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SUMMARY

- Extends the time frame within which the Registrar of Motor Vehicles must send a notice to a person whose driver's license has expired from within 45 days after expiration to within 60 days after expiration.
- Applies the regular mail notice requirement to the expiration of a state identification card (ID card).
- Authorizes the Registrar of Motor Vehicles to send an electronic notice to the holder of an Ohio driver's license or ID card at least 15 days prior to a driver's license or ID card expiring.
- Authorizes the Registrar to also send an electronic notice up to 14 days after a driver's license or ID card expires.
- Requires the Registrar to include on a mailed motor vehicle registration renewal notice a general reminder that the applicant should check the applicant's driver's license or ID card for its expiration date.

DETAILED ANALYSIS

Notice for expiring driver's license

Regular mail notice

Under current law, the Registrar must notify each person whose driver's license has expired within 45 days after the expiration date through a notice sent via regular mail to the person's last known address.¹ The bill extends this time to within 60 days after the expiration

¹ R.C. 4507.09(A)(3).

date and applies the requirement to state identification cards (ID cards) that have expired as well.²

Under continuing law, a driver's license may be renewed up to 90 days in advance of its expiration date and, if expired, must be renewed within six months after its expiration date or the licensee will be required to retake the written and skills tests.³

Optional electronic notice

In addition to the required mailed notice, the bill authorizes the Registrar of Motor Vehicles to send electronic notices to the holder of an Ohio driver's license or ID card both prior to the license or ID card expiring and after it has expired. Specifically, provided a licensee or cardholder has a current email address or cell phone number on record with the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, the bill authorizes the Registrar to send the following electronic notices:

- A notice at least 15 days prior to the driver's license or ID card's expiration date; and
- A notice up to 14 days after the driver's license or ID card has expired, if the licensee or cardholder did not renew it.⁴

Motor vehicle registration notice

The bill also requires the Registrar to include on the mailed motor vehicle registration renewal notices a general reminder that the registration applicant check the applicant's driver's license or ID card for its expiration date.⁵ Typically, many individuals renew their motor vehicle registrations annually, whereas driver's licenses and ID cards expire every four to eight years. Thus, the reminder on the registration renewal notice might be useful to some individuals.

HISTORY

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² R.C. 4507.09(A)(3)(b).

³ R.C. 4507.09 and 4507.10, not in the bill.

⁴ R.C. 4507.09(A)(3)(a).

⁵ R.C. 4503.10(A)(9).