



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Bill Analysis

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BILL SUMMARY

- Requires the Registrar of Motor Vehicles to adopt rules that establish an online driver's license renewal program.
- Allows a person to renew their driver's license online every other renewal period.
- Requires a person who renews a driver's license online to pay for the renewal using a financial transaction device (e.g. a credit card or debit card).

CONTENT AND OPERATION

The bill requires the Registrar of Motor Vehicles to adopt rules in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act establishing an online driver's license renewal program not later than December 31, 2013 (see **COMMENT**). Under the bill, the Registrar must ensure that the program does both of the following:

(1) Permits an applicant to renew the applicant's driver's license electronically over the Internet every other renewal period. Under the bill, when renewing a driver's license online, an applicant is not subject to the photograph requirement or the vision screening requirement that otherwise would be imposed for a license renewal.¹

(2) Requires the payment of all applicable driver's license renewal fees, except the vision screening fee, by the use of a financial transaction device. A financial transaction device includes a credit card, debit card, charge card, prepaid or stored value card, or automated clearinghouse network credit, debit, or e-check entry that includes, but is not limited to, accounts receivable and Internet-initiated, point of

¹ R.C. 4507.06(A)(2), 4507.092(A), and 4507.12(A).

purchase, and telephone-initiated applications, or any other device or method for making an electronic payment or transfer of funds.²

Under the bill, the Registrar must comply with the general requirements governing the acceptance of payments for state expenses by use of a financial transaction device. Further, all fees associated with payment by use of a financial transaction device are the responsibility of the applicant seeking the license renewal. The bureau is not required to pay any costs, and cannot retain any additional fees, associated with the use of a financial transaction device.³

COMMENT

The bill requires that the Registrar adopt rules not later than December 31, 2013. As this date has already passed, the bill should be amended to provide a practicable timeline.

HISTORY

ACTION	DATE
Introduced	10-09-13

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² R.C. 113.40(A)(1), not in the bill and 4507.092(B) and (C).

³ R.C. 4507.092(B).

