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To amend section 4507.09 of the Revised Code to
require the Registrar of Motor Vehicles send a
notice prior to a driver's license expiring,
rather than after expiration.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That section 4507.09 of the Revised Code be
amended to read as follows:

Sec. 4507.09. (A) (1) Except as provided in division (B) of
this section, every driver's license issued to a resident of
this state expires on the birthday of the applicant in the
fourth or eighth year after the date it is issued, based on the
period of renewal requested by the applicant. A resident who is
sixty-five years of age or older may only apply for a driver's
license that expires on the birthday of the applicant in the
fourth year after the date it is issued. In no event shall any
license be issued for a period longer than eight years and
ninety days.

Subject to the requirements of section 4507.12 of the
Revised Code, every driver's license issued to a resident is
renewable at any time prior to its expiration.

(2) A driver's license issued to a temporary resident

shall expire in accordance with rules adopted by the registrar 21
of motor vehicles. A driver's license issued to a temporary 22
resident is a limited term license, but may be renewed within 23
ninety days prior to its expiration in accordance with division 24
(E) of this section. 25

(3) No refund shall be made or credit given for the 26
unexpired portion of the driver's license that is renewed. The 27
registrar shall ~~notify~~ send a notification to each person whose 28
driver's license has expired within forty-five is scheduled to 29
expire not less than fourteen days after ~~prior to~~ the date of 30
expiration. Notification shall be made by regular mail sent to 31
the person's last known address as shown in the records of the 32
bureau of motor vehicles. Failure to provide such notification 33
shall not be construed as a renewal or extension of any license. 34

(4) For the purposes of this section, the date of birth of 35
any applicant born on the twenty-ninth day of February shall be 36
deemed to be the first day of March in any year in which there 37
is no twenty-ninth day of February. 38

(B) Every driver's license or renewal of a driver's 39
license issued to a resident applicant who is sixteen years of 40
age or older, but less than twenty-one years of age, expires on 41
the twenty-first birthday of the applicant, except that an 42
applicant who applies no more than thirty days before the 43
applicant's twenty-first birthday shall be issued a license in 44
accordance with division (A) of this section. 45

(C) Each person licensed as a driver under this chapter 46
shall notify the registrar of any change in the person's address 47
within ten days following that change. The notification shall be 48
in writing on a form provided by the registrar and shall include 49
the full name, date of birth, license number, county of 50

residence, social security number, and new address of the 51
person. The registrar shall offer the person the opportunity to 52
submit a notice of change of address for voter registration 53
purposes by electronic means in conjunction with the person's 54
transaction with the registrar, in accordance with section 55
3503.11 of the Revised Code. 56

(D) No driver's license shall be renewed when renewal is 57
prohibited by division (A) of section 4507.091 of the Revised 58
Code. 59

(E) (1) Except as provided in division (E) (2) of this 60
section, a limited term license shall not be issued to a 61
temporary resident for a period longer than the expiration date 62
of the temporary resident's authorized stay in the United 63
States, or for four years from the date of issuance, whichever 64
date is earliest. 65

(2) If there is no expiration date for a temporary 66
resident's authorized stay in the United States, a limited term 67
license shall not be issued to the temporary resident for a 68
period longer than one year from the date of issuance. 69

(3) A limited term license may be renewed within ninety 70
days prior to its expiration upon the applicant's presentation 71
of documentation verifying the applicant's legal presence or 72
continued temporary lawful status in the United States. 73

~~(3)~~ (4) A limited term license is not transferable, and the 74
applicant may not rely on it to obtain a driver's license in 75
another state. 76

~~(4)~~ (5) In accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised 77
Code, the registrar shall adopt rules governing limited term 78
licenses for temporary residents. 79

Section 2. That existing section 4507.09 of the Revised	80
Code is hereby repealed.	81