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HOUSE FILE 525
BY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 92)

A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act relating to the period of validity of driver's licenses
- 2 and nonoperator's identification cards, and including
- 3 effective date provisions.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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- 1 Section 1. Section 321.190, subsection 1, paragraph d, Code 2 2013, is amended to read as follows:
- 3 d. The fee for a nonoperator's identification card shall
- 4 be five eight dollars and the card shall be valid for a
- 5 period of five eight years from the date of issuance. A
- 6 nonoperator's identification card shall be issued without
- 7 expiration to anyone age seventy or over. If an applicant
- 8 for a nonoperator's identification card is a foreign national
- 9 who is temporarily present in this state, the nonoperator's
- 10 identification card shall be issued only for the length of time
- 11 the foreign national is authorized to be present as determined
- 12 by the department, not to exceed two years. An issuance fee
- 13 shall not be charged for a person whose driver's license or
- 14 driving privilege has been suspended under section 321.210,
- 15 subsection 1, paragraph "a", subparagraph (3).
- 16 Sec. 2. Section 321.196, subsection 1, Code 2013, is amended
- 17 to read as follows:
- 18 1. Except as otherwise provided, a driver's license, other
- 19 than an instruction permit, chauffeur's instruction permit, or
- 20 commercial driver's instruction permit issued under section
- 21 321.180, expires five eight years from the licensee's birthday
- 22 anniversary occurring in the year of issuance if the licensee
- 23 is between the ages of seventeen years eleven months and
- 24 seventy years on the date of issuance of the license. If the
- 25 licensee is under the age of seventeen years eleven months or
- 26 age seventy or over, the license is effective for a period of
- 27 two years from the licensee's birthday anniversary occurring in
- 28 the year of issuance. A licensee whose license is restricted
- 29 due to vision or other physical deficiencies may be required
- 30 to renew the license every two years. If a licensee is a
- 31 foreign national who is temporarily present in this state,
- 32 the license shall be issued only for the length of time the
- 33 foreign national is authorized to be present as verified by the
- 34 department, not to exceed two years.
- 35 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE UPON ENACTMENT. This Act, being deemed of

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- 1 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.
- 2 EXPLANATION
- 3 This bill concerns the period of validity of driver's
- 4 licenses and nonoperator's identification cards issued by the
- 5 department of transportation.
- 6 The bill amends Code section 321.190 to extend the validity
- 7 of nonoperator's identification cards from five years to eight
- 8 years, with a corresponding fee increase from \$5 to \$8. In
- 9 addition, the current provision that provides for issuance of
- 10 a nonexpiring nonoperator's identification card to a person
- 11 age 70 or over is stricken. Code section 321.196 is amended
- 12 to extend the validity of a driver's license from five years
- 13 to eight years for licenses issued to persons between the ages
- 14 of 17 years, 11 months, and 70 years. Pursuant to current
- 15 law, the fee for a driver's license is based on the years of
- 16 validity; that does not change under the bill.
- 17 The bill takes effect upon enactment.