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(a) Unless a license is renewed for a 2-year term as provided in this section, the license expires on the first September 30 that comes:

- (1) after the effective date of the license; and
- (2) in an even-numbered year.

(b) At least 30 days before a license expires, the Board shall mail to the licensee, at the last known address of the licensee:

- (1) a renewal application form; and
- (2) a notice that states:
 - (i) the date on which the current license expires;
 - (ii) the date by which the Board must receive the renewal application for the renewal to be issued and mailed before the license expires; and
 - (iii) the amount of the renewal fee.

(c) (1) Before a license expires, the licensee periodically may renew it for an additional 2-year term, if the licensee:

- (i) otherwise is entitled to be licensed;
- (ii) except as provided in subsection (d) of this section, pays to the Board a renewal fee of \$100; and
- (iii) submits to the Board a renewal application on the form that the Board provides.

(2) (i) 1. Except as provided in sub-subparagraph 2 of this subparagraph, the Board may not renew a license unless the licensee meets the continuing education requirements of this section.

2. The continuing education requirement does not apply to the first renewal of a license by a licensee.

(ii) In and after the license term that begins in 1996, to qualify for renewal of a license, for each 2-year license term of a license, a licensee shall complete successfully at least 8 hours of instruction provided through programs that the Board approves.

(d) A licensee serving on active duty in the armed forces of the United States is exempt from the renewal fee required by this section.

(e) The Board shall renew the license of each licensee who meets the requirements of this section.

(F) THE SECRETARY MAY DETERMINE THAT LICENSES ISSUED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE SHALL EXPIRE ON A STAGGERED BASIS.