

# SB2443



## 104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

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#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

625 ILCS 5/6-115

from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 6-115

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides that the Secretary of State may defer the expiration of the driver's license of a licensee serving in the Armed Forces of the United States outside of the State of Illinois for any length of time that does not exceed 6 months following the discharge of the licensee from the Armed Forces of the United States or within 90 days after reestablishing residence within the State, whichever is sooner (rather than 120 days after the expiration of the driver's license).

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning transportation.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by  
5 changing Section 6-115 as follows:

6 (625 ILCS 5/6-115) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 6-115)

7 Sec. 6-115. Expiration of driver's license.

8 (a) Except as provided elsewhere in this Section, every  
9 driver's license issued under the provisions of this Code  
10 shall expire 4 years from the date of its issuance, or at such  
11 later date, as the Secretary of State may by proper rule and  
12 regulation designate, not to exceed 12 calendar months; in the  
13 event that an applicant for renewal of a driver's license  
14 fails to apply prior to the expiration date of the previous  
15 driver's license, the renewal driver's license shall expire 4  
16 years from the expiration date of the previous driver's  
17 license, or at such later date as the Secretary of State may by  
18 proper rule and regulation designate, not to exceed 12  
19 calendar months.

20 The Secretary of State may, however, issue to a person not  
21 previously licensed as a driver in Illinois a driver's license  
22 which will expire not less than 4 years nor more than 5 years  
23 from date of issuance, except as provided elsewhere in this

1 Section.

2 (a-3) Beginning no later than July 1, 2027, the Secretary  
3 shall offer to qualified applicants the option to be issued an  
4 8-year driver's license. The Secretary shall submit proposed  
5 rules to implement this subsection to the Joint Committee on  
6 Administrative Rules no later than January 1, 2027.

7 (a-5) Every driver's license issued under this Code to an  
8 applicant who is not a United States citizen or permanent  
9 resident, or an individual who has an approved application for  
10 asylum in the United States or has entered the United States in  
11 refugee status, shall expire on whichever is the earlier date  
12 of the following:

13 (1) as provided under subsection (a), (f), (g), or (i)  
14 of this Section;

15 (2) on the date the applicant's authorized stay in the  
16 United States terminates; or

17 (3) if the applicant's authorized stay is indefinite  
18 and the applicant is applying for a Limited Term REAL ID  
19 compliant driver's license, one year from the date of  
20 issuance of the license.

21 (a-10) Every REAL ID compliant driver's license issued  
22 under this Code to an applicant who is not a United States  
23 citizen or permanent resident, or an individual who has an  
24 approved application for asylum in the United States or has  
25 entered the United States in refugee status, shall be marked  
26 "Limited Term".

1 (b) Before the expiration of a driver's license, except  
2 those licenses expiring on the individual's 21st birthday, or  
3 3 months after the individual's 21st birthday, the holder  
4 thereof may apply for a renewal thereof, subject to all the  
5 provisions of Section 6-103, and the Secretary of State may  
6 require an examination of the applicant. A licensee whose  
7 driver's license expires on his 21st birthday, or 3 months  
8 after his 21st birthday, may not apply for a renewal of his  
9 driving privileges until he reaches the age of 21.

10 (c) The Secretary of State shall, 30 days prior to the  
11 expiration of a driver's license, forward to each person whose  
12 license is to expire a notification of the expiration of said  
13 license which may be presented at the time of renewal of said  
14 license.

15 There may be included with such notification information  
16 explaining the anatomical gift and Emergency Medical  
17 Information Card provisions of Section 6-110. The format and  
18 text of such information shall be prescribed by the Secretary.

19 There shall be included with such notification, for a  
20 period of 4 years beginning January 1, 2000 information  
21 regarding the Illinois Adoption Registry and Medical  
22 Information Exchange established in Section 18.1 of the  
23 Adoption Act.

24 (d) The Secretary may defer the expiration of the driver's  
25 license of a licensee, or of a spouse or ~~and~~ dependent  
26 children who are living with such licensee while on active

1 duty, serving in the Armed Forces of the United States outside  
2 of the State of Illinois for any length of time, in the  
3 Secretary's discretion, that does not exceed 6 months  
4 following the discharge of the licensee from the Armed Forces  
5 of the United States or within 90 days after reestablishing  
6 residence within the State, whichever is sooner ~~, and 120 days~~  
7 ~~thereafter, upon such terms and conditions as the Secretary~~  
8 ~~may prescribe.~~

9 (d-5) The Secretary may defer the expiration of the  
10 driver's license of a licensee, or of a spouse or dependent  
11 children living with the licensee, serving as a civilian  
12 employee of the United States Armed Forces or the United  
13 States Department of Defense, outside of the State of  
14 Illinois, and 120 days thereafter, upon such terms and  
15 conditions as the Secretary may prescribe.

16 (e) The Secretary of State may decline to process a  
17 renewal of a driver's license of any person who has not paid  
18 any fee or tax due under this Code and is not paid upon  
19 reasonable notice and demand.

20 (f) The Secretary shall provide that each original or  
21 renewal driver's license issued to a licensee under 21 years  
22 of age shall expire 3 months after the licensee's 21st  
23 birthday. Persons whose current driver's licenses expire on  
24 their 21st birthday on or after January 1, 1986 shall not renew  
25 their driver's license before their 21st birthday, and their  
26 current driver's license will be extended for an additional

1 term of 3 months beyond their 21st birthday. Thereafter, the  
2 expiration and term of the driver's license shall be governed  
3 by subsection (a) hereof.

4 (g) The Secretary shall provide that each original or  
5 renewal driver's license issued to a licensee 81 years of age  
6 through age 86 shall expire 2 years from the date of issuance,  
7 or at such later date as the Secretary may by rule and  
8 regulation designate, not to exceed an additional 12 calendar  
9 months. The Secretary shall also provide that each original or  
10 renewal driver's license issued to a licensee 87 years of age  
11 or older shall expire 12 months from the date of issuance, or  
12 at such later date as the Secretary may by rule and regulation  
13 designate, not to exceed an additional 12 calendar months.

14 (h) The Secretary of State shall provide that each special  
15 restricted driver's license issued under subsection (g) of  
16 Section 6-113 of this Code shall expire 12 months from the date  
17 of issuance. The Secretary shall adopt rules defining renewal  
18 requirements.

19 (i) The Secretary of State shall provide that each  
20 driver's license issued to a person convicted of a sex offense  
21 as defined in Section 2 of the Sex Offender Registration Act  
22 shall expire 12 months from the date of issuance or at such  
23 date as the Secretary may by rule designate, not to exceed an  
24 additional 12 calendar months. The Secretary may adopt rules  
25 defining renewal requirements.

26 (Source: P.A. 102-659, eff. 1-1-22; 103-872, eff. 1-1-25.)