SENATE FILE 348 BY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 1156)

## A BILL FOR

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

1 Section 1. Section 321.190, subsection 1, paragraph d, Code
2 2013, is amended to read as follows:

d. The fee for a nonoperator's identification card shall 3 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), or voluntarily 16 surrendered by the person in lieu of suspension under section 17 321.210, subsection 1, paragraph "a". Sec. 2. Section 321.196, subsection 1, Code 2013, is amended 18 19 to read as follows: 20 1. Except as otherwise provided, if the licensee is between 21 the ages of seventeen years eleven months and seventy-two years 22 on the date of issuance of the license, a driver's license, 23 other than an instruction permit, chauffeur's instruction 24 permit, or commercial driver's instruction permit issued under 25 section 321.180, expires five eight years from the licensee's 26 birthday anniversary occurring in the year of issuance if the 27 licensee is between the ages of seventeen years eleven months 28 and seventy years on the date of issuance of the license, but 29 not to exceed the licensee's seventy-fourth birthday. If the 30 licensee is under the age of seventeen years eleven months or 31 age seventy seventy-two or over, the license is effective for a 32 period of two years from the licensee's birthday anniversary 33 occurring in the year of issuance. A licensee whose license is 34 restricted due to vision or other physical deficiencies may be 35 required to renew the license every two years. If a licensee

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1 is a foreign national who is temporarily present in this state, 2 the license shall be issued only for the length of time the 3 foreign national is authorized to be present as verified by the 4 department, not to exceed two years.

Sec. 3. EMERGENCY RULES. 5 The department of transportation 6 may adopt emergency rules under section 17A.4, subsection 3, 7 and section 17A.5, subsection 2, paragraph "b", to implement 8 section 321.190, subsection 1, paragraph "d", as amended in 9 this Act, and section 321.196, subsection 1, as amended in 10 this Act, and the rules shall be effective immediately upon 11 filing unless a later date is specified in the rules. Any 12 rules adopted in accordance with this section shall also be 13 published as a notice of intended action as provided in section 14 17A.4. The rules established under this authority may provide 15 for a transition from five-year to eight-year renewal periods 16 for driver's licenses and nonoperator's identification cards. 17 During the transition, the department may issue driver's 18 licenses and nonoperator's identification cards valid for 19 periods of five, six, seven, or eight years to equalize renewal 20 periods and applicants over succeeding years.

21 Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE UPON ENACTMENT. This Act, being deemed of 22 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

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EXPLANATION

This bill concerns the period of validity of driver's bill concerns the period of validity of driver's bicenses and nonoperator's identification cards issued by the department of transportation.

The bill amends Code section 321.190 to extend the validity of nonoperator's identification cards from five years to eight years, with a corresponding fee increase from \$5 to \$8. The bill provides for the issuance of a nonoperator's identification card without fee to a person whose driver's license is voluntarily surrendered due to the person's physical or mental inability to drive. In addition, the accurrent provision that provides for issuance of a nonexpiring nonoperator's identification card to a person age 70 or over

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2 Code section 321.196 is amended to extend the validity of a 3 driver's license from five years to eight years for licenses 4 issued to persons between the ages of 17 years, 11 months, and 5 72 years, but not beyond the person's 74th birthday. Pursuant 6 to current law, the fee for a driver's license is based on the 7 years of validity; that does not change under the bill.

8 The department is authorized to adopt emergency rules to 9 implement the driver's license and nonoperator's identification 10 card renewal provisions and to provide for a transition from 11 five-year to eight-year renewal periods. The bill takes effect 12 upon enactment.

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