

ACT 243

S.B. NO. 1166

A Bill for an Act Relating to the Renewal of Driver's Licenses.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. Section 286-107, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended as follows:

1. By amending subsection (c) to read:

“(c) Any person who holds a category (1), (2), or (3) license issued under this part ~~[who is unable to appear in person before the examiner of drivers to apply for a renewal of the driver's license,]~~ may~~;~~ apply for a renewal of the license online via any electronic or digital means provided by the examiner of drivers, or by mail, if the person is not disqualified from renewing the license under subsection (a) except as provided under subsection (h)~~;~~ apply for a renewal by mail. The applicant's request to have the license renewed by mail must be received by the examiner of drivers within ninety days after the expiration of the license or it shall be treated as an application for reactivation of an expired license under section 286-107.5. The examiner of drivers shall, upon receipt of the request, furnish the applicant with all necessary forms and instructions. An application for renewal made by electronic or digital means or by mail pursuant to this subsection shall be accompanied by a statement from a licensed physician, physician assistant, or advanced practice registered nurse certifying that the applicant was examined by the licensed physician, physician assistant, or advanced practice registered nurse ~~[not]~~ no more than six months ~~[prior to]~~ before the expiration date of the applicant's license and that the applicant was found by the examination to have met the physical requirements established by the state director of transportation for the renewal of licenses. The application for renewal by electronic or digital means or by mail shall also be accompanied by:

- (1) A notarized statement of the applicant certifying that the applicant does not possess any valid license to operate the same or similar category or categories of motor vehicles, issued by another licensing authority (unless the license is concurrently surrendered); and
- (2) ~~[Such]~~ Any other information as may be required by the examiner of drivers that is reasonably necessary to confirm the identity of the applicant and the applicant's fitness to continue to operate a motor vehicle.”

2. By amending subsection (f) to read:

“(f) No driver's license shall be renewable by electronic or digital means or by mail:

- (1) For more than two consecutive renewals, regardless of whether the license expires, as provided under section 286-106, on the eighth~~;~~ or fourth~~;~~ or second birthday after issuance; or
- (2) Sixteen years have lapsed since the applicant had appeared in person;

provided that this subsection shall not apply to a resident military person or that person's immediate family if the resident military person resides outside the State on official military orders.”

SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2025.

(Approved July 6, 2023.)