

AN ACT concerning the Secretary of State.

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

Section 5. The Illinois Identification Card Act is amended by changing Sections 2, 4, 7, 8, and 9 as follows:

(15 ILCS 335/2) (from Ch. 124, par. 22)

Sec. 2. Administration and powers and duties of the Administrator.

(a) The Secretary of State is the Administrator of this Act, and he is charged with the duty of observing, administering and enforcing the provisions of this Act.

(b) The Secretary is vested with the powers and duties for the proper administration of this Act as follows:

1. He shall organize the administration of this Act as he may deem necessary and appoint such subordinate officers, clerks and other employees as may be necessary.

2. From time to time, he may make, amend or rescind rules and regulations as may be in the public interest to implement the Act.

3. He may prescribe or provide suitable forms as necessary, including such forms as are necessary to establish that an applicant for an Illinois Person with a Disability Identification Card is a "disabled person" as

defined in Section 4A of this Act, and establish that an applicant for a State identification card is a "homeless person" as defined in Section 1A of this Act.

4. He may prepare under the seal of the Secretary of State certified copies of any records utilized under this Act and any such certified copy shall be admissible in any proceeding in any court in like manner as the original thereof.

5. Records compiled under this Act shall be maintained for 6 years, but the Secretary may destroy such records with the prior approval of the State Records Commission.

6. He shall examine and determine the genuineness, regularity and legality of every application filed with him under this Act, and he may in all cases investigate the same, require additional information or proof or documentation from any applicant.

7. He shall require the payment of all fees prescribed in this Act, and all such fees received by him shall be placed in the Road Fund of the State treasury except as otherwise provided in Section 12 of this Act. Whenever any application to the Secretary for an identification card under this Act is accompanied by any fee, as required by law, and the application is denied after a review of eligibility, which may include facial recognition comparison, the applicant shall not be entitled to a refund of any fees paid.

(Source: P.A. 96-183, eff. 7-1-10; 97-1064, eff. 1-1-13.)

(15 ILCS 335/4) (from Ch. 124, par. 24)

Sec. 4. Identification Card.

(a) The Secretary of State shall issue a standard Illinois Identification Card to any natural person who is a resident of the State of Illinois who applies for such card, or renewal thereof, or who applies for a standard Illinois Identification Card upon release as a committed person on parole, mandatory supervised release, aftercare release, final discharge, or pardon from the Department of Corrections or Department of Juvenile Justice by submitting an identification card issued by the Department of Corrections or Department of Juvenile Justice under Section 3-14-1 or Section 3-2.5-70 of the Unified Code of Corrections, together with the prescribed fees. No identification card shall be issued to any person who holds a valid foreign state identification card, license, or permit unless the person first surrenders to the Secretary of State the valid foreign state identification card, license, or permit. The card shall be prepared and supplied by the Secretary of State and shall include a photograph and signature or mark of the applicant. However, the Secretary of State may provide by rule for the issuance of Illinois Identification Cards without photographs if the applicant has a bona fide religious objection to being photographed or to the display of his or her photograph. The Illinois Identification Card may be

used for identification purposes in any lawful situation only by the person to whom it was issued. As used in this Act, "photograph" means any color photograph or digitally produced and captured image of an applicant for an identification card. As used in this Act, "signature" means the name of a person as written by that person and captured in a manner acceptable to the Secretary of State.

(a-5) If an applicant for an identification card has a current driver's license or instruction permit issued by the Secretary of State, the Secretary may require the applicant to utilize the same residence address and name on the identification card, driver's license, and instruction permit records maintained by the Secretary. The Secretary may promulgate rules to implement this provision.

(a-10) If the applicant is a judicial officer as defined in Section 1-10 of the Judicial Privacy Act or a peace officer, the applicant may elect to have his or her office or work address listed on the card instead of the applicant's residence or mailing address. The Secretary may promulgate rules to implement this provision. For the purposes of this subsection (a-10), "peace officer" means any person who by virtue of his or her office or public employment is vested by law with a duty to maintain public order or to make arrests for a violation of any penal statute of this State, whether that duty extends to all violations or is limited to specific violations.

(a-15) The Secretary of State may provide for an expedited

process for the issuance of an Illinois Identification Card. The Secretary shall charge an additional fee for the expedited issuance of an Illinois Identification Card, to be set by rule, not to exceed \$75. All fees collected by the Secretary for expedited Illinois Identification Card service shall be deposited into the Secretary of State Special Services Fund. The Secretary may adopt rules regarding the eligibility, process, and fee for an expedited Illinois Identification Card. If the Secretary of State determines that the volume of expedited identification card requests received on a given day exceeds the ability of the Secretary to process those requests in an expedited manner, the Secretary may decline to provide expedited services, and the additional fee for the expedited service shall be refunded to the applicant.

(b) The Secretary of State shall issue a special Illinois Identification Card, which shall be known as an Illinois Person with a Disability Identification Card, to any natural person who is a resident of the State of Illinois, who is a person with a disability as defined in Section 4A of this Act, who applies for such card, or renewal thereof. No Illinois Person with a Disability Identification Card shall be issued to any person who holds a valid foreign state identification card, license, or permit unless the person first surrenders to the Secretary of State the valid foreign state identification card, license, or permit. The Secretary of State shall charge no fee to issue such card. The card shall be prepared and supplied by

the Secretary of State, and shall include a photograph and signature or mark of the applicant, a designation indicating that the card is an Illinois Person with a Disability Identification Card, and shall include a comprehensible designation of the type and classification of the applicant's disability as set out in Section 4A of this Act. However, the Secretary of State may provide by rule for the issuance of Illinois Person with a Disability Identification Cards without photographs if the applicant has a bona fide religious objection to being photographed or to the display of his or her photograph. If the applicant so requests, the card shall include a description of the applicant's disability and any information about the applicant's disability or medical history which the Secretary determines would be helpful to the applicant in securing emergency medical care. If a mark is used in lieu of a signature, such mark shall be affixed to the card in the presence of two witnesses who attest to the authenticity of the mark. The Illinois Person with a Disability Identification Card may be used for identification purposes in any lawful situation by the person to whom it was issued.

The Illinois Person with a Disability Identification Card may be used as adequate documentation of disability in lieu of a physician's determination of disability, a determination of disability from a physician assistant who has been delegated the authority to make this determination by his or her supervising physician, a determination of disability from an

advanced practice nurse who has a written collaborative agreement with a collaborating physician that authorizes the advanced practice nurse to make this determination, or any other documentation of disability whenever any State law requires that a disabled person provide such documentation of disability, however an Illinois Person with a Disability Identification Card shall not qualify the cardholder to participate in any program or to receive any benefit which is not available to all persons with like disabilities. Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, an Illinois Person with a Disability Identification Card, or evidence that the Secretary of State has issued an Illinois Person with a Disability Identification Card, shall not be used by any person other than the person named on such card to prove that the person named on such card is a disabled person or for any other purpose unless the card is used for the benefit of the person named on such card, and the person named on such card consents to such use at the time the card is so used.

An optometrist's determination of a visual disability under Section 4A of this Act is acceptable as documentation for the purpose of issuing an Illinois Person with a Disability Identification Card.

When medical information is contained on an Illinois Person with a Disability Identification Card, the Office of the Secretary of State shall not be liable for any actions taken based upon that medical information.

(c) The Secretary of State shall provide that each original or renewal Illinois Identification Card or Illinois Person with a Disability Identification Card issued to a person under the age of 21 shall be of a distinct nature from those Illinois Identification Cards or Illinois Person with a Disability Identification Cards issued to individuals 21 years of age or older. The color designated for Illinois Identification Cards or Illinois Person with a Disability Identification Cards for persons under the age of 21 shall be at the discretion of the Secretary of State.

(c-1) Each original or renewal Illinois Identification Card or Illinois Person with a Disability Identification Card issued to a person under the age of 21 shall display the date upon which the person becomes 18 years of age and the date upon which the person becomes 21 years of age.

(c-3) The General Assembly recognizes the need to identify military veterans living in this State for the purpose of ensuring that they receive all of the services and benefits to which they are legally entitled, including healthcare, education assistance, and job placement. To assist the State in identifying these veterans and delivering these vital services and benefits, the Secretary of State is authorized to issue Illinois Identification Cards and Illinois Person with a Disability Identification Cards with the word "veteran" appearing on the face of the cards. This authorization is predicated on the unique status of veterans. The Secretary may



not issue any other identification card which identifies an occupation, status, affiliation, hobby, or other unique characteristics of the identification card holder which is unrelated to the purpose of the identification card.

(c-5) Beginning on or before July 1, 2015, the Secretary of State shall designate a space on each original or renewal identification card where, at the request of the applicant, the word "veteran" shall be placed. The veteran designation shall be available to a person identified as a veteran under subsection (b) of Section 5 of this Act who was discharged or separated under honorable conditions.

(d) The Secretary of State may issue a Senior Citizen discount card, to any natural person who is a resident of the State of Illinois who is 60 years of age or older and who applies for such a card or renewal thereof. The Secretary of State shall charge no fee to issue such card. The card shall be issued in every county and applications shall be made available at, but not limited to, nutrition sites, senior citizen centers and Area Agencies on Aging. The applicant, upon receipt of such card and prior to its use for any purpose, shall have affixed thereon in the space provided therefor his signature or mark.

(e) The Secretary of State, in his or her discretion, may designate on each Illinois Identification Card or Illinois Person with a Disability Identification Card a space where the card holder may place a sticker or decal, issued by the Secretary of State, of uniform size as the Secretary may

specify, that shall indicate in appropriate language that the card holder has renewed his or her Illinois Identification Card or Illinois Person with a Disability Identification Card.

(Source: P.A. 97-371, eff. 1-1-12; 97-739, eff. 1-1-13; 97-847, eff. 1-1-13; 97-1064, eff. 1-1-13; 98-323, eff. 1-1-14; 98-463, eff. 8-16-13; 98-558, eff. 1-1-14; 98-756, eff. 7-16-14.)

(15 ILCS 335/7) (from Ch. 124, par. 27)

Sec. 7. Duplicate and corrected cards.

(a) In the event an identification card is lost or destroyed, or if there is a correction of legal name or residence address, or a change in the type or class of disability of a holder of an Illinois Person with a Disability Identification Card, the person named on the card may apply for a duplicate or substitute card, or for a corrected card. Any application for a corrected card shall be accompanied by the original card being corrected.

(b) The Secretary of State, having issued an identification card in error, may, upon written notice of at least 5 days to the person, require the person to appear at a Driver Services facility to have the identification card error corrected and a new identification card issued. The failure of the person to appear is grounds for cancellation of the person's identification card under Section 13 of this Act.

(c) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Act, the Secretary of State shall restrict the issuance of multiple

duplicate identification cards and Illinois Person with a Disability Identification Cards to any individual to 3 per year and 10 for the life of individual. The Secretary may, in his or her discretion, grant exceptions to these limits if the applicant for a duplicate card can provide sufficient evidence from an official source to establish that a duplicate identification card is required. The Secretary may promulgate rules to implement the requirements of this subsection. For purposes of this Section, "official source" means any document or report created by law enforcement, State or federal government, the judiciary, and any other entity that the Secretary may identify by rule.

(Source: P.A. 97-1064, eff. 1-1-13.)

(15 ILCS 335/8) (from Ch. 124, par. 28)

Sec. 8. Expiration.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this Section:

(1) Every identification card issued hereunder, except to persons who have reached their 15th birthday, but are not yet 21 years of age, persons who are 65 years of age or older, and persons who are issued an Illinois Person with a Disability Identification Card, shall expire 5 years from the ensuing birthday of the applicant and a renewal shall expire 5 years thereafter.

(2) Every original or renewal identification card issued to a person who has reached his or her 15th

birthday, but is not yet 21 years of age shall expire 3 months after the person's 21st birthday.

(b) Every original, renewal, or duplicate (i) identification card issued to a person who has reached his or her 65th birthday shall be permanent and need not be renewed and (ii) Illinois Person with a Disability Identification Card issued to a qualifying person shall expire 10 years thereafter. The Secretary of State shall promulgate rules setting forth the conditions and criteria for the renewal of all Illinois Person with a Disability Identification Cards.

(c) Beginning July 1, 2016, every identification card or Illinois Person with a Disability Identification Card issued under this Act to an applicant who is not a United States citizen shall expire on whichever is the earlier date of the following:

(1) as provided under subsection (a) or (b) of this Section; or

(2) on the date the applicant's authorized stay in the United States terminates.

(Source: P.A. 97-1064, eff. 1-1-13.)

(15 ILCS 335/9) (from Ch. 124, par. 29)

Sec. 9. Renewal.

(a) Any person having a valid identification card which expires on his or her 21st birthday, or which expires 3 months after his or her 21st birthday, may not apply for renewal of

his or her existing identification card. A subsequent application filed by persons under this subsection, on or after their 21st birthday, shall be considered an application for a new card under Section 5 of this Act.

(b) Any person having a valid identification card, except those under subsection (a), may apply for a one-time renewal, in a manner prescribed by the Secretary of State, within 30 days after the expiration of the identification card. A subsequent application filed by that person shall be considered an application for a new card under Section 5 of this Act. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (c) of Section 8 of this Act, any ~~Any~~ identification card renewed under this subsection shall be valid for 5 years after the expiration date of the identification card as originally issued under Section 5 of this Act. The Secretary of State, in his or her discretion, may provide that applications for the one-time renewal under this subsection (b) may be made by telephone, mail, or the Internet, subject to any eligibility criteria and other requirements that the Secretary of State deems appropriate.

(c) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act to the contrary, a person convicted of a sex offense as defined in Section 2 of the Sex Offender Registration Act may not renew his or her Illinois Identification Card or Illinois Person with a Disability Identification Card by telephone, mail, or the Internet.

(Source: P.A. 97-1064, eff. 1-1-13.)

Section 10. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by changing Sections 6-115 and 6-119 and by adding Section 6-122 as follows:

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

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

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

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

~~The Secretary of State is authorized to issue driver's licenses during the years 1984 through 1987 which shall expire not less than 3 years nor more than 5 years from the date of~~

~~issuance, except as provided elsewhere in this Section, for the purpose of converting all driver's licenses issued under this Code to a 4 year expiration. Provided that all original driver's licenses, except as provided elsewhere in this Section, shall expire not less than 4 years nor more than 5 years from the date of issuance.~~

(a-5) Beginning July 1, 2016, every driver's license issued under this Code to an applicant who is not a United States citizen shall expire on whichever is the earlier date of the following:

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

(2) on the date the applicant's authorized stay in the United States terminates.

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

(c) The Secretary of State shall, 30 days prior to the expiration of a driver's license, forward to each person whose license is to expire a notification of the expiration of said

license which may be presented at the time of renewal of said license.

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

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

(d) The Secretary may defer the expiration of the driver's license of a licensee, spouse, and dependent children who are living with such licensee while on active duty, serving in the Armed Forces of the United States outside of the State of Illinois, and 120 days thereafter, upon such terms and conditions as the Secretary may prescribe.

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

(f) The Secretary shall provide that each original or renewal driver's license issued to a licensee under 21 years of age shall expire 3 months after the licensee's 21st birthday. Persons whose current driver's licenses expire on their 21st birthday on or after January 1, 1986 shall not renew their



driver's license before their 21st birthday, and their current driver's license will be extended for an additional term of 3 months beyond their 21st birthday. Thereafter, the expiration and term of the driver's license shall be governed by subsection (a) hereof.

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

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

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

defining renewal requirements.

(Source: P.A. 97-79, eff. 1-1-12.)

(625 ILCS 5/6-119) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 6-119)

Sec. 6-119. When fees returnable-drivers license.

(a) Whenever any application to the Secretary of State for a driver's license or permit under this Article is accompanied by any fee as required by law and such application is refused or rejected after a review of eligibility, which may include facial recognition comparison, the applicant shall not be entitled to a refund of any fees paid, ~~said fee shall be returned to said applicant.~~

(a-5) If the Secretary of State determines that the volume of expedited driver's license requests received on a given day exceeds the ability of the Secretary to process those requests in an expedited manner, the Secretary may decline to provide expedited services, and the additional fee for the expedited service shall be refunded to the applicant.

(b) Whenever the Secretary of State through error collects any fee not required to be paid hereunder, the same shall be refunded to the person paying the same upon application therefor made within 6 months after the date of such payment.

(c) Whenever a person dies after making application for a drivers license or permit under this Article, application for a refund of the drivers license or permit may be made if the person dies prior to the effective date for which application

has been made, and if the drivers license or permit has never been used. The Secretary of State shall refund the drivers license or permit fees upon receipt within 3 months after the application for a drivers license or permit of an application for refund accompanied with the drivers license or permit and proof of death of the applicant.

(d) Any application for refund received after the times specified in this Section shall be denied and the applicant in order to receive a refund must apply to the Court of Claims.

(Source: P.A. 78-756.)

(625 ILCS 5/6-122 new)

Sec. 6-122. Expedited driver's license. The Secretary of State may provide for an expedited process for the issuance of a driver's license, excluding temporary visitor's driver's licenses. The Secretary shall charge an additional fee for the issuance of an expedited driver's license, to be set by rule, not to exceed \$75. All fees collected by the Secretary for expedited driver's license service shall be deposited into the Secretary of State Special Services Fund. The Secretary may adopt rules regarding the eligibility, process, and fee for an expedited driver's license.

Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect January 1, 2016.