

(2) The license also shall remain in effect, if it would otherwise have expired under this section, for a period of 30 days following the date of the licensee's return to this State, or the member's discharge or separation from active service:

(i) If the licensee has in the licensee's immediate possession, together with the licensee's driver's license, papers indicating the member's active service outside this State or the member's discharge or separation; and

(ii) If the license is not otherwise suspended, revoked, or canceled under this title during the 30-day period.

(e) If a licensee is absent from this State for cause, other than as provided in subsection (d) OF THIS SECTION, and is unable to renew his license in the manner required by this section, the licensee may renew by mail to the Administration. The renewal application shall be accompanied by the prescribed fee and a statement giving the reason for and the expected length of the absence. On receipt of the application, the [Administrator shall] ADMINISTRATION MAY issue a regular license [and if the renewed license is one that requires] WHICH BEARS a photo [it shall, in place of the photo, bear the] OR A notation that it is valid without a photo until 15 days after the licensee first returns to this State.

(f) An individual may not drive a motor vehicle on any highway in this State if the license issued to him under this title has expired.

(g) An individual may not attempt to drive a motor vehicle on any highway in this State if the license issued to the individual under this title has expired.

(h) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, the Administration shall require every individual applying for renewal of a driver's license to pass a vision test as prescribed by the [Administrator] ADMINISTRATION.

(2) (i) The [Administrator] ADMINISTRATION shall accept a certification of acceptable visual acuity from a licensed physician or optometrist instead of requiring the actual test provided for in this subsection.

(ii) The examination for which certification is made shall take place within 12 months of the date of application for renewal.

(3) (i) If the Administration has reason to believe that an individual is a safety hazard by reason of a vision deficiency, the Administration may require the vision test provided for in this subsection at a time other than renewal of a driver's license.

(ii) The Administration may adopt [rules and] regulations to implement the provisions of this subsection.

(i) [Until September 1, 1993, a driver's license issued before July 1, 1988 to a driver under the age of 21 years that expires before the driver's 21st birthday may be renewed, on payment of a fee established by the Administration, for a period not to exceed 60 days after the licensee's 21st birthday.