

2011 HOUSE TRANSPORTATION

HB 1109

2011 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

House Transportation Committee
Fort Totten Room, State Capitol

HB 1109
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Explanation or reason for introduction of bill/resolution:

This is a bill relating to driver's license renewal dates and fees.

Minutes:

Attached testimony #1

Chairman Ruby:

Glenn Jackson, Director, Drivers License Division, North Dakota Department of Transportation, presented testimony for HB 1109. See attached testimony #1.

Representative Vigesaa: If you are going to do that many fewer renewals, what do you estimate that your cost savings will be in administration?

Glenn Jackson: This is not a cost saver for us. This gives us the ability to utilize our examiner resources to actually do other work.

Representative Vigesaa: What happens when someone gets to be 80 years old, and instead of coming back at age 84 for an eye test, they will be coming back at 86?

Glenn Jackson: There are concerns throughout the safety community. There is ongoing research in the safety community as far steps that may or may not be appropriate as all of us reach a certain age. At this time, we have not taken any steps or pursued that at all. We have a system in place that if someone has a cognitive issue, it is identified. We have a fairly robust process in place right now that helps us identify individuals who have medical conditions, regardless of age, that helps maintain safety on the highways.

Representative Gruchalla: A lady from Devils Lake was involved in an accident was 92 years old. She did not meet any of the criteria that you described, however we all know that when we reach a certain age, it is probably time for someone to look at your driving skills. I think it would be good to go to a two year renewal at a certain age and require full testing. Did you discuss that at all?

Glenn Jackson: We believe at this time that the process that we have in place with the information that we have available, did not give us enough information to be able to take

that step. Further research through the years may give us more information to make some type of definitive recommendation, but at this time we will not.

Representative Gruchalla: On a national level there is a movement to set mandatory retesting at a certain age. Some states have done that. Why isn't North Dakota doing that?

Glenn Jackson: Some states have taken that step to try and understand the impacts of elderly on the highways. But again, we have not taken any steps and do not have any definitive reason to do so.

Representative Frantsvog: You have talked about the steps that are in place. Could you explain what those steps are?

Glenn Jackson: If a citizen sees a physician and is diagnosed with dementia, for example, that physician will notify our office. They will give us a recommendation as to whether this person should only drive in the daytime, if they should not drive at all, or if they are safe on the highway. We will then take action against the driving privileges of the individual. They have the right to request to a hearing. We depend on our medical authorities to give us that information. In the case of an elderly individual who has an accident, law enforcement will give us a recommendation based on what they have observed. If they believe that an individual is a hazard to the highway, they will recommend the individual not drive. We take that information, and we temporarily suspend the driving privileges of that person until they have given us valid input from a medical authority letting us know they are or are not safe to drive the highway.

Representative Frantsvog: Is there additional testing when you get age 80?

Glenn Jackson: Everyone gets an eye test when they come in to renew their license.

Representative Delmore: If someone has a stroke, is someone (the physician) mandated to give you that information, regardless of age?

Glenn Jackson: It is not mandated that they tell us that. We have a good relationship and receive information readily, but it is not mandated.

Representative Delmore: How do they know that they need to furnish that information? Do you send them information that asks them to report if they think that someone has a condition and should not be allowed to drive?

Glenn Jackson: No, there is nothing along those lines. There is no formal process to do that. We do have a medical advisory board that meets on a regular basis that gives us a means to get information out into the medical community. To the best of my knowledge most physicians are aware of these types of issues, but we do not have a formal process in place.

Representative R. Kelsch: In regards to testing of the elderly, there is a bill this session that would require testing. If this bill would pass, it would require the elderly to come in and

be tested every two years. But, when they come in, all they would have tested is their vision. Since there are no other tests done, it may not get at the problem. Further testing may have to be done, but I'm not sure that is the responsibility of the Department of Transportation. A physical could be required, and an applicant would have to bring in a copy of that. Maybe it is time for children to say it is time to take the license, which is the same as my stand on the Graduated Driver's License, only in reverse. I don't think we should mandate everything from the legislature.

Glenn Jackson: I will tell you that we do have that happen very often. It is a difficult time and hard for children to do.

Chairman Ruby: I was in an accident with an elderly man. He pulled right out in front of me on 83. The highway patrol did say that they would have him retested to retain his driver's license.

Vice Chairman Weiler: Is there an outcry for this to be done? What problem is being fixed by having to renew every four years? What are other states doing?

Glenn Jackson: We are all trying to be more efficient and effective with the staff that we have. Looking at what other states do, everyone has the same issue as how to more efficiently deliver services. Once you have your license in Arizona, you do not have to go back in to the driver's license office until you are 65. In some states it is still four years. In some states it is 5, 6, or 8. There is not consistent time. We are looking at our efficiencies and looking at how we are utilizing our examining staff. Now we are doing 95,000 a year. If we can stretch it out to six years, it will reduce the number of renewal that we have to do each year. Then we won't be so busy just doing renewals. We can actually spend more time with the examiners doing road tests and other types of tests. We can deliver more efficiently with the increasing volume that we have. We don't believe that six years is pushing the envelope too far.

Representative Hogan: I am interested in the numbers of referrals that you get from physicians or medical personnel in a year. In the next twenty years there will be a massive increase in the aging population. Many of them do not have family. I am concerned about them, and they often don't go to a physician. With increase in aging population do you think the referrals are enough of a safety net?

Glenn Jackson: There are two aspects to that. One is an enforcement issue as far as safety on the highways. If people are observed driving in an unsafe manner, law enforcement would take action. The other piece of that is the medical issue. I get at least two e-mails a day, sometimes more, of individuals who are suspended immediately because of medical concerns. So, I know that we are getting regular input from physicians for people who have had a medical condition that would affect their driving privileges and safety on the highway.

Representative Hogan: You feel that the current system is protecting the public?

Glenn Jackson: I do feel that it is protecting the public.

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Representative Onstad: Now, we have 95,000 renewals a year. This would change it to approximately 65,000 renewals. Do we have a backlog currently, so that people are waiting too long? Is this why we are looking to extend it?

Glenn Jackson: There are always problems with people getting in as fast as they want to. That is a perception issue. But, we believe with the increases, there will be a time when backlogs will be too high. This type of a step will enable us to be prepared for that, so that we can meet the needs of our citizens.

Representative Onstad: When we increase the fee from \$10 to \$15 and cut down the number of renewals, there will be additional dollars. What will we use the additional dollars for?

Glen Jackson: There are no additional dollars. We maintain the same number of staff and same number of renewals based on \$2.50 a year per individual. The revenue or the cost doesn't increase. It is neutral; there are no additional funds available. What we gain through this is time not dollars. We now have the same number of examiners who have less time to devote to renewals and can devote more toward road tests, written tests, permits, and other things. These items sometimes get pushed back, especially road tests, some may have to wait 30-60 days. This may give us the ability to test them when they come in the door or within 5-10 days. We gain efficiencies by the time devoted to various processes.

Representative Owens: You said in your testimony you are just extending it from four years to six years. In the document it says that people under twenty-one it stays at four years. Is that correct?

Glenn Jackson: Yes, that is correct.

Representative Owens: So, for the number of people under twenty-one, the fee is being increased from \$10-\$15. There is a slight addition of money for the four year renewals. I wanted to make sure that I understand this correctly.

Glenn Jackson: When someone gets their license and they are 17, by the time they get their license when they are 21, they would renew for six years. We are looking at a very small number.

Representative Owens: I agree that we are talking about a very small fraction here.

Representative Gruchalla: Do you get more mandatory retests from law enforcement after a crash or from doctors?

Glenn Jackson: We get more from physicians.

Representative Gruchalla: What percentages of those that are referred lose their license?

Glenn Jackson: I do not have that number. I can research that and get you a percentage.

Representative Gruchalla: Could you also get the percentage of those that lose their license after an accident, and they get sent in for a mandatory retest?

Glenn Jackson: Yes.

Representative Weisz: Do the commercial licenses stay at four years?

Glenn Jackson: Yes.

Representative Weisz: Did the feds set a maximum on the number of years we can extend the renewals licenses?

Glenn Jackson: I have not seen that.

Chairman Ruby: The fiscal note shows a \$5000 expenditure for computer upgrades or changes. With the slight increase from the initial licenses, where is that shown in here?

Glenn Jackson: We didn't address initial licenses for anyone under twenty-one because all we are doing is extending the renewal period for people who are twenty-one years or over. So, they would continue to fall under the current system. We didn't address any revenue differences in that area.

Chairman Ruby: There will be a small number who are renewing before they are twenty-one.

Glenn Jackson: Yes, if they get their license when they are 15 or 16, they will be 19 or 20 when they do their renewal in four years.

Chairman Ruby: So, everyone who gets their license before they are twenty-one will have one renewal at the higher amount.

Glenn Jackson: No, because they are not twenty-one yet. They will still pay \$10 because they are not twenty-one yet.

Chairman Ruby: The renewal, though, is for four years, but the rate is going to be \$15 for every renewal.

Glenn Jackson: That is a good catch. The intent was that when you are over twenty-one and you get a six year renewal the fee will be \$15, but if it was a four year renewal under twenty-one the fee would still be \$10.

Chairman Ruby: But, the fee change is for every renewal and the change of time is for twenty-one. So, that will be an increase for everyone who renews the first time.

Glenn Jackson: That was not the intent, to increase the fee.

Representative Owens: The way this reads it is just the applicant. It does not specify renewing, so as an applicant when the fourteen and one-half year old goes in to get a driver's license, they are going to pay \$15.

Glenn Jackson: Again, that was not the intent. Intent was just renewing the license after you are twenty-one years old, not initial application of license. That is a separate process, to the renewal fee that we are addressing in this bill.

Vice Chairman Weiler: If a family moves into the state, and they have to get a license for an eighteen year old child, will it be \$10 for them?

Glenn Jackson: If they are getting their initial license, it is the normal \$10 initial license fee.

Chairman Ruby: Why can't we change the CDL's to six years as well?

Glenn Jackson: Much of the CDL program is controlled by the Federal Motor Carrier's Safety Administration. We decided to leave that as a separate system at this time.

Chairman Ruby: Have they backed off of the mandates that they were making for Real ID?

Glenn Jackson: The last that I have heard on Real ID, is that it is on hold and pending.

Representative Onstad: Are there additional FTE's for testers and trainers in Transportation's overall budget?

Glenn Jackson: There is a request for four additional examiners in the Department of Transportation budget.

Chairman Ruby: That is additional, not just replacing the turnover?

Glenn Jackson: That is correct. We have had a 35% in work volume since 2003. We have had a 32% increase in CDL requests and testing in the last year alone. Our staff is not able to keep up with the workload.

Chairman Ruby: Will you check to see about the language, since the intent was just to deal with renewals? The increase may not be significant. We will consider the intent of the bill.

There was no further support for HB 1109.

There was no opposition for HB 1109.

The hearing was closed on HB 1109.

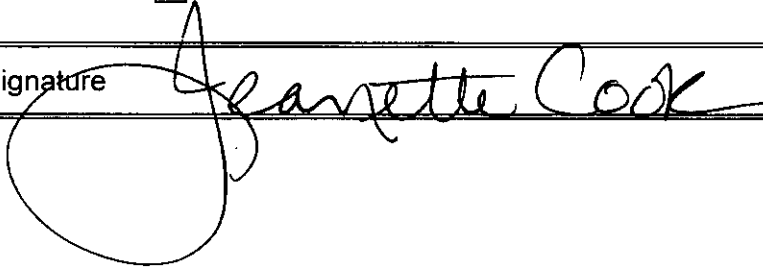
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Minutes:

Chairman Ruby brought back HB 1109 for committee discussion.

Representative Gruchalla: In this bill the renewals will stand the way they are, but the amendment would say that you would renew every six years until you reach the age of 80. Then you would renew every two years with a behind the wheel test.

Chairman Ruby: We did have some discussion about that. The Department of Transportation checked and found out for us that there were 9,413 renewals under the age of twenty-one in a year. They would pay the \$15 rate instead of the \$10 rate. So, I asked if they would put a different fiscal note on this.

Vice Chairman Weiler: I understand that there are going to be some people that are paying \$15 for their first renewal, but when they renew at the age of twenty they will also get the renewal for six years. So, the price is still the same.

Chairman Ruby: If they renew at nineteen or twenty, they can only renew for four years, and it would be for \$15.

Vice Chairman Weiler: Could that be easily fixed by adding an amendment to change it back to \$10 if you are under 20?

Chairman Ruby: That would be an easy fix if someone wants to make that amendment. If passed as is, I will ask that they give us a new fiscal note.

Representative R. Kelsch: If you renew at age 20, you do only have it for four years. The majority of the kids come in at twenty-one and get a new license because when you are under twenty-one, the picture is positioned on the license differently. All of the twenty-one year olds go in and get a new license, so they have a twenty-one license.

Chairman Ruby: Not all of the kids do that.

Representative Onstad: I don't see any reason for them to add another \$5.00 to the price of the renewal fee.

Chairman Ruby: It is not my position to argue for them, but it is another two years added to the renewal, so they are getting a break by changing it from four years to six. At \$2.50 a year, it is the same for the personal renewing. They are just spending less time doing it, so it is a cost saving in time for them.

Representative Owens: I know they said the intent of this bill is renewal, but the people under the age of twenty-one will see an increase the way this bill is written.

Representative R. Kelsch: As I look at the math, it is not an increase at all.

Representative Owens: I think the cost should remain \$10 for the renewal.

Representative Weisz: We have heard testimony during the last several sessions that it costs the Department of Transportation much more to do the license than what the fees are. The Department of Transportation is already losing money on renewals of driver's licenses, so the argument that somehow now, they are now making money on this is inaccurate. I think it has already been pointed out that they will be doing fewer renewals, but they are already being overwhelmed. I get a lot of complaints about the time it takes to get renewals, especially CDLs. If they only have to do 65,000 renewals, it will just be more time for them to do other things. There is a little quirk for the under twenty-one, and they are picking up a little more revenue, but they are just able to do more. They have testified that this applies only to the renewals, so the initial fee is still \$10.

Representative Owens: We do not have a separate section for renewals. It just talks about the class D license. So, because of the way that it is written, it is raising the fee. I don't personally have a problem with that, but we are talking about \$20,000 to \$22,000 a year.

Chairman Ruby: There are a couple of things that we could do. We can make sure that the first one only costs \$10, or we could just say that ALL licenses have to be renewed every six years.

Representative Weisz: We have had attempts to raise the fee, which have failed. I think that the \$2.50 is peanuts, and the state is still losing money. The idea that somehow the state is making money on this deal is incorrect.

Vice Chairman Weiler: Why did they want the renewal to be six years only after age 21?

Representative R. Kelsch: I don't think that Mr. Jackson said it outright, but I am guessing that it might have something to do with the Graduated Driver's License bill that is coming forward. Are there different levels with the different colors? I don't know why it is twenty-one and over.

Representative Gruchalla: In the GDL bill the fees weren't mentioned. Mr. Jackson did say that it would be revenue neutral. They are not supposed to have to make another trip in. I don't think that will change this any.

Representative R. Kelsch: Are there different types of driver's licenses that you receive under the Graduated License Bill for the different age groups?

Representative Gruchalla: I'm not sure on that. I do know that they kept the fiscal note off of it by doing it without the driver having to make another trip in and adding another fee. They were trying to keep the cost down.

Representative Weisz: If we have concerns about the initial \$15, we could put the \$15 in 3906.19 Subsection 3. Then it would refer strictly to renewals. There wouldn't be any question.

Chairman Ruby: I think the easiest thing to do is make it \$15 dollars across the board and six years from the beginning. **Vice Chairman Weiler** will you work with the Department of Transportation and ask them to draft that? I think it would clean it up and make it consistent right from the start.

Vice Chairman Weiler: I would be happy to do that. In the GDL bill do you get fully licensed at age sixteen?

Representative Gruchalla: The way the GDL bill reads now, you could get a permit at age fourteen, and at age fifteen the graduated period would start. There would be six months of the graduated part. The license would be issued at fifteen, but would not have full privileges until fifteen and one half.

Vice Chairman Weiler: When you get your full license at age eighteen, do you get a new license?

Chairman Ruby: At sixteen you get your full license. At eighteen you don't have to go through all the provisions of the graduated step up.

Representative Gruchalla: Currently at sixteen you can get a full license.

Representative Louser: It says that the licensee under the age of twenty-one has to have a different background. If we renew every six years, they would have to go in and change their license without renewing at age twenty-one.

Chairman Ruby: That is only if they only want the different background. The license is still works and has the dates on it. Vice Chairman Weiler will work on the amendment.

Representative Delmore: Who is sponsoring the Graduated Driver's License bill and is it scheduled?

Chairman Ruby: Representative Keiser is the main sponsor on that. I am waiting because there is someone coming from out-of-state that wants to testify. We are tentatively looking at the twenty-eighth of January.

HB 1109 will be held while we wait for a revised fiscal note. The hearing was closed.

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Minutes:

Vice Chairman Weiler explained the amendments requested on Monday were not done yet. The way the bill sits right now the renewal will last for six years after age twenty-one. My amendment will change it so the renewal will be six years right from the beginning.

Representative R. Kelsch reiterated the purpose of Vice Chairman Weiler's amendment.

Representative Gruchalla distributed additional amendments and explained them.

Representative Gruchalla: The Department of Transportation is concerned about the six year renewal because when a person gets older, six years is a long time between eye tests. This amendment says that if you are 79 years or under, you get renewed every six years, but if you are over 80 years of age (line 15), then you would need to get renewed every two years.

Representative R. Kelsch: I don't have a problem with that, but does it mean that they have to pay \$15 every two years?

Representative Gruchalla: That would be correct. That is the price of a renewal.

Representative R. Kelsch: I have a bit of a problem with that. We did the \$15 for six years, and it was revenue neutral. Now people over 80 will have pay \$15 every two years.

Representative Owens: The amendment reads every 4 years.

Representative Gruchalla: That is the way the amendment reads. That wasn't the intent, but that is the way that it reads. I have taught 55 Alive classes and other classes over the years. Just about every group that I talked to about turning their license in when they get too old to drive say 75 would be a good age to go in and retest. Eighty is less restrictive. I think that there is a need nationwide to try to get a handle on the older drivers.

Representative R. Kelsch: Did you consider when they come in every two years to renew that the fee be \$5.00 because that would be \$15 over a period of six years?

Representative Gruchalla: We did consider it, but Department of Transportation has to have some money to pay for the renewals.

Representative Weisz: When we look at the renewal fee, it will cost the Department of Transportation more to do the renewal every two years than it will every six years because you have to add in the additional time spent by the testers.

Representative Gruchalla: The reality is that once you institute something like this, there will be a lot less eighty year old drivers.

Chairman Ruby: We will wait to get the clarification on the amendments and hold the bill until then.

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Jeannette Cook

Minutes:

Chairman Ruby called the attention of the committee to HB 1109.

Vice Chairman Weiler explained the amendment. Under the current bill it talks about renewal and renewals only being for six years. The amendment changes it so that when you first get your license it is good for six years as well. Then there is no confusion. The fee is still \$15; there is no change in that. Some people had expressed interest in leaving the fee at \$10, since they were teenagers. That is up to the wishes of the committee. I am fine with it being where it is.

Vice Chairman Weiler moved the amendment, .01002.

Representative R. Kelsch seconded the motion.

Chairman Ruby reviewed the intent of the amendment.

A voice vote was taken. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Representative Gruchalla explained amendment #.01001. It would change so that a person over eighty years of age would have to renew their license every four years. It is a safety issue.

Representative Owens: Since we adopted these changes, it is no longer four years.

Representative Gruchalla: The intent was to go back to a four year renewal at age 80.

Representative Gruchalla moved the amendment, .01001.

Representative R. Kelsch seconded the motion.

Chairman Ruby: Glenn, if your license is not expired, can you go in and renew it to reset your date?

Glen Jackson: You can renew your license ten months prior to the expiration date. However, the expiration date does remain the birth date that the license is renewed upon. So the time that it is renewed for will be based on that date and your age at that time.

Representative Delmore: When we set ages, there will always be people that fall through the cracks. At least we have the start of a mechanism that will help us with some public safety.

Vice Chairman Weiler: If the goal is to get them to come in to get a renewal at the age of 80, then I wonder if we shouldn't lower the age to 77 or 76? Then by the age of 80 they will have to renew.

Chairman Ruby: The cost of the renewal is more than \$10, so if you do that you are just subsidizing the cost of that renewal with some other funds.

Vice Chairman Weiler: My point in bringing that up is not about the cost. It is about the possibility of unsafe driving of people that turn eighty. It concerns me. This way someone could be eight-five years old before they have to renew. Because the renewal is four years now, we should try to move the date, so they have to get tested as close to eighty as possible.

Representative Weisz: We could make the change to 78. In a sense it wouldn't be any different than it is today. The latest then would be 84. Under the four year renewal plan, you could renew at 80, so 84 is the latest you would ever get too. If you change the age to 78, you are at least not going beyond what current law would provide.

Representative Gruchalla withdrew his motion and Representative R. Kelsch withdrew her second.

Representative Gruchalla moved the amendment to change the age to 78 years old.

Representative R. Kelsch seconded the amendment.

Chairman Ruby stated that we have a motion to withdraw the amendment and re-amend this to age 78.

A voice vote was taken. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Representative Gruchalla made a motion to adopt the amendment.

Representative Onstad seconded the motion.

A voice vote was taken with all in favor. Motion carried.

Representative R. Kelsch moved a **DO PASS** as amended on HB 1109.

Representative Owens seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken. Aye 14 Nay 0 Absent 0

The motion carried.

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Representative R. Kelsch will carry HB 1109.

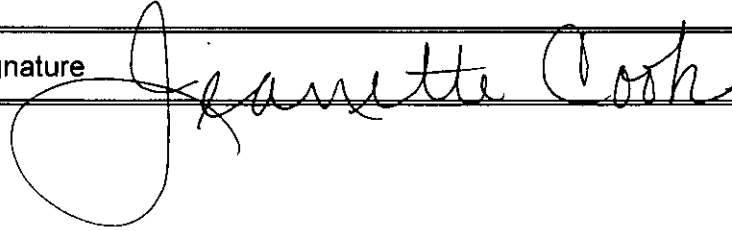
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Minutes:

Chairman Ruby brought HB 1109 back to the committee for reconsideration.

Chairman Ruby: Glenn Jackson came to me with an issue in the area where we have the elderly drivers going to four years. The way we had this worded, the renewal went to the date of issuance not the birth date. We need to clarify that, so it stays consistent with the rest of the license renewals. If someone went in early to renew their license, it would always be on a different date than their birth date.

Glenn Jackson: Right now you can come in ten months prior to your license expiring and renew your license. The effective date of the license is always on your birth date. If the wording is the way you had it, and someone came in ten months early and renewed, they would have already paid for the ten months. They would lose that ten months, and their license would become effective that day. People think of their birthday and think about renewing their license. If that become an arbitrary date, it will be difficult for people to remember. The other problem is that we won't know when people are coming in. People will not want to lose the money they have spent, so they will wait until the last day. We might have a lot more people with potentially expired licenses. It seemed to be problematic. The second item that was overlooked was the cost for the license was left at \$15, but you added that seventy-eight year olds and above would renew every four years. I thought that you might want to consider changing that so that seventy-eight and above only paid ten dollars, therefore they are not getting a direct cost increase. See amendments #1 and #2.

Representative R. Kelsch moved to reconsider HB 1109.

Representative Delmore seconded the motion.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Representative R. Kelsch moved the amendments (attachment #2).

Representative Delmore seconded the motion.

A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Representative Gruchalla: I think that it is an inexpensive driver's license. I think it is OK the way that we passed it out.

Representative R. Kelsch moved a DO PASS as amended.
Representative Owens seconded the motion.

A discussion was held about the cost increasing at an older age.

A roll call vote was taken. Aye 14 Nay 0 Absent 0
The motion carried.

Representative R. Kelsch will carry HB 1109.

FISCAL NOTE
Requested by Legislative Council
02/08/2011

Amendment to: HB 1109

1A. State fiscal effect: *Identify the state fiscal effect and the fiscal effect on agency appropriations compared to funding levels and appropriations anticipated under current law.*

	2009-2011 Biennium		2011-2013 Biennium		2013-2015 Biennium	
	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds
Revenues				\$30,000		\$30,000
Expenditures				\$3,000		
Appropriations						

1B. County, city, and school district fiscal effect: *Identify the fiscal effect on the appropriate political subdivision.*

2009-2011 Biennium			2011-2013 Biennium			2013-2015 Biennium		
Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts

2A. Bill and fiscal impact summary: *Provide a brief summary of the measure, including description of the provisions having fiscal impact (limited to 300 characters).*

This bill as amended extends the license period for a Class D Operators License from the current four years to six years and increases the license fee accordingly, except for 78 year olds and above, who remain at the four year renewal but also pay the increased amount.

B. Fiscal impact sections: *Identify and provide a brief description of the sections of the measure which have fiscal impact. Include any assumptions and comments relevant to the analysis.*

Section 1 of this bill raises the cost of a license for all drivers by \$5.

3. State fiscal effect detail: *For information shown under state fiscal effect in 1A, please:*

A. Revenues: *Explain the revenue amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each revenue type and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget.*

License renewal costs for those younger than 78 will be offset by the increase in license period. This will result in no net change in revenue from these individuals.

For drivers 78 years of age and older, the increase in the cost of a license will not be offset by a corresponding increase in the length of time that the license is effective. As a result, the increase will generate estimated additional revenue of \$30,000 per biennium.

B. Expenditures: *Explain the expenditure amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency, line item, and fund affected and the number of FTE positions affected.*

One-time computer system changes costs of approximately \$3,000 will be incurred.

C. Appropriations: *Explain the appropriation amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency and fund affected. Explain the relationship between the amounts shown for expenditures and appropriations. Indicate whether the appropriation is also included in the executive budget or relates to a continuing appropriation.*

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FISCAL NOTE

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Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1109

1A. State fiscal effect: *Identify the state fiscal effect and the fiscal effect on agency appropriations compared to funding levels and appropriations anticipated under current law.*

	2009-2011 Biennium		2011-2013 Biennium		2013-2015 Biennium	
	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds
Revenues				\$125,875		\$125,875
Expenditures				\$5,000		
Appropriations						

1B. County, city, and school district fiscal effect: *Identify the fiscal effect on the appropriate political subdivision.*

2009-2011 Biennium			2011-2013 Biennium			2013-2015 Biennium		
Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts

2A. Bill and fiscal impact summary: *Provide a brief summary of the measure, including description of the provisions having fiscal impact (limited to 300 characters).*

NOTE: THIS IS A REVISED VERSION OF THE FISCAL NOTE SUBMITTED ON 12/29/2010.

This bill extends the license period for a Class D Operators License from the current four years to six years and increases the license fee accordingly.

B. Fiscal impact sections: *Identify and provide a brief description of the sections of the measure which have fiscal impact. Include any assumptions and comments relevant to the analysis.*

Section 1 of this bill raises the cost of a license for all drivers by \$5.

For drivers 21 years of age and older, this additional cost will be offset by a corresponding increase in the length of time that the license is effective (raised to 6 years from the current 4 years in Section 2).

For drivers younger than 21 years of age, the increase in the cost of a license will not be offset by a corresponding increase in the length of time that the license is effective. As a result, the increase will generate estimated additional revenue of \$125,875 per biennium from drivers under the age of 21.

3. State fiscal effect detail: *For information shown under state fiscal effect in 1A, please:*

A. Revenues: *Explain the revenue amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each revenue type and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget.*

License renewal costs for those 21 and over will be offset by the increase in license period. This will result in no net change in revenue from individuals age 21 and over.

Initial licenses for 14 - 17 year olds will be at the \$15 rate versus the old \$10 rate; this will generate an estimated additional \$78,810 per biennium.

The renewal fee for 14 - 16 year olds, who would renew at the four year renewal scheme at the increased rate, will generate an estimated additional \$47,065 per biennium.

B. Expenditures: *Explain the expenditure amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency, line item, and fund affected and the number of FTE positions affected.*

One-time computer system changes costs of approximately \$5,000 will be incurred.

C. Appropriations: *Explain the appropriation amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency and fund affected. Explain the relationship between the amounts shown for expenditures and appropriations. Indicate whether the appropriation is also included in the executive budget or relates to a continuing appropriation.*

Name:	Shannon L. Sauer	Agency:	NDDOT
Phone Number:	328-4375	Date Prepared:	01/14/2011

FISCAL NOTE

Requested by Legislative Council
12/21/2010

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1109

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	2009-2011 Biennium		2011-2013 Biennium		2013-2015 Biennium	
	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds
Revenues		\$0		\$0		\$0
Expenditures				\$5,000		
Appropriations						

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B. Fiscal impact sections: *Identify and provide a brief description of the sections of the measure which have fiscal impact. Include any assumptions and comments relevant to the analysis.*

The time extension provided in Section 2 of the bill will reduce annual revenues associated with license issuance. This reduction in revenue will be offset by the increase in license fees provided in Section 1. The net impact of Sections 1 and 2 should be approximately \$0.

In addition, there will be minor one-time costs (approximately \$5,000) associated with computer system changes to implement a new license cycle.

3. State fiscal effect detail: *For information shown under state fiscal effect in 1A, please:*

A. Revenues: *Explain the revenue amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each revenue type and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget.*

Sections 1 and 2 of the bill should offset each other; the net result should be approximately \$0.

B. Expenditures: *Explain the expenditure amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency, line item, and fund affected and the number of FTE positions affected.*

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Prepared by the Legislative Council staff for
Representative Weiler
February 1, 2011

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1109

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Page 2, line 20, remove "at the time of renewal, are twenty-one years of age or over"

Renumber accordingly

Date: 2-4

Roll Call Vote #: 1

2011 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 1109

House TRANSPORTATION Committee

☐ Check here for Conference Committee

Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken ☐ Do Pass ☐ Do Not Pass ☐ Amended ☒ Adopt Amendment

☐ Rerefer to Appropriations ☐ Reconsider

Motion Made By Weiler Seconded By PA Kelsch

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Chairman Ruby			Representative Delmore		
Vice Chairman Weiler			Representative Gruchalla		
Representative Frantsvog			Representative Hogan		
Representative Heller			Representative Onstad		
Representative R. Kelsch					
Representative Louser					
Representative Owens					
Representative Sukut					
Representative Vigasaa					
Representative Weisz					

Total (Yes) _____ No _____

Absent _____

Floor Assignment _____

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

*amend.
01002*

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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1109

Page 2, line 15, replace "individuals" with "an individual"

Page 2, line 15, replace "are" with "is"

Page 2, line 15, after "age" insert "or eighty years of age or older"

Page 2, line 19, replace "individuals" with "an individual"

Page 2, line 20, replace "are" with "is"

Page 2, line 20, after "over" insert "and seventy-nine years of age or under"

Renumber accordingly

needs to be reworked.

Date: 2-4-11

Roll Call Vote #: 2

2011 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 1109

House TRANSPORTATION Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken ☐ Do Pass ☐ Do Not Pass ☐ Amended ☒ Adopt Amendment

☐ Rerefer to Appropriations ☐ Reconsider

Motion Made By E Gruchalla Seconded By RA Kelsch

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Chairman Ruby			Representative Delmore		
Vice Chairman Weiler			Representative Gruchalla		
Representative Frantsvog			Representative Hogan		
Representative Heller			Representative Onstad		
Representative R. Kelsch					
Representative Louser					
Representative Owens					
Representative Sukut					
Representative Vigasaa					
Representative Weisz					

Withdrew

voice to vote with draw amend to age 28

Total (Yes) _____ No _____

Absent _____

Floor Assignment _____

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

*Amend.
01001*

Date: 2-4-11Roll Call Vote #: 3

2011 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 1109House TRANSPORTATION Committee☐ Check here for Conference Committee

Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken ☐ Do Pass ☐ Do Not Pass ☐ Amended ☒ Adopt Amendment☐ Rerefer to Appropriations ☐ ReconsiderMotion Made By Gruchalla Seconded By Onstad

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Chairman Ruby	✓ all yes		Representative Delmore		
Vice Chairman Weiler			Representative Gruchalla		
Representative Frantsvog			Representative Hogan		
Representative Heller			Representative Onstad		
Representative R. Kelsch					
Representative Louser					
Representative Owens					
Representative Sukut					
Representative Vigesaa					
Representative Weisz					

Total (Yes) _____ No _____

Absent _____

Floor Assignment _____

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

second amendment.
 make change to age 78 from 80.

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2/4/11

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Renumber accordingly

Date: 2/4/11

Roll Call Vote #: 4

2011 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 1109

House TRANSPORTATION Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken ☒ Do Pass ☐ Do Not Pass ☒ Amended ☐ Adopt Amendment

☐ Rerefer to Appropriations ☐ Reconsider

Motion Made By RA Kelsch Seconded By Owens

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Chairman Ruby	X		Representative Delmore	X	
Vice Chairman Weiler	X		Representative Gruchalla	X	
Representative Frantsvog	X		Representative Hogan	X	
Representative Heller	X		Representative Onstad	X	
Representative R. Kelsch	X				
Representative Louser	X				
Representative Owens	X				
Representative Sukut	X				
Representative Vigasaa	X				
Representative Weisz	X				

Total (Yes) 14 No 0

Absent 0

Floor Assignment RA Kelsch

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

Bill with 2 amendments.

Date: 2/10/11

Roll Call Vote #: 1

2011 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 1109

House TRANSPORTATION Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken ☐ Do Pass ☐ Do Not Pass ☐ Amended ☐ Adopt Amendment

☐ Rerefer to Appropriations ☒ Reconsider

Motion Made By R A Kelsch Seconded By L Delmore

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Chairman Ruby			Representative Delmore		
Vice Chairman Weiler			Representative Gruchalla		
Representative Frantsvog			Representative Hogan		
Representative Heller			Representative Onstad		
Representative R. Kelsch					
Representative Louser					
Representative Owens					
Representative Sukut					
Representative Vigasaa					
Representative Weisz					

Total (Yes) _____ No _____

Absent _____

Floor Assignment _____

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1109

Page 1, line 7, after the second comma, insert "except for a person seventy-eight years of age or older a fee of ten dollars."

Renumber accordingly

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1109

Page 2, line 17, replace "is twelve" with "for a person whose birth occurred in a year ending in an odd numeral is twelve midnight on the anniversary of the birthday in the third subsequent year ending in an odd numeral. The expiration date of an operator's license for a person whose birth occurred in a year ending in an even numeral is twelve midnight on the anniversary of the birthday in the third subsequent year ending in an even numeral."

Page 2, line 18, replace "midnight at the end of the sixth year from the license issue date, except for" with "For"

Page 2, line 19, replace "is twelve" with "and whose birth occurred in a year ending in an odd numeral the expiration date is twelve midnight on the anniversary of the birthday in the second subsequent year ending in an odd numeral, or for a person whose birth occurred in a year ending in an even numeral is twelve midnight on the anniversary of the birthday in the second subsequent year ending in an even numeral"

Page 2, remove lines 20 and 21

Page 2, line 22, remove "the license issue date"

Renumber accordingly

Date: 2/10/11

Roll Call Vote #: 2

2011 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 1109

House TRANSPORTATION Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken ☐ Do Pass ☐ Do Not Pass ☐ Amended ☒ Adopt Amendment

☐ Rerefer to Appropriations ☐ Reconsider

Motion Made By RAKelsch Seconded By LDelmore

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Chairman Ruby			Representative Delmore		
Vice Chairman Weiler			Representative Gruchalla		
Representative Frantsvog			Representative Hogan		
Representative Heller			Representative Onstad		
Representative R. Kelsch					
Representative Louser					
Representative Owens					
Representative Sukut					
Representative Vigasaa					
Representative Weisz					

Total (Yes) _____ No _____

Absent _____

Floor Assignment _____

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

Further amend #1 (age)

Date: 2/10/11
Roll Call Vote #: 3

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BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 1109

House TRANSPORTATION Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken ☒ Do Pass ☐ Do Not Pass ☒ Amended ☐ Adopt Amendment

☐ Rerefer to Appropriations ☐ Reconsider

Motion Made By R. Kelsch Seconded By Owens

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Chairman Ruby	X		Representative Delmore	X	
Vice Chairman Weiler	X		Representative Gruchalla	X	
Representative Frantsvog	X		Representative Hogan	X	
Representative Heller	X		Representative Onstad	X	
Representative R. Kelsch	X				
Representative Louser	X				
Representative Owens	X				
Representative Sukut	X				
Representative Vigesaa	X				
Representative Weisz	X				

Total (Yes) 14 No 0

Absent 0

Floor Assignment Kelsch

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1109: Transportation Committee (Rep. Ruby, Chairman) recommends **AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (14 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1109 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

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Renumber accordingly

February 11, 2011

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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1109

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Renumber accordingly

2011 SENATE TRANSPORTATION

HB 1109

2011 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Senate Transportation Committee
Lewis and Clark Room, State Capitol

HB 1109
March 10, 2011
15252

☐ Conference Committee

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Explanation or reason for introduction of bill/resolution:

The bill is designed to assist in the effective utilization of examiner resources by extending the license period for a Class D operator's license

Minutes:

Written testimony

Chairman Senator G. Lee opened the hearing on HB 1109 relating to driver's license renewal dates and fees.

Glenn Jackson, Director of the Drivers License Division at the North Dakota Department of Transportation said that the NDDOT pre-filed HB 1109 as an agency bill. Written testimony #1

Senator Nething asked Mr. Jackson to explain how section 2 would work using Senator Nething as an example because his birthday is June 29 of 33.

Mr. Jackson said that if you are 78 years old and you renew your license for four years that will put you at 82 when you have to renew your license again. If you are 77 you renew for six years and it will put you roughly at 83. This change was made in the House. He said the argument would be that if we waited until they were eighty then we would have people not renewing until they were 86. The House felt that was too much time at that age. The bill would go into effect August first.

Senator Nething said that if the bill goes into law August 1st, either way he will be in a four year cycle.

Mr. Jackson said that was correct.

Senator Mathern asked what their preference was for dates.

Mr. Jackson replied that they have reviewed and evaluated various data for safety reasons and there really is no consensus of any certain age. He said that there will be more research in this area but at this time the department does not have a preference.

Senator Mathern said there must have been a preference when the bill was put in.

Mr. Jackson said that the preference was to have a six year cycle and that is why they put this bill in because of staffing issues and they can stretch that renewal period out.

Senator Mathern asked if they will be creating administrating cost for the two cycles.

Mr. Jackson replied, no, the system automatically detect the renewal date.

Senator Sitte asked about the crash statistics in different age groups.

Mr. Jackson replied that at this time he had not seen any indication that we have a specific issue related to age of drivers.

Senator Sitte said she had problems with putting in age restrictions.

Senator Lee said that the language was difficult to understand and interrupt.

Mr. Jackson said that they tried to re-write this last year and they looked at how they could change the verbiage in this section. He said that they redid some language but it did not make it through the review process.

Discussion continued on the difficulty of understanding the language in the century code.

Senator Oehlke asked if this changed the motorcycle endorsement on his license.

Mr. Jackson replied that this doesn't change any endorsements on licenses.

Senator Lee closed the hearing on HB 1109.

Senator Oehlke moved a **Do Pass**.

Senator Nodland seconded the motion.

Senator Sitte spoke in opposition to the age regulations. The research doesn't support this age limitation.

Senator Nething said he was going to support it because of the six years and also the problem with getting the House to agree on a change.

Roll call vote: 5-1-0. **Motion passed.**

Senator Mathern is the carrier.

Date: 3-18-11
Roll Call Vote # 1

2011 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 409

Senate Transportation Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken: ☒ Do Pass ☐ Do Not Pass ☐ Amended ☐ Adopt Amendment

☐ Rerefer to Appropriations ☐ Reconsider

Motion Made By Senator Oehlke Seconded By Senator Nodland

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
Chairman Gary Lee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Senator Tim Mathern	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Vice Chairman Dave Oehlke	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
Senator Dave Nething	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
Senator George Nodland	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
Senator Margaret Sitte		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			

Total (Yes) 5 No 1

Absent 0

Floor Assignment ~~Senator~~ Senator Mathern

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1109, as engrossed: Transportation Committee (Sen. G. Lee, Chairman)
recommends **DO PASS** (5 YEAS, 1 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING).
Engrossed HB 1109 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar.

2011 TESTIMONY

HB 1109

HOUSE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
January 13, 2011, 9:00 AM ; Fort Totten Room

North Dakota Department of Transportation
Glenn Jackson, Director, Drivers License Division

HB 1109

Good morning, Mr. Chairman and members of the committee. I'm Glenn Jackson, Director of the Drivers License Division at the North Dakota Department of Transportation. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to present information to you today.

The North Dakota Department of Transportation pre-filed House Bill 1109 as an agency bill. This bill is designed to maintain cost/revenue neutrality while assisting in the effective utilization of examiner resources.

Section 1: Increases the fee for a Class D Operators License from \$10 to \$15 dollars. The change maintains the same annual cost to the citizen of \$2.50 per year, while maintaining annual revenue at approximately \$952,000 dollars per year. This is achieved through a fifty percent increase in the licensing period combined with a fifty percent increase in the fee.

Section 2: extends the Class D Operators License expiration period from four years to six years. Currently there are approximately 380,000 Class D operators in the state. With a four year cycle, we see approximately 95,000 Class D renewals each year. By extending the licensing period to six years, this reduces the requirement to approximately 65,000 renewals per year.

Our economy is growing and all reports expect this to be a long term reality. By passing this bill, you will be giving Drivers License the ability to meet this increase in customer demand.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman, I would be happy to answer any questions.

SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
March 10, 2011, 9:00 AM ; Lewis & Clark Room

North Dakota Department of Transportation
Glenn Jackson, Director, Drivers License Division

HB 1109

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Section 2: extends the Class D Operators License expiration period from four years to six years until the driver reaches the age of 78 years of age, at which time it will revert back to the four year cycle. Currently there are approximately 380,000 Class D operators in the state. With a four year cycle, we see approximately 95,000 Class D renewals each year. By extending the licensing period to six years, this reduces the requirement to approximately 65,000 renewals per year.

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