.

1 "(a) Every person, except those specifically
2 exempted by statutory enactment, shall procure a driver's
3 license before driving a motor vehicle upon the highways of
4 this state. Every new resident of the State of Alabama shall
5 procure an Alabama driver's license within 30 days after
6 establishing residence in this state.

7 "(b) Each original driver's license issued to a
8 person born in a year ending in an odd number shall expire on
9 the second anniversary of the licensee's birth date occurring
10 in an odd-numbered calendar year after the date on which the
11 application for the license was filed, and each original
12 driver's license issued to a person born in a year ending with
13 an even number shall expire on the second anniversary of the
14 licensee's birth date occurring in an even-numbered calendar
15 year after the date on which the application for the license
16 was filed; provided, that if the license issued would expire
17 in less than 24 months from the date on which the application
18 for the license was filed, the expiration date of such license
19 is hereby extended for an additional period of two years.
20 After the expiration of an original driver's license, all
21 subsequent renewals shall be for a period of four years from
22 the specified expiration date of the immediately preceding
23 license, regardless of when the renewal shall be issued. Every
24 driver's license issued under this article may be renewed at
25 the end of the license period without examination upon
26 application and payment of the fee. For the purpose of renewal
27 of a driver's license, the Department of Public Safety shall

1 mail renewal notices to each licensee 30 days after expiration
2 date if the driver's license has not been renewed. A grace
3 period of 60 days after expiration date of a driver's license
4 shall exist for the purpose of driver's license renewal and
5 the driver's license shall be valid for this time period. The
6 applicant shall apply for a driver's license anytime during a
7 period beginning ~~30 days~~ 180 days before the expiration date
8 of the then current license until three years after the
9 expiration date of the license. Failure to make application
10 for renewal within the specified time shall result in the
11 applicant being required to take, and successfully pass, a
12 written examination and driving test as administered by the
13 Department of Public Safety. If any person's birthday is
14 February 29, the first day of March following shall be
15 regarded as his or her birthday for the purposes of this
16 section.

17 "(c) The Department of Public Safety shall make
18 available to any resident of this state who does not hold a
19 valid Alabama driver's license a nondriver identification card
20 to be used for identification purposes only. The nondriver
21 identification card shall be issued only upon application of
22 the nondriver and shall be similar to the driver's license;
23 except, that it shall bear the word "nondriver" in prominent
24 letters on the face of the identification card. Each nondriver
25 identification card shall bear thereon a distinguishing number
26 assigned to the nondriver and a color photograph of the
27 nondriver, as well as the name, birth date, residence address,

1 and a brief description of the nondriver who, for the purpose
2 of identification, shall immediately upon receipt thereof,
3 endorse his or her usual signature in ink upon the card in the
4 space provided thereon, unless a facsimile of the nondriver
5 signature appears thereon. The same degree of proof of
6 identification required of applicants for driver's licenses in
7 this state shall be required of applicants for nondriver
8 identification cards."

9 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the
10 first day of the third month following its passage and
11 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.